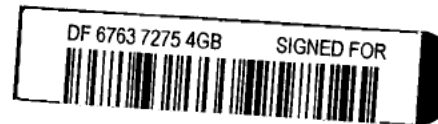


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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposed Local Government Boundary Changes

I am writing in connection with the above, which I have only recently learned about, which affect the village of Ingleton in which I live with my husband. I am an individual with no affiliation to anyone, and care passionately about Teesdale, as this is where both my husband and I were born and have lived all of our 58 years each. Our families are also based within Teesdale.

You appear to be proposing to transfer Ingleton from the existing East ward of Barnard Castle to a new Evenwood division. Ingleton has historically been linked with Barnard Castle (birth place) and Teesdale as a whole and we consider ourselves to identify as having our roots firmly within Teesdale. All of our family resides around Barnard Castle and Teesdale as farmers, and our business of livestock farming is prudent to the Teesdale lamb that we sell. We have no connection to anyone in either Evenwood or Weardale. It is alien to us. We are true Teesdale people through and through and this identifies us in running our business of selling sheep as Teesdale bred and reared. You would be taking this away from us, which could seriously affect our trading business which as you will already know is a very difficult challenge in current economic times. Our lamb is sold via Barnard Castle Auction Mart that our family has used for generations. The main road is via Ingleton to Barnard Castle which is only approx. 8 miles away.

Some of the criteria you have used in deciding the new divisions, do not take into account of the village we live in and run our business from which is Ingleton. For example it is stated in your document that " the road links across this division are not particularly strong, noting that roads in this area broadly run east to west as opposed to north to south " I wish to point out that the main communication links DO RUN EAST TO WEST and are strong, so this information is factually incorrect that you are stating.

service buses that provide transport in a short time to Barnard Castle and Teesdale. The offices for a new division would appear to be much further away, meaning that it would be a much longer, more complex and more expensive journey to make. Travel links flow from East to West linking Ingleton village to Teesdale and Barnard Castle. ~~The road is~~

We are both registered with GP surgeries in Barnard Castle. I know that others in the village are too and rely on public transport to get to appointments. With rising costs that seem never ending, it will be more costly for villagers of Ingleton to make longer journeys if new rulings are introduced for where we can be registered.

The Barnard Castle Police is local to the village, there is much crime in this rural area, and the system to stamp down in criminals in Teesdale has been working.

We don't have children at school now, but our son after we moved here in 2014, attended school in Barnard Castle, and there are Teesdale and Staindrop schools which young people from this village attend.

I am also the secretary of the Parish Church Council of St John the Evangelist. This church comes under the control of Barnard Castle and is very closely linked indeed. There are services and opportunities for young people that you would be taking away from this village.

We are proud to be linked to Teesdale, which to be cast into Weardale would be very upsetting indeed. Turmoil for both our personal and business lives.

I believe that the points I have raised above, are adequate to show that it would be detrimental to Ingleton to be split off from Teesdale, plus the other villages intended around us.

We wish to retain our identity as Teesdale residents. There is no comparison or logical link between Ingleton and Gaunless valley, Escomb and Witton Park. The natural flow is along the Tees valley to Barnard Castle. Industries have historically been very different, and families have generally stayed close to their roots. Coal mining was huge in the area you are proposing to amalgamate us with, but farmers such as ourselves have been firmly rooted and established in the rural area of Teesdale.

I hope that the Commission recognises and makes recommendations that Ingleton community should remain in Teesdale.

Yours Faithfully

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