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Related subject: Hurworth & Neasham

As a resident of Hurworth, I would like to take the opportunity to express my support for the Commission's draft proposals for the proposed Hurworth ward.

I believe the proposed boundaries accurately reflect existing community identities while also taking into account current and future housing growth within Hurworth itself and on the edge of Darlington.

In particular, I welcome the proposal to include the entirety of Hurworth Meadows within the proposed Hurworth ward. This change would better align the ward boundaries with established community ties and ensure that Hurworth, Hurworth Place, Neasham and Hurworth Meadows remain part of the same electoral community.

These communities share strong social, historical and geographical connections. Residents make use of the same local facilities, services and transport links, and many community activities and organisations serve people from across the area. Keeping these communities together within a single ward will help preserve established community relationships and provide clear and effective local representation.

The proposed ward also reflects the rural and village character shared by these communities. Maintaining this identity within a single ward will help ensure that local councillors can effectively represent the interests and priorities that are common across the area.

Overall, I believe the draft proposals strike an appropriate balance between electoral equality and community identity, and I encourage the Commission to retain the proposed Hurworth ward in its final recommendations.

Attached Documents:

None attached