

Newcastle upon Tyne

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Good evening,

As you're looking at this again, please can I register a request that the current (new) boundary between the Gosforth ward and the Dene and South Gosforth ward be reconsidered?

The current layout is detrimental to local democracy. Our enclave - High West Jesmond - is right next to Gosforth, and shares Gosforth amenities. We live at the end of Gosforth high street, use Gosforth shops and are within the catchment for Gosforth schools. There's a main road dividing us from Jesmond and the Dene area, along which a more logical dividing line could run.

Putting us in with South Gosforth and part of Heaton is illogical, as evidenced by the many communications from our councillors which are biased towards main Heaton streets such as Chillingham Road, and South Gosforth issues which don't affect us.

When issues arise that do affect us - bus lanes on Gosforth High Street, for example, or road calming measures that affect our access and egress - we are not informed by the council because we're not in the Gosforth ward. When we query this we're told they'll try to remember us next time but they're under no legal obligation to consult with us as we're outside the ward in question. Same applies to issues relating to our local school.

It's insane. Can't you draw the line as shown in the attached? And tweak elsewhere if needed?

Regards,



Attached Documents:

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