

Newcastle upon Tyne

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Related subject: Jesmond and Shieldfield and Ouseburn

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The Minories, 42 Rosebery Cres, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1EU

Exclusively for people over 60, there are 23 one-bedroom apartments in The Minories in the Jesmond area of the city. Ref.

<https://new.newcastle.gov.uk/housing/council-housing/directory-council-housing-support-newcastle/minories>

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<https://housingcare.org/housing-care/facility-info-7225-the-minories-jesmond-england>

The Managers description is accurate. It is a quiet residential area close to Jesmond Dene with it's own 'village green' and surrounded by trees.

This is different to the neighbourhoods of Shieldfield and Ouseburn. One resident of Shieldfield posted this comment "Notably, Shieldfield faces challenges (for example, food insecurity and lack of access to green spaces)". A Labour Councillor described it as 'an area predominantly made up of local authority housing, including a mix of houses, low rise flats, and four high-rise tower blocks.' Shieldfield and Ouseburn are wonderful places but they have different local concerns.

In elections, currently residents of this area are sent to Holy Trinity Church on Churchill Gardens as the Polling Station for the area. The way you have drawn the boundary means that the Church is in Jesmond and the residents are in Shieldfield and Ouseburn. Apart from the questions of how this would be dealt with does illustrate that the boundary is not in the right place.

The main access in and out of this area is at the junction of Churchill Gardens, Jesmond Road and Shortridge Terrace. At this point you are in the new Jesmond Ward. Because of the geography of the area there is no direct access for cyclists or motorists to the Shieldfield and Ouseburn ward. There are two footpaths which happen to be both badly lit and isolated.

Residents here a part of Jesmond and use the services such as GP Surgeries and Dentists as well as the amenities such as Jesmond Pool, Jesmond Library, Acorn Road and of course Jesmond Dene. Neighbourhoods and communities are very important and to be excluded from Jesmond by a misplaced boundary would be detrimental to the residents who live here.

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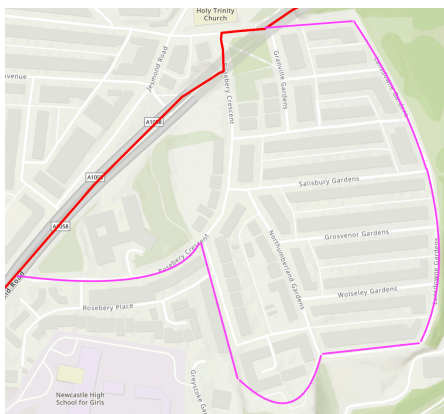
Attached Documents:

- ward-boundary-proposal.pdf

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