

Darlington

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Related subject: Middleton St George

Please see attached submission

Attached Documents:

- local-government-boundaries-review.doc

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The Review Officer (Darlington)
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Dear Sirs

I have just seen a notice in our local newspaper telling me that there is to be another revision of the Ward Boundaries in Darlington. I wish to comment on this.

I last wrote on this subject in 2015 (my letter to the Boundary Commission was dated 7th September that year). We discovered at that time that we had been moved into Hurworth from Middleton St George, a result of the scrapping of the small parish of Dinsdale without consideration of the implications. When I complained to the Boundary Commission they told me it was down to the Borough Council and when I complained to them they said it was down to the Boundary Commission. I can see that this is how government works and it was in any case too late to alter it then. However, I now want to try taking advantage of the next review of the boundaries to put the matter right.

My wife and I live in one of two houses on the west side of Roman Way which leads off Church Lane in Middleton St George. Our only access is along Church Lane which is all part of Middleton St George. Our local amenities (shops, GP surgery, bus service, community centre etc) are all in Middleton St George. The only other house in the road, on the opposite side, is in the Middleton St George Ward.

This anomalous situation arose because we used to be in the insignificant small parish of Dinsdale. This was abolished and, instead of splitting it logically into parts, it was moved wholesale into the remote Hurworth Ward with which we have no connection at all. We would also have to go to Neasham to vote which means using the car instead of being able to walk to our own polling station (and I do not support postal voting). So far as the local elections are concerned, my wife and I no longer vote as we have no idea about the candidates and issues in the Hurworth Ward.

Where you choose to put the new boundary is up to you but there would be no harm in moving the whole of the DL2 [REDACTED] postcode into the Middleton St George Ward.

I commend this to your attention.

Yours faithfully

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