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I am writing to express my objections to the proposed boundaries for the Albert Hill, Hundens and Red Hall ward. I really feel the Commission needs to rethink these lines so they actually match our local communities and offer proper representation.

?Wards are supposed to bring people together based on shared identity, but this proposal does the opposite. It lumps together areas that don't really mix.

?Specifically, Central Park and Lingfield belong together. Residents in these two areas share the same local issues, use the same amenities, and genuinely view themselves as part of the same distinct side of Darlington. On the other hand, neither area has much of a natural connection to Albert Hill or Red Hall. Forcing them into the same ward feels completely artificial.

?The fact that Central Park and Lingfield aren't even mentioned in the proposed ward name says it all. Even though we make up the majority of the population here, our areas have been left off the title completely. It makes residents feel like our identity is just an afterthought. There is already a strong feeling around here that local politics favors places like Red Hall, and this proposal will only make that imbalance worse.

?A much better, more logical solution would be to use Tornado Way as the boundary line. This would leave us with a single-member Albert Hill and Red Hall ward, and a two-member Central Park and Lingfield ward.

?This layout just makes sense. It would group neighborhoods that actually share a bond, making the boundaries clear and easy for residents to understand. Most importantly, it ensures that the people living in Central Park and Lingfield get councillors who are 100% focused on our specific local issues, rather than being stretched across communities with completely different priorities.

?Please reconsider this proposal and use Tornado Way as the boundary instead. It's the only way to ensure fair representation and protect our community identity

Attached Documents:

None attached