

Sunderland

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Related subject: Name of the proposed ward

First of all a bit of housekeeping / editing of your consultation document. The river flowing through Sunderland is the Wear and not the Weir - proofreading and basic geography appear to have alluded your group somehow.

The proposed name of 'Riverside' for the amalgamated areas of Rickleton, Harraton, Fatfield, etc is ludicrous and defies any form of logical identity as the majority of the residents don't border onto the Riverside. A simple examination of the map shows that Rickleton and Harraton are isolated from the river by the Lambton Estate.

Furthermore, the name 'Riverside' conjures up more confusion as in this area it is commonly associated with Chester- Le - Street Riverside, the Riverside on the Tees and let's not forget the major 'Riverside' development in Sunderland City Centre around the City Hall, Keel Square location.

If you speak to many people in Sunderland of a certain age, the Riverside is also the area around St Peter's, the University, the Marina.

The River Wear only really begins to come into contact with a small number of residents of the proposed area near Worm Hill in Fatfield.

Therefore, the argument is the Riverside will bring no identity, only confusion to this proposed ward. By retaining the name Washington South you specifically refer to the town where the ward is and its geographical location. Everyone can identify with that and there is no confusion.

An alternative name could be 'Rickleton, Harraton and Fatfield'

Thank you

Attached Documents:

None attached