

North Tyneside

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to express our full support for the two proposals put forward for the new Tynemouth and North Shields wards. As local Councillors in the existing Tynemouth Ward we have observed the changes that have taken place over the years and I firmly believe that these proposals are in the best interest of the local community.

The proposal for a new Tynemouth Ward, which suggests redefining the boundaries of the ward, is a much-needed change. The current ward is bounded by Beach road and Links Avenue to the north, splitting communities and making effective local governance in this area extremely difficult.

The proposed changes aim to remove those parts of the current ward which are clearly in North Shields, including North Shields Fish Quay and parts of North Shields town centre. The changes will also include more of the northern and western communities, which are currently split between Cullercoats and Preston.

The proposed boundaries will actively work to include Tynemouth Golf Course, Percy Park Rugby Club, and Tynemouth Cricket Club in their entirety. The proposal has utilised existing natural boundaries like Preston Road North to the west, which makes sense in terms of community identity and natural borders. Additionally, the changes will reunite previously divided communities like those to the east and west of the Broadway and create clearer and more sensible natural boundaries.

The new North Shields ward proposal, which seeks to unite North Shields town centre, will also have a positive impact on the local community. The current ward layout extends past North Shields Fish Quay, dividing the communities along the Tyne River. Under the proposed changes, the entire area will now be located in the newly created North Shields Ward, using Northumberland Park as the natural boundary between Tynemouth and North Shields. This is a significant advantage as most residents see Northumberland Park as the natural divide between the two areas.

As residents of Tynemouth, we believe that these proposals will strengthen our community identity and create more cohesive communities. The proposed changes will also create a more sensible and natural boundary between Tynemouth and North Shields, which will make it easier to govern the area effectively.

Furthermore, the proposals take into account the historical and cultural significance of Tynemouth. Tynemouth has a strong community identity with groups including the Tynemouth Village Association, the Tynemouth Business Forum, Totally Tynemouth, and Tynemouth Action Group. The ward also contains community facilities including Tynemouth Golf Club, Tynemouth Cricket Club, Percy Park Rugby Club, and Priory Theatre. The village is designated as a Conservation Area due to the numerous heritage assets which include the English Heritage site - Tynemouth Castle and Priory.

In conclusion, we strongly support these proposals and urge you to consider them carefully. I believe that they will benefit the local community, strengthen our community identity, and make governance in the area more effective.

Sincerely,

Cllr Lewis Bartoli and Cllr Chris Johnston
Tynemouth Ward