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Community Governance Review

In January the Council agreed that it would hold three Community Governance Reviews within the Borough and these are set out below together with their terms of reference. The third column shows the Parish Councils and Parish Meetings which are being consulted.

Archdeacon Newton	<p>Whether the parish council of Archdeacon Newton should continue on the current boundary</p> <p>If not what alternative arrangements should exist within the area for the parish including a parish meeting</p> <p>The review should also consider whether recommendations should be made to the Boundary Commission to alter any boundaries as a result of the review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brinkburn and Faverdale Ward • Heighington and Coniscliffe Ward • Archdeacon Newton Parish Council • Walworth Parish Meeting • Coatham Mundeville Parish Meeting • Whessoe Parish Meeting • High Coniscliffe Parish Meeting • Low Coniscliffe and Merrybent Parish Meeting • Denton Parish Meeting • Heighington Parish Meeting
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Houghton Le Side Parish Meeting • Killerby Parish Meeting • Summerhouse Parish Meeting • Piercebridge parish Meeting
Hurworth	Whether the area which was moved by the Review of the Local Government Boundaries into the Park East ward known as 'the Pastures' should cease to be parished and the parish Council area of Hurworth should reflect the revised boundary along the new ward boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hurworth Ward • Park East Ward • Hurworth Parish Council
Low Dinsdale	To establish new arrangements for the Low Dinsdale parish which were affected by the Local Government Boundary Review. This could result in changes to the parish boundaries, changes to the names of parishes, new parish meetings or the amalgamation of areas of some parishes with existing parish councils or meetings. The areas covered by Neasham Parish Council and by the current parish meeting of Sockburn should also be considered for possible inclusion in any solution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sadberge and Middleton St George Ward • Hurworth Ward • Low Dinsdale Parish Council • Middleton St George Parish Council • Neasham Parish Council • Sockburn Parish Meeting • Morton Palms Parish Meeting

Timetable

The timetable for the review is as follows:

Date	Activity
March-May 2015	Launch of Consultation inviting submissions from Parish Councils and local interested groups on their proposals for their areas
July 2015	Council consideration of submissions and preparation of draft proposals
August –September 2015	Public consultation on draft proposals
November 2015	Final decision by Council and approval of draft Order
December 2015 – March 2016	Implementation of Order, financial arrangements and conduct of nominations/elections
1 April 2016	New arrangements come into force

I am writing to invite the parish to provide a formal submission to the review. There is no obligation to provide a submission if you do not wish to do so. If however you want to influence the outcome even if you want to make a submission for 'no change' your view will not be considered unless you make a formal submission. All submissions must be in writing and will be published on the Council's website. The final decision rests with the Borough Council however the decision made must comply with the requirements set out in guidance set nationally for the conduct for Community Governance Reviews. The review will not be implemented before April 2016. If you would like to make a submission you should send it to:

Community Governance Consultation
Darlington Borough Council
Town Hall
DARLINGTON DL1 5QT
Email: CGRConsultation@darlington.gov.uk

The closing date for submissions is 30 June 2015

Further information about the review is available on the Council's Website at <http://www.darlington.gov.uk/communitygovernancereview>

Yours sincerely



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