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**Related subject:** Benwell & Scotswood Ward

I think the new boundaries are good. Benwell & Scotswood Ward continues to grow at a very quick rate due to having 'The Rise' Development. The development will bring nearly 2,000 new homes to Scotswood and will hopefully bring a well needed boost to the local economy and will regenerate the area for the better.

I do have two suggestions, the first is that the top of the boundary be moved from 'Pease Avenue' to 'Fox and Hound's Lane'. My reason for this suggestion is the rest of the 'Pendower Estate' has been removed from the boundary already, it would make sense for 'Pease Avenue' to be moved into the 'Elswick Ward'.

My second suggestion is the name of the ward be changed. It is currently 'Benwell & Scotswood'. However, myself and many other residents of 'Denton Burn' feel excluded from the naming of the ward, Denton Burn is a very large area made up of thousands of homes. I also recall my time standing for local council, when delivering leaflets named 'Benwell & Scotswood', many Denton Burn residents were confused, thinking the leaflet had been delivered into the wrong area.

By naming the ward Benwell, Scotswood & Denton Burn it would make all residents feel included. Moreover, there is clearly a confusion of some residents living in Denton Burn who are unclear of their ward and who their local representatives are.

In conclusion, I think the boundary changes make sense, however I understand this is not part of the discussion, but I still do believe that 3

Councillors are far too many for a small ward like Benwell, Scotswood & Denton Burn. I do believe the Boundary Commission should consider reducing the number of Councillors to 2 per ward. This would save local people a great deal of money, the £9,660 allowance could be allocated to each ward's funding and be spent on local projects.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*