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Related subject: Hurworth

Darlington Ward boundaries consultation

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Although I am [REDACTED] Hurworth Parish, I am writing this observation as a personal submission, although I could get the support of a hundred or more residents of Hurworth Parish.

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- The Darlington Arena,
- Presumably the large Traveller complex, which is situated immediately behind the Arena
- The additional 300 houses which are being built by ESH. Initially this estate which comprises approx. 650 houses, was that 350 would be in Hurworth, and the other 300 would be in Darlington.
- Your map shows that the new boundary extends along Neasham Road towards the Copper Beach Inn, and encompass a section of what is urban Darlington town.

This will satisfy your Ward number count, and justify two Ward Councillors, rather than your suggestion of making the A66 the boundary.

Accepting this, then the 'Hurworth Ward' will need to embrace three Parishes – Neasham Parish, Hurworth Parish and a newly entitled Parish (I think you suggest Elder Brook Parish).

Now this is where you can oblige the residents. Hurworth church parish ends at the A66, and the houses at the Darlington side of the A66 up to the railway line, are in the political Hurworth parish. I / we would like to suggest that the new parish which will be created should encompass the houses on the Darlington side of the A66, effectively transferring them from Hurworth church parish to the new Elder Brook parish. The new estate at Elder Brook and the houses in the urban area have no practical involvement with Hurworth village. Each has its own schools, its own community facilities and simple access to its shops and public amenities. Having three parishes within Hurworth Ward will be acceptable to all, whereas adding all these other residents to Hurworth Parish has no practical benefits to either sector. I hope you will find these observations beneficial to your consultation.

Attached Documents:

- [darlington-boundary-consultation-v2-may-26.pdf](#)

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