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Related subject: South Jesmond

With regard to the proposed ward boundary changes, I would like to register the following objections:

Historically, the area known as South Jesmond was built on the former Jesmond Park and was created to provide more housing in Jesmond itself; it was originally known as Jesmond Park Estate and its roots are firmly within Jesmond.

Indeed, when the A1058 was re-built to enable a smoother flow of traffic through the area, it was deliberately, and at great expense, routed through a tunnel so that South Jesmond was not separated from the rest of Jesmond. The primary school, library,doctor's surgeries, dentists, pharmacies and shops for people in South Jesmond are all located on or around Acorn Road which we regard as the heart of our community. The very real concerns voiced about being cut off from them by the LTN proposals show how important they are for those living in South Jesmond.

It is really important that we in South Jesmond have confidence in our councillors and know that they will help keep our area clean, safe and a pleasant place to live. If we lose the councillors who have a remit to look after the area where our local services are located and become a small enclave in the larger Ouseburn and Shieldfield ward I cannot see how our concerns will be given as much weight and importance as they have within the existing ward boundary. As I understand it, the change would also mean that Ouseburn and Shieldfield would then have 5% more electors than the average for the local authority area, by 2029, while Jesmond would lose 7%. On those grounds alone, the proposed change would seem to be unnecessary.

The existing ward boundary geographically formed by the Ouseburn valley makes perfectly good sense as it keeps the area of South Jesmond within the community of Jesmond where it began and where it belongs today.

Attached Documents:

None attached