

# Darlington

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**Related subject:** College and Blackwell

As someone who works in the town centre, while I am happy with the boundaries in my local area, I do not believe that either the current or proposed boundaries for the Blackwell and College areas accurately reflect established community identities and local connections. Given the current economic climate highstreets and town centres face, having reachable elected representatives matters. As someone who works in the town centre I want councillors that are focused on our area not suburbs like Blackwell which have completely different local issues. From reading the Boundary Commissions report I understand a ward with just the town centre would be too small, therefore I would suggest the Commission explores the idea of pairing us with areas around Stanhope Park and Abbey Road which have similar issues to us such as overcrowded street parking and congestion during school & shopping hours. I hope the Commission will relook at its proposals to pair the town centre with Blackwell which has its own distinct community identity separate to the town centre and more like other suburbs like Hummersknott. Looking at a map of the existing wards I understand the intention to move places like Greener Drive and South Terrace which are extremely close to the town centre and like Abbey Road face similar issues like overcrowded street parking and congestion. In conclusion, I would ask the commission to review their proposals and look at the idea of a town centre ward paired with abbey road and areas surrounding southend avenue and pair Blackwell with something more sensible like Hummersknott.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*