

North Tyneside

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Related subject: St Mary's

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- St Marys .pdf

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed new ward boundaries for St Mary's ward. As a council candidate in the area, I believe that the proposed changes will help maintain the strong community identity that we have in the coastal strip and the seaside.

The addition of the SB polling district from the current Monkseaton North Ward seems like the most sensible option for expanding St Mary's Ward. It has a similar age and type of housing to the current St Mary's ward, and many children attend Southridge First School, which is within the current St Mary's Ward boundaries.

Furthermore, expanding the ward to the west would have meant splitting up Shiremoor, which is one homogeneous block. This would have been detrimental to the community cohesion of both areas.

The proposed ward boundaries also maintain the natural boundaries of the ward, such as the long stretches of beaches from Whitley Bay up to St Mary's Island and the County border of Northumberland. This ensures that changes to the existing ward are focused on moving south or west.

St Mary's Ward has a strong community identity with many groups and community facilities, and splitting the ward would be detrimental to community cohesion and potentially the future of these groups. The ward also contains several schools, and keeping these communities united in one ward would contribute to the most effective governance.

Overall, I believe that the proposed changes will help maintain the strong links and association with Whitley Bay, while also ensuring effective governance and community cohesion within St Mary's Ward. I urge you to support these proposed ward boundaries for the benefit of all residents in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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