

Newcastle upon Tyne

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Related subject: Jesmond Vale

I am writing to object to the proposed removal of the Jesmond Vale area from the Jesmond ward and its inclusion in the new Ouseburn and Shieldfield ward.

Since it was built in the late Victorian period as part of the Jesmond suburb, Jesmond Vale (previously referred to as the Minorities) has always been part of Jesmond. There are strong community links within Jesmond that a change in ward boundaries would risk severing.

I am concerned that if the planned change proceeds and the city council later decides to make local changes in Jesmond, for good or ill, Jesmond Vale will not be consulted or included as it's no longer in a Jesmond ward. For example, any bollard-style measures, which we have recently seen with the failed attempt to instal a low traffic neighbourhood, would be a case in point. The residents of Jesmond Vale would lose their voice in relation to matters that directly impact upon them.

Jesmond Vale has at no time formed part of the Ouseburn or Shieldfield communities and has limited physical links to either. Jesmond Vale's local shops and services are situated in Cradlewell, which despite being immediately adjacent to Jesmond Vale, would under the draft proposals form part of a different ward. On its face, this make no sense.

Attached Documents:

None attached