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Related subject: Crook Division Proposals

After viewing the boundary proposals for the Crook division I disagree with the proposal to place Helmington Row into the Willington & Hunwick Division .Helmington Row should be part of the Crook division and the reasons for this are that since there has been an increase in housing developments in the Helmington Row area , these properties transitionally are now more closely linked to Crook. There are very few properties which are located between Helmington Row fuel station to the start of the 30mph zone at Willington and the open space between creates a break between Willington and Helmington Row.

The people living in Helmington Row prefer to visit the main town of Crook where there is a wider range of services available i.e. shops, businesses ,various religious organisations ,employment opportunities and in addition, Durham County Council Civic Centre where library services are available each day. People living in Helmington Row are in closer reach either by walking distance or on a regular bus route to Crook Town Centre with easier connecting transport links to Weardale, Tow Law, Bishop Auckland,Darlington and Durham.Most people in Helmington Row are viewed as belonging to Crook.

I disagree that the proposed new boundary for the Crook Division will stretch to East Hedley Hope. The boundary line for the Crook division should end at Sunnyside, Crook and not enter into Deerness Valley .East Hedley Hope is better placed within the Deerness division as this area naturally links closely with Waterhouses and thereafter Esh Winning .There is no direct bus link from East Hedley Hope to the main town of Crook or to the village of Sunnyside, Crook .

Proposals for large housing developments of around 500 homes to be constructed at High West Road Crook remain on the cards, these were

initially mentioned in the County Durham Plans from 2012 to present day .From historical county council documents , its stated that from 2010 to 2030 another 1120 properties would be required to house residents.The additional housing figures would need to be considered when making a final decision regarding the boundary line for the Crook division.

As for the areas that should remain in the Crook Division under the new boundary proposals , these would be those areas which are in easy reach of each other by either walking distance or on the same bus route . These areas would be High Grange, North Bitchburn, Howden Le Wear, Witton le Wear, Fir Tree,Crook , Helmington Row, Roddymoor, Billy Row, Stanley Crook & Sunnyside Crook.

Attached Documents:

None attached