

Sunderland

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Dear sir,

I am writing in response to the consultation on proposals for Sunderland City Council. I am a councillor for the Sandhill Ward, which covers Thorney Close, Hastings Hill and most of Grindon and Springwell.

I largely agree with the commission's proposed 'Grindon and Thorney Close Ward'. The proposed ward keeps the communities of Grindon, Hastings Hill, Springwell and Thorney Close together in one electoral ward, which I absolutely agree with.

These communities are centred on the Barnes extension green area and share community facilities and the same secondary school, Sandhill View Academy, as well as its feeder primary schools.

The Commission's proposals improve the existing arrangements in this part of the city, as the proposed Grindon and Thorney Close Ward contains all parts of Springwell estate (including the area around Saltburn Road and Sackville Road), as well as including all parts of Grindon in a single ward for the first time.

This is a popular proposal locally.

For these reasons, I urge the Commission to retain a Grindon and Thorney Close Ward which unites Grindon, Thorney Close, Hastings Hill and

Springwell in a single electoral ward.

However, I would like to suggest that the Commission's proposal to include part of Humbledon (Shaftesbury Crescent, Shrewsbury Crescent, Stamford Avenue and part of Durham Road) in the Grindon and Thorney Close Ward does not go ahead. These areas would be better placed in the new St Chad's ward so the whole of Humbledon is covered by the same set of councillors.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Margaret Crosby (Sandhill, Sunderland).

Attached Documents:

None attached