

Darlington

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Dear Review Officer,

Neasham Parish Council would like to submit comments on the Darlington electoral review.

Our strong preference is that the whole of Neasham Parish remains within a Hurworth-centred borough ward. Neasham's day-to-day community identity, local routes and resident connections align most naturally with Hurworth and the surrounding villages, and we would not want Neasham to be split between wards or grouped into a predominantly urban Darlington ward.

We recognise that this review is about ward boundaries rather than individual elected members, but we value the effective working links and accessibility that residents currently have through being part of Hurworth ward.

By way of local evidence, Neasham children attend school predominantly in Hurworth (primary and secondary). Hurworth also provides the closest post office and the most convenient local convenience stores for many residents.

In summary: please keep Neasham Parish intact and within a Hurworth-centred borough ward, using clear, recognisable boundaries that match how residents identify locally.

Attached Documents:

None attached