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Related subject: Jesmond Vale

I firmly believe that Jesmond Vale (the area of Jesmond south of the A1058) should be included within the Jesmond Ward. That would help address the fact that under the proposed plans, Jesmond is anticipated to have below average number of electors versus the excess in Ouseburn & Shieldfield.

More importantly as someone who lives in the area in question, I do not consider our household to be part of Shieldfield. There are no connecting residential streets or shared spaces. To walk from this area into Shieldfield takes in either the coast road, or footpaths away from residential areas which means they feel like distinct communities to the people living here.

We use the local shops and restaurants on Jesmond Road, which is a pleasant stroll away via Rosebery Crescent and Churchill Gardens. The coast road does not present a significant boundary to reaching these shops as there is a land bridge over it for precisely this purpose.

In comparison the local shops on Starbeck Avenue are double the distance away, and cannot be reached along residential streets. I would not walk there if I had run out of milk.

We very much feel part of Jesmond because all of the facilities that we use are in Jesmond. Our child attends West Jesmond Primary School, plays cricket at Newcastle Cricket Club, tennis at the Northumberland Club and we swim at Jesmond swimming pool. We walk the dog in Jesmond Dene. So as a result the proposed change to boundaries feels like it does not acknowledge our community ties and identity.

Attached Documents:

None attached