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Related subject: Newcastle draft recommendations for proposed Kingston Park and Dinnington Ward

I wholeheartedly support the proposal to create a new Kingston Park and Dinnington Ward using the boundaries as shown on the accompanying map. This is because the proposal re-unites the community of Kingston Park that includes Tudor Grange and Stuart Court, into a single homogenous area, instead of the current, divisive pattern that splits it between three wards, the A696 being the logical boundary to the west of the proposed Kingston Park and Dinnington Ward.

The proposal will therefore help the council to carry out its local governmental duties, e.g. grass cutting, more effectively compared to the current, shambolic arrangements. These cause sporadic visits to Tudor Grange to mow the verges and areas of grass that repeatedly fail to complete the job in a single visit, causing the mowers to return on several occasions to mow more, but seldom all, of the areas that have been missed.

The proposal should also mean correct management of the number of grass-cutting visits should happen, so the eight, scheduled cuts per grass-cutting season actually occur, as there were just 6 such visits in each of 2022 and 2023, and only 3 cuts so far in 2024 with a gap of no less than 59 days between April and June's partial cuts, numerous areas of grass having been missed on both occasions.

The proposed revision to the ward boundaries may also provide the catalyst to have litter pickers work equally in all parts of the new ward, with Newbiggin Hall having been cleared of litter by official employees, e.g. on 19th June 2024, while this has not happened at all in the residential parts of Tudor Grange, Stuart Court and Kingston Park for several years.

The proposed new Kingston Park and Dinnington Ward should also provide its councillors with the opportunity to contribute to the development of road traffic management plans to help combat the over-development of retailing along Brunton Lane in Kingston Park and the resultant ongoing diminution of the area's air quality, a worrying trend that has not been addressed to date.

Attached Documents:

- 240612-wed-uncontrolled-growth-of-weeds-in-verge-on-main-road,-kenton-bank-foot,-beside-wilmington-close.jpg
- 230917-sun-kingston-park-brunton-lane-bus-stop-opposite-boots-with-litter-strewn-on-the-grass-and-footpath.jpg
- 230318-sat-brunton-lane-gridlocked-traffic-damaging-local-air-quality-16.15.jpg

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