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Hi. I would like to let you know that I as an independent councillor agree with the views of Councillor Steve Walmsley. He is passionate about the town of Thornaby and I think his views should be taken into account in sorting out ward boundaries. He has been a councillor both town and Borough for many years and he knows his town and his residents. Historical boundaries should be taken into account, probably over other views. It's not always all about numbers.

I have Cllr Walmsley's permission to forward his email to you.

Thank you

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The more I hear and read about the nonsense of proposed boundary changes - particularly in relation to Thornaby-on-Tees - the dafter it gets. Comments made by one group (a bit thin on the ground in Thornaby) smacks of astonishing ignorance or maybe an element of axe grinding. What they know about the complexities/nuances of Thornaby would probably struggle to fill the back of a stamp. And yet the people carrying out this nonsense seem to have taken it all in.

Let's be clear, this isn't a ward boundary issue, it is a town boundary matter - as explained over and over again and with defining maps as evidence. Bassleton Beck was also quite recently cited as a Thornaby/Ingleby boundary by a planning inspector when rejecting an appeal at Hollybush Farm. A five year old could understand the whole argument.

So much gibberish has accompanied this controversy. The proposed Ingleby Barwick South is actually east of Ingleby and would entail moving a Welcome to Thornaby on Tees sign a quarter of a mile north whilst redesignating TIBS (in Village Ward) as soon to be located in nebulous Ingleby South. It is preposterous and would be risible if not so outrageously stupid.

One of the latest suggestions is that Thornaby members should ask for support from Ingleby residents. What residents? The land in question is an open field so we may as well ask the birds. It's also been said that would be residents would probably prefer a 'perceived' upmarket address (pandering to would be developers). All hypothetical and presumably arrived at following consultation of phantom residents by a mystic. Come on. Let's get real.

Don't suppose my message will alter entrenched biased opinion, but perhaps we can get some sort of reaction from the MP. Wonder where he stands on this issue. He has recently kicked off about mass housing development in certain areas. Wonder if this fits his criteria and will he spring to Thornaby town's defence as robustly as he has with pretentious leafier neighbourhoods? We can only ask!

Steve

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