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Related subject: Hastings Hill

Dear Sunderland Council

I am writing with regards to the above proposal to merge Hastings Hill with Pennywell and South Hylton areas and to lodge my disagreement.

As someone who has lived in this area all my life I think I am well placed to give an honest opinion on this proposal.

The reasons that I am against this proposal are as follows;

- The current arrangements fully fulfils the requirements of the area in question – indeed positive work is being undertaken via local councillors. This in my opinion has improved considerably over the past 5 years. Destabilising this set up would I feel be a step backwards. Therefore I agree with the Commissions proposal to keep Grindon, Thorney Close, Springwell and Hastings Hill together in one ward
- There is a clear natural boundary currently by Chester Road. This road is a busy thoroughfare separating Hastings Hill from Pennywell which divides communities naturally.
- Public services (eg bus services) shared by Grindon, Springwell, Thorney Close and Hastings Hill are good. This would not be the case with Pennywell and South Hylton – areas are difficult to walk or get buses to and from for people living in Hastings Hill.
- Grindon, Hastings Hill, Springwell and Thorney close share community facilities such as the Air Cadets on Tay Road, Grindon Young Peoples Centre, and the family hub at Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre. The area is also served by Grindon Infants School and Sandhill View

Secondary School.

In summary, as someone who has lived at Hastings Hill for 41 years I feel to change the current arrangements which are improving year on year and which are well known and understood would be a step backwards for an area which does not need uncertainty around unnecessary change. In addition the confusion which I know would result in any change cannot be underestimate. Things work now and the arguments for the proposal are in my opinion surely minimal – I personally cannot see any.

Yours faithfully

Attached Documents:

None attached