

# Sunderland

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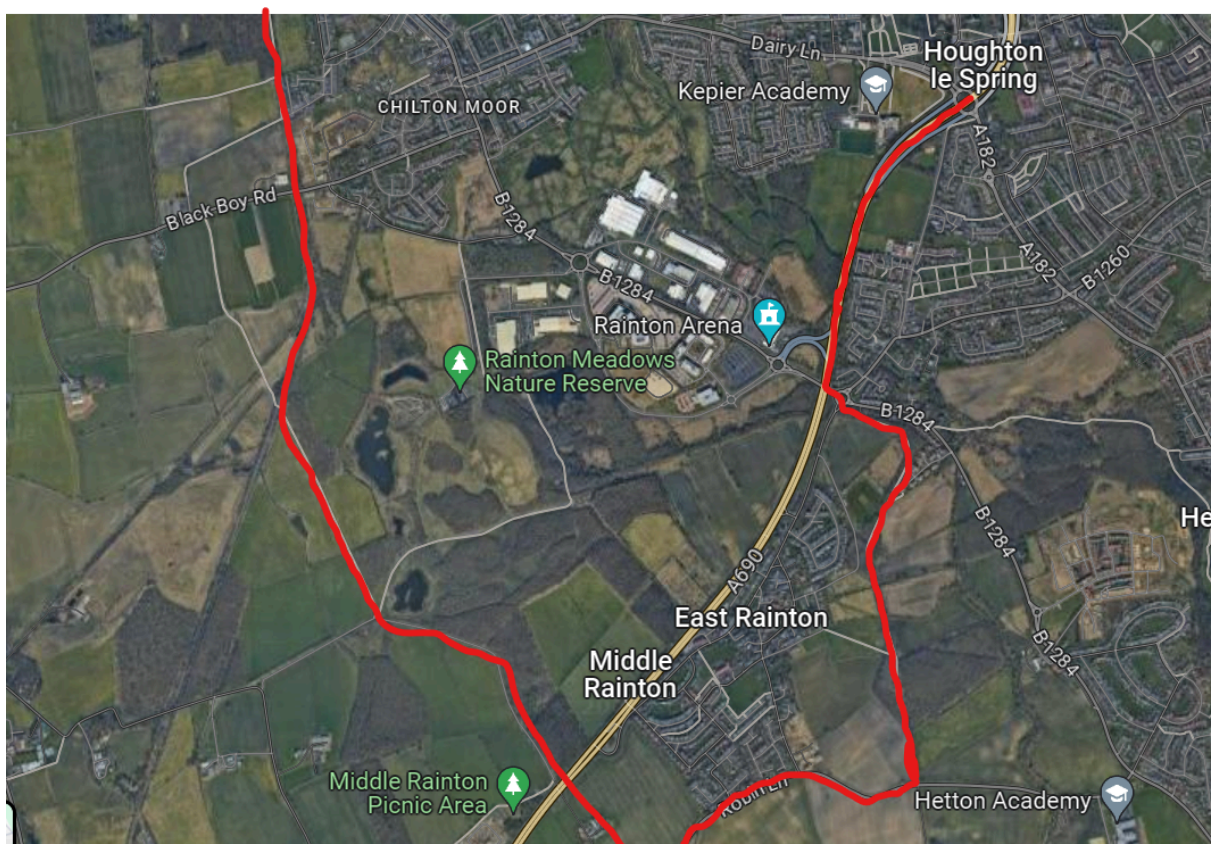
Hi,

Local discussion with residents have shown some dissatisfaction with proposals to remove areas near the town centre out of the ward, including the brand new retail park which should be included in our ward of Houghton given its importance and links to the older retail area on Newbottle street. This will allow ward councillors to meet and discuss issues and do joined up work to improve retail experience. In order to do this, including some of the local housing estates back into the ward will need doing and these people consider themselves as residents of Houghton, not Copt hill or Penshaw and Herrington.

## Attached Documents:

- houghton-ward-boundary-review---google-docs.pdf

## Houghton Ward Boundary review



After consultation with some residents, many in the Burnside and Sunnyside area have expressed that they are unhappy with not being in the Houghton Ward, given how close they live to the Town centre. The new retail park for Houghton should also be in the Houghton Ward and as such we have revised the plans to include this area along with Grasswell, who again residents say they feel more attached to Houghton than any new ward.

We have used the beck as a natural boundary with Herrington ward which will connect Elba park within Houghton Ward, where it currently resides. The revised plans also see Houghton ward retain the properties up Hillhead road on one side and down Coaley lane on one side. We have not included the Crofters estate or new Housing at Heritage Green as we are trying to keep a boundary using the existing roads and we accept that the ward does need to be reduced in size. Those areas retained have stated strong preference to remain in Houghton Ward.

We are satisfied with East Rainton being added to the ward but as yet have not had any representations with the local community to gauge if they have any objections to leaving the Hetton Ward.