

# County Durham

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## Comment text:

Good afternoon,

I write to feed back on the proposed boundary changes in Consett South and Delves Lane. I have lived in Delves Lane for several years now. Prior to this I lived in Castleside and before that Moorside where I grew up (I went to school in the old Moorside comprehensive).

I can say - knowing these areas very well as I do - that it makes no sense to have them in the same ward. Moorside, Castleside and The Grove have always been one very distinct community. I still have most of my friends in family in Moorside as I am unusual in moving to Delves Lane. I don't see them as much as I used to as Delves Lane and Moorside are poorly connected and I lack my own transport. The boundary being drawn north of The Grove between two wards makes sense because the new housing there merges with the new housing at Hownsgill Industrial Park and Templetown, so makes a natural boundary between the two wards.

Moorside, Castleside and The Grove always shared shops/pubs/community facilities. There was a community centre at Moorside Comp and also one in The Grove. Both of these closed, but St John's church hall in Moorside is well used in their place, and The Grove Club are always keen to host local events in their large back room. Delves Lane has its own shops etc and people tend to stay local in each area. You would never travel from either settlement to the other for these types of facilities.

Most, in fact nearly all, children went to infant and primary school there and then secondary school. Now it's still the case that they go to primary schools in the three villages with some cross over depending on places. My own children now attend Delves Lane primary school instead than

Moorside.

As a result of the above I support the boundary commission's idea that Moorside, The Grove and Healyfield be made its own council ward. Delves Lane and Temptown should be kept separate as these are distinct and separate communities.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*