

# Kirklees

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**Related subject:** Ashbrow Ward Huddersfield

The submission of [REDACTED]

As residents of Ashbrow Huddersfield, an electoral ward of Kirklees, I am extremely concerned at the Boundary Commissions proposed changes to our area.

The proposal to separate the area of Deighton from Bradley and Brackenhall, all of which are connected geographically and socially through the many support organisations operating in the ward. This is a vibrant and cohesive community. To take Deighton out of Ashbrow into Dalton ward (East Huddersfield) makes no sense geographically as the large area of Industrialised Leeds Road, Huddersfield narrow canal and railway divides these two communities that have no social, economic or organisational ties.

I have the same concerns for the residents of Birchencliffe who clearly identify with and are an integral part of the Lindley community. There is a 2-mile corridor between Birchencliffe and Ashbrow with no direct public transport links or direct road link. One road transits through Calderdale the other route is through both the proposed new areas of Huddersfield West and Huddersfield Central.

The formation of a Huddersfield Central ward would encompass areas with a high concentration of social and rented housing where a greater number of families and households are in relative poverty. This would inevitably give rise to greater demands on the councillors for the ward.

I cannot see that there is a justifiable reason within the remit of the Boundary Commission to significantly change the current ward structures and boundaries. The renaming of the ward areas Almondbury, Ashbrow, Newsome, Greenhead and Dalton with which the residents of Huddersfield clearly identify, would be confusing and disruptive for community cohesion.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*