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Related subject: Hemlington

The proposed changes to the Hemlington boundary will have a detrimental effect on community cohesion. We have worked in Hemlington for number of years now and the sense of community is one of the things that makes Hemlington what it is.

As a charity, Tees Valley Together have been instrumental in providing support to families suffering poverty and deprivation. By dividing the Hemlington ward into two wards, you also divide a community. The need to split the ward seems excessive when you could leave Hemlington as it is and just add another counsellor to the other ward to even out the numbers, you would still have four councils overall and the ward numbers would add up within the 10% limits.

When applying for grant funding we are often asked how we will deliver on funding priorities in relation to deprivation, poverty, and employment etc and splitting this ward in two will actually be detrimental to the changes that we can make and will skew the levels of deprivation in the community.

Our proposal would be to keep the boundaries the same and increase the Hemlington Hall & Stainton Ward by one counsellor and include the new builds into that ward, leaving Hemlington as it is.

Attached Documents:

None attached