

Gateshead

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The proposed boundary change seems to have come about because of all the new houses recently built in Ryton, however the people including myself who would end up in Crawcrook ward mostly live in older houses and have been part of the Barmoor community for many many years (42 for me). We all have a mindset of living in Ryton and the proposed boundary changes would split the Barmoor community quite dramatically and alter the "feel" of where we live for the people moved to Crawcrook. Historically, in 1860 the parcel of land on which our houses sit was sold into the "township of Ryton" as per the deeds in my possession, and I'd be surprised if anyone can just arbitrarily change that. Our houses in Towneley Cottages which are only here because of the pit would be separated from the pit location by the new boundary. Another historical tie broken. At the local meeting on 2nd April, Gateshead councillor Chris Buckley patronisingly assured us it would make no difference to our lives, I think he is wrong but when the chickens come home to roost at some future date, everyone involved in this decision will be gone and no one could then be held accountable. It would make more sense to move Riverside estate at Stella into Blaydon ward, but Chris lives there and wouldn't want his house price adversely affected.

Attached Documents:

None attached