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Related subject: Change of boundaries and the way this will affect Jesmond Vale

I completely agree with the following posted by another resident of the area:

"The area formerly known as the Minories and now most commonly referred to as Jesmond Vale has been part of the community of Jesmond since the development of Jesmond in the late 19th century. The houses were built on part of Jesmond Park and consequently the area was originally called the Jesmond Park Estate. This area is bounded by the roads Churchill Gardens, Lansdowne Gardens, Northumberland Gardens, Selborne Gardens, Roseberry Place, Roseberry Crescent, the A1058 and Jesmond Dene Road.

Reading the Boundary Commission submission it seems to rely on a virtual tour of the area and submissions made by local councillors. Firstly it should be noted none of the local councillors live in this part of Jesmond and a virtual tour of this area would not represent a very reliable picture of this community. This area should remain part of the Jesmond ward for the following reasons:

- All of our services that we can easily walk and cycle to are within the wider Jesmond ward - doctors, dentists, opticians, supermarkets and local shops;
- A meaningful analysis of the topography of the area would show that in terms of walking and cycling there are very limited accessible routes connecting us to Ouseburn and Shieldfield. The only direct step access up and down a very steep bank is on poorly maintained routes.
- In the 1980s when the A1058 Cradlewell bypass was constructed the new road was specifically built in a tunnel to reduce the severance of Jesmond.

It is also of concern that your consultation cites the views of both the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties. I am not clear of the relevance of party-political views as to ward boundaries. If wards reflect communities, we will get the representation that serve the whole community and not artificial boundaries you propose supported by the views of politicians, who it seems don't understand the nature of the community they serve."

Attached Documents:

None attached