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Related subject: College ward: Woodland Terrace and Pierremont Crescent

I believe Woodland Terrace and Pierremont Crescent should remain in College & Blackwell, not be moved to Mowden.

Carmel Road North forms a strong, clearly identifiable boundary between the College area and Mowden - the Commission's own report notes it features "clear physical barriers on either side and few crossing points." Placing streets east of Carmel Road North into Mowden is inconsistent with this assessment.

Woodland Terrace and Pierremont Crescent have a higher-density, urban character that reflects the transitional zone between Darlington town centre and residential areas of the town. This is fundamentally different from the suburban character of Mowden, and residents here identify with the College community, Stanhope Park, and the surrounding area - not with Mowden.

Regarding the town centre, this is a shared resource for all of Darlington's residents and does not need to sit within College & Blackwell for the ward to be "coherent". It is also worth noting that the town centre's key amenities and destinations - including the station, South Park, and the Hippodrome - are to the east and south of the centre rather than the west. This further undermines the case for anchoring the town centre to a ward that extends westward, as College & Blackwell does.

I would urge the Commission to use Carmel Road North as the western boundary of College & Blackwell, retaining Woodland Terrace and Pierremont Crescent within the ward they naturally belong to.

Attached Documents:

None attached