

# Sunderland

## Personal Details:

Name: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Postcode: [REDACTED]  
Organisation Name: (Member of the public)

## Comment text:

### Related subject: Ward Boundaries

For too long the community of Hetton has been divided through its representation. Easington Lane and the majority of Hetton are located within the Hetton Ward but a significant portion of Hetton, namely Hetton Downs is in the Copt Hill Ward. Representation even divides the street of Caroline Street. The left hand side going up (the evens) is in Copt Hill and the odds (on the right) are in Hetton Ward.

Can we not rectify this and have all of Hetton in the Hetton Ward?

The people living in the even numbers of Caroline Street have little in common with people as far away as Gravel Walks, Newbottle or even Philadelphia.

If East Rainton could be included within the Houghton Ward (and many in East Rainton will have more affinity with Houghton than Hetton) then the Hetton Downs area could be accommodated in the revised boundary changes.

In this day and age why do we have a need for three ward councillors per ward. Modern technology, alone, should require the need to reduce the number of Ward Councillors.

Between the Hetton Houghton and Copt Hill Wards we have 9 councillors.

The Hetton Ward's representation is composed of 2 ward residents and 1 elected Member who lives in Copt Hill.

Copt Hill's representation is composed of all the elected members living in the ward.

Houghton's representation is composed of 2 elected members living in Copt Hill and 1 living in the Hetton Ward.

So the Copt Hill Ward has 6 residents representing the electorate and Houghton has none of its own residents representing the electorate. Surely this cannot be right??

None live in the Houghton Ward. Three live in the Hetton

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*