

# Sunderland

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## Comment text:

Dear Sir,

I support the proposals for the north of Sunderland and Washington but I am concerned by the +10% elector numbers in the south of Sunderland and the decision to add a full new ward to the coalfields. I think this will make it very difficult to be a councillor in these city centre wards which are oversubscribed.

I am concerned that the proposed St Chad's Ward is so long and incoherent and I oppose the use of religious parish names for ward boundaries - especially given a) this ward is not actually all St Chad's parish and b) there is only one ward with such a name which makes it appear incongruent with the rest of the city's ward names.

I think that a Herrington Ward would be a sensible proposal because Herrington's villages are a natural transition from the urban borough of Sunderland into the Coalfields. There are roads and footpaths that make accessing the Herringtons much easier than navigating the proposed St Chad's Ward by either foot or public transport.

It is imperative that the Commission does not press ahead with these warding proposals because more communities are destroyed than supported. There are too many examples of boundaries which disrupt rather than unite.

Kind regards,

Cllr Sam Johnston

**Attached Documents:**

*None attached*