

Northumberland

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Comment text:

Good afternoon

I appreciate that the numbers of voters are your area of concern when considering whether or not to move the boundaries of established parishes, however, I have a significant quantity of concerns beyond count at the ballot box. If, as proposed, my property is moved from Brinkburn to Longhorsley Parish, there will be changes that will not be to the advantage of myself and those living around me. The understanding and considerations of a very rural location are not realised, understood or fully appreciated by those who would be able to represent large villages and towns such as Longhorsley and Morpeth. This would place my neighbours and I at a considerable disadvantage in accessing effective and convenient local government. This very rural area with a close-knit community has its links with Rothbury where our educational, shopping, leisure and medical needs are met. These links are well established and would cause significant disruption if they were cut and new links are expected to be forged, placing the rural residents at risk of isolation, and for some, totally subverting the reason for purchasing a house in this location. Distance-wise, we are close to Rothbury which can be walked to across footpaths when snowfall causes the roads to be inaccessible, which is an annual event. The PC is an active member of the PC Cluster Group centred in Rothbury and the Climate Change group likewise. Changes could also impact the Biodiversity group which is very active with regular meetings and events in the field yards from my house. The group is seeking to protect the River Coquet which is at the bottom of the road outside my house, and I consider it an essential part of my living experience. The identity of the area is the Coquet Valley, and this is very important to me and is strategically and operationally linked to the river. Coquet Dale is our catchment area and identity, and where we chose to purchase houses at an inflated price for this privilege.

I am very against any proposal to move the boundaries to include my house with Longhorsley Parish and wish to remain as

Brinkburn/Hesleyhurst or Pauperhaugh (as the original Deeds of my house state), and be included with Rothbury and the Coquet Valley.

Kind regards

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Attached Documents:

None attached