

# Darlington

## Personal Details:

**Name:** Mr Nigel Boddy

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Postcode:** [REDACTED]

**Organisation Name:** Darlington Liberal Democats (Political group)

## Comment text:

It has been agreed that the number of councillors should be reduced to 41. This can be achieved quickly easily & simply by leaving the boundaries unchanged & removing the third councillor from every three member ward. This would reduce the number of councillors to 40. One council ward can be created in & around Sadberge as a single member ward to represent this distinctive village community. As it is likely that the government will abolish the unitary authority in the near future in any case, due to the very small size of the resident population - a more realistic set of boundaries & a more realistic number of councillors can be decided - at that time- for any new authority created by combining Darlington with Durham - or Darlington with other Tees Valley authorities. There have been six major changes to local government since 1974. As we face what is likely to be a seventh in the very near future, altering ward boundaries at this time- only for this to be done again in the very near future will both confuse & dishearten local people. This will in our view, tend to reduce participation in local government elections further.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*