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Related subject: A number of regular members of the Community Centre and Grange Bar facilities

Hurworth has a long history going back to the Great Plague in 1665.

We have a beautiful village and a strong community.

In the last six years the village has enlarged with three new housing estates.

To add to this in the last two years, Hurworth was extended to include 350 houses on the Elder Brook Park and Hurworth Meadows estates.

Also, it is understood that a number of traveller sites are being granted along Neasham Road.

We have two Ward Councillors and a strong Parish Council, with an excellent working relationship with DBC.

These two latest housing estates are not within the Church of England Hurworth Parish, whose boundary ends at the A66.

It is not safely possible for residents of the two new estates to walk to Hurworth village, community centre, doctor's surgery, school, or other facilities, as there is no footpath down the A66, nor via Roundhill Road. It is far simpler and convenient for them to walk under the railway bridge into Darlington, which is less than 300 yards of pavement.

In order to assist DBC in reducing the number of Ward Councillors, Hurworth could be reduced by making the A66 main road the new boundary. Any extension would effectively change Hurworth rural village into a part of Urban Darlington town.

This would mean that we do not require two Ward Councillors, one is totally adequate.

This suggestion preserves how hereditary, while helping DBC to reduce the number of Ward Councillors by one of the nine required reduction.

Attached Documents:

None attached