

# Sunderland

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Barnes & Thornhill Ward

Dear LGBCE,

I am writing in response to your consultation on warding arrangements in Sunderland.

I am a former resident of [REDACTED] and I still take a keen interest in local affairs in Sunderland, regularly visiting friends in the area.

I am writing to support proposals for the Barnes and Thornhill Ward which would cover my former home on Eden Vale.

I believe it is a sensible proposal that brings neighbouring areas in the Barnes, Thornhill and Eden Vale areas together in one ward - much improving the current, messy boundaries in this area where neighbouring areas are split across Millfield, Barnes and St Michael's wards.

The ward would contain similar Victorian terraced properties, and brings together communities that share amenities like Barnes Park, St Mary's Primary School, St Nicholas Church and Thornhill secondary school.

The proposed ward has easy and identifiable boundaries.

I would support Barnes Park being entirely contained in this ward instead of being split across two. I support the boundary running along the boundary of Bede College, the rear of Shrewbsury Crescent and the allotments. This would allow the entire park to be in Barnes and Thornhill Ward without separating properties on either side of Ettrick Grove, which would consider themselves as being part of Humbledon. It may be confusing if they were not in the Humbledon Ward.

I also wish to see a change to the north-western boundary of Barnes and Thornhill Ward. I believe that Broadmayne Avenue, Briarfield Grove and North Hall Drive should be included in the Barnes and Thornhill Ward. Properties on these streets are part of Barnes and are the same type of post-war semi detached private homes as streets south of Chester Road. They share the same community facilities like the Wavendon pub and Broadway Community Centre. They are distinct from the social homes of a different build-type that lie to the north in Hylton Lane Estate.

I would also like all of Hylton Lane Estate united, improving the current situation where the estate is split into two wards down Holborn Road.

Having a boundary between Barnes and Hylton Lane Estate along the rear of Hexham Road and Broadmayne Avenue/North Hall Drive makes sense to people living in both communities and is a locally known and well observed boundary.

Having worked at Doxford International Business Park, I also support the Commission's proposals for Doxford Park Ward, bringing together cohesive communities either side of Doxford Park Way. I would, however, like the terraced houses in the current T04 polling district to remain in Silksworth rather than being merged with Doxford.

Best wishes,

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*