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To whom it may concern,

We are writing with regards to the review being carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission in relation to the Proposed changes to Local Government Boundaries for Sandhill Ward, Sunderland.

Firstly we wish to confirm that we agree with Commissions proposal to keep Hastings Hill, Grindon, Springwell and Thorney Close together within one ward.

We are firmly against any proposals intended to merge Hastings Hill and Grindon together with Pennywell and South Hylton areas. We see no obvious or rational need for these changes to be implemented/imposed.

We have lived at our present address for the past 40 years and previously at other addresses within Hastings Hill since 1966/67 and are therefore very conversant/knowledgeable of the whole area.

Hastings Hill, Grindon, Springwell and Thorney Close are together served by Sandhill View Academy at the heart of the community. They also share other local community facilities including, Grindon Young Peoples Centre, Air Cadets located upon Tay Road and also the Family Hub at Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre.

These communities together also share recreational facilities including Barnes Park Extension and Grindon Sandhill, which are open and accessible green spaces with the aforementioned housing estates situated to either side of the facilities.

Although we do not have first hand knowledge of all criteria applied when the current Ward Boundaries were decided, no doubt all manner of consideration was given to facilities, accessibility, public transport and road network were all included.

To that end public transport serving the various estates are obviously arranged in a logical way by the bus companies providing these services. Most service bus routes operate either side of one of the main arterial routes into and out of Sunderland City Centre ie A183 Chester Road. The exception to this being provided by other services travelling further afield with bus stops located at regular points upon the carriageway for persons resident nearer to this main thoroughfare.

There are good public transport links between Hastings Hill, Grindon, Springwell and Thorney Close which is not the case between these areas and those of Pennywell and South Hylton.

The A183 Chester Road is now a very busy arterial route which at the locus of its western boundary is now a dual carriageway carrying an ever increasing volume of all classifications of traffic, effectively separating Hastings Hill and Grindon from Pennywell.

This would therefore also appear to be an obvious easy to follow boundary line when deciding Ward Boundaries.



Attached Documents:

None attached