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**From:** Shane Moore Councillor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 December 2018 16:57  
**To:** reviews  
**Subject:** Hartlepool Borough Review

Dear Sir,

I am writing to give my views as an elected member who is proud to represent the Headland and Harbour ward on Hartlepool Borough Council.

I apologise for not engaging as an individual councillor during the initial consultation period however at the time all involved in the consultation agreed that the Headland & Harbour ward fit all of the required criteria as set out by the Igbce once the addition of the Marine Point development was added in. It was not until after Putting Hartlepool First and then the 11<sup>th</sup> hour submission from the Constituency Labour Party decided to try and calve this ward up that residents and I realised there was a threat of significant alterations.

If I may split your recommendation up it will make it easier to understand my objections:

**35 Our draft recommendations for this ward are based on the borough-wide proposal from the Labour Party and Putting Hartlepool First. We were persuaded by their arguments, alongside those of several local residents, that the Burbank community in the south of the existing ward should be separate from the Headland. This was argued on the basis of the distance between the two areas and a lack of shared community identity. We have thus moved the Burbank community into Burn Valley ward as part of our draft recommendations.**

I strongly object to this part of your recommendation. From reading the comments from the Putting Hartlepool First and the Labour Party I see nothing which reflects the actual reality of feelings felt by residents in the Burbank community and surrounding area. Their argument that Burbank does not have a shared sense of community as that of the Headland is correct but it fails monumentally to understand that overall make up of the ward as a whole or its history. The Headland & Harbour ward is made up of four very distinct and very different areas; The Headland is very different to the Central Estate, which is again very different to the Marina and again different to Burbank. All four areas have their own issues and more importantly unique community identities however you will find historical links which still exist and tie areas together.

The Headland was the original town of Hartlepool and that was still the case until 1967 so you will find that Headlanders are very protective of our history and many resist any ties with 'West' however many families moved from the Headland and on to the Central Estate when it was redeveloped and there is still a close social link between the two areas as well as shared schools, services and public transport routes.

Similarly the Marina and Burbank have a close historical link in that Burbank became due to the 'Old town' located on the marina (empty land to the east of Burbank near the railway lines up to the bottom of Church Street and marina) being demolished and the majority of families being relocated to the newly built Burbank Estate. Similarly the residents of Burbank now primarily shop at the marina, access public transport via the marina and children who live on the marina attend schools in the Burbank area.

I hope you can see that although the Headland and Burbank areas are completely different both areas compliment the ward well and help to tie other areas of the ward together.

I would also point out that prior to the submissions being made from HBC and the Independent Group I canvassed the Burbank area extensively to ensure I had the feelings of the area correct. I felt it was best to do this given that the area had been brought into the ward during the last boundary review and there had been accusations of gerrymandering in the Labour party choosing to include it in an area with the Headland. I also did not want to be arguing for the area to remain or leave my ward if I did not know how residents felt on the matter.

After canvassing the Burbank estate I found that the vast majority of residents wanted to stay in the Headland and Harbour ward as they felt HBC and councillors had worked hard to make the community feel part of the larger ward and had seen positive outcomes as part of it. There was also a strong feeling of not wanting what was felt as an upheaval and having to start all over again with a new set of representatives in projects we have worked on over the past few years. Very few people showed any interest in being moved into the Burn Valley ward and even those who did admitted that they felt separate from Burn Valley due to the dual carriage way that cuts through the middle.

In summary I would kindly request that the views and wishes of the silent majority of residents in Burbank be heard and they remain a committed and valued part of the Headland and Harbour ward. Keeping Burbank in the Headland & Harbour ward and with the addition of the Marine Point development will once again meet all of your requirements for now and in years going forward.

**36 Adopting this proposal also involved moving polling district GE (which is bounded by the Bakers Mead estate, Powlett Road, Raby Road, Brougham Terrace, Lancaster Road and the railway line) from the existing Jesmond ward into Headland & Harbour ward. On our visit to the borough, we considered that this area had better links to Headland than the Burbank community. Additionally, placing this polling district within Headland & Harbour ward will allow for good electoral equality, with a variance of 9% by 2024. However, given the lack of localised submissions for this area, we would particularly welcome comments on this proposed change during the consultation on these draft recommendations.**

As I have stated above I do not agree with your assessment that the Dyke House area has better links with the rest of the Headland & Harbour ward - I state the whole ward because it is very important to remember that whilst a large part of it the Headland does not make up the whole of the rest of the ward and therefore all other areas must be taken into account.

I also find the idea of deliberately splitting the long established Dyke House area in two and adding half of it to the Headland and Harbour ward for no other reason than to make up electoral numbers rather absurd. I am sure current Jesmond ward councillors will complain about this suggestion more so I will leave it to them.

If you require any further information I will gladly provide it.

Kind regards,

**Councillor Shane Moore** | Independent - Headland & Harbour Ward  
**Hartlepool Borough Council**



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