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The Ashbrooke, Grangetown, Ryhope and Silksworth News is a digital community of 3,400 people representing residents of the named areas. It is an online group attached to the Grangetown Residents Association and the St Michael's Residents Association. We represent the views of local people, promote local news and provide a digital notice board service for local people.

You can find our group online here: (5) Facebook

We have surveyed our members regarding the new proposals. On behalf of the above areas, we make the following representations regarding the current boundary consultation:

- Tunstall and Silksworth are not comparable or coherent communities and do not belong in the same ward. We are supportive of the previous Tunstall and Humbledon Ward in relation to where Tunstall sits comfortably. This better reflects local community assets, services and natural boundaries. Silksworth has greater connections to Farringdon, including shared secondary schools.
- We do not agree with the proposal for the new Grangetown Ward. Not only does this split Tunstall which we oppose, but too much of Hendon is included in with parts of Ashbrooke and Grangetown. Hollycarrside was a much better fit in the previous set of proposals and we believe that there was a more distinct boundary in including Hollycarrside in Grangetown because of the open green space that separates it from Ryhope Village.
- We are totally against the fracturing of Ashbrooke between so many wards. This is a distinctive area which is part of an official conservation area and it should be part of a ward that is so diluted by the inclusion of Hendon. A ward which encompasses Ashbrooke, Grangetown and Hollycarrside is much more culturally appropriate; we accept that the Thornhill streets should be in the Barnes and Thornhill Ward.

- We are concerned that Queen Alexandra Road is split so often between so many wards and that part of it has been included in the St Chad's Ward. This is culturally insensitive as the St Nicholas Parish sits on this road.

Our members believe that:

- Tunstall and Humbledon is more acceptable than the proposed Silksworth Ward
- The previous Grangetown is more acceptable than the new Grangetown Ward
- Ashbrooke should be split as little as possible
- Tunstall should be united – and the parts of Tunstall that sit in the current Silksworth Ward should be brought within a single ward with the rest of Tunstall.
- The Commission has been ignorant to the history and close-knit nature of Ashbrooke
- Silksworth has more in common with Farringdon than it does with Tunstall and Silksworth and Tunstall are socially, culturally and geographically distinctive.

Attached Documents:

None attached