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Related subject: Proposed Albert hill hundens and redhall ward

I would like to object to the proposed Albert Hill, Hundens and Red Hall ward.

I don't think these proposals reflect the communities that actually exist in this part of Darlington. They seem to put together areas that are quite different from each other while ignoring communities that have much more in common.

Central Park and Lingfield have always felt closely linked. People use the same local facilities, have similar concerns and generally see themselves as part of the same area. I don't think there is the same connection between Central Park and Lingfield and Albert Hill or Red Hall.

I also think the current boundaries have never really been right. For years, Red Hall has been grouped with Lingfield and Albert Hill has been grouped with Central Park. To me, Albert Hill and Red Hall have always had much more in common with each other. They are neighbouring communities and share many of the same issues. This review was a chance to put that right, but instead the new proposal seems to make things even more complicated.

The proposed ward name also doesn't seem fair. Central Park and Lingfield would make up a large part of the ward, but neither is mentioned in the name. That doesn't give the impression that these communities are being properly recognised.

I am also concerned that the views of people living in Central Park and Lingfield could get lost in such a large ward. Many residents already feel

that attention is often focused on other areas, particularly Red Hall, and I worry that this would continue.

I believe a better option would be to use Tornado Way as the boundary. This would create an Albert Hill and Red Hall ward and a Central Park and Lingfield ward.

That would bring together communities that naturally fit together, create clearer boundaries and make it easier for councillors to focus on the issues that matter most to local residents.

I would therefore ask the Commission to reconsider these proposals and use Tornado Way as the boundary instead. I believe this would better reflect local communities and provide fairer representation for residents.

Attached Documents:

None attached