

**The local Government Boundary Commission for England  
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Consultation on warding arrangements,  
Conservative Group Submission.**

The Conservative Group in Stockton-on-Tees Brough Council (SBC) are grateful to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) for undertaking this important work. The Group are cognisant of the aim of the review;

*The aim of the electoral review is to recommend ward boundaries that mean each councillor represents approximately the same number of voters.*

*We also aim to ensure that the ward boundaries reflect the interests and identities of local communities, as well as promoting effective local government.*

To assist the review The Group will focus entirely on the 3 distinct areas within the aim, voter representation, community identification and promoting effective local government, in the following submission.

The SoT Electoral Forecasting Proforma is one of many sources of data and information to assist. It is this document that The Group now refer the LGBCE to.

The Group are also alive to the difficulties of presenting a balanced picture of voter representation across the Borough, but accept anomalies in the variance are rebalanced by community cohesion/identity and ease of local governance.

The document clearly outlines over and under representation of voters, by Councillors, in the projections for 2026. Although it can be argued whether, or not, these figures truly represent the actual Ward numbers, depending on future employment, the economy, housing development, etc, The Group use these figures in the following manner to assist their submission.

The Group do not submit any proposals to Wards that are not mentioned below.

The Group have focused on the Wards that are presently +/- 10% of the projected variance for 2026.

It is these Wards that The Group's submission will concentrate on, offering knowledge and potential solutions to achieve the aim of the LGBCE in their deliberations.

**Under Representation**

The data (using the variance from the average voters per Councillor, 2639) identifies under representation (10% or more above the average) in the following order;

**Northern Parishes, 77%**

**Yarm, 20%**

**Ingleby Barwick West, 20%**

**Parkfield and Oxbridge, 18%**

**Eaglescliffe, 15%**

## **Northern Parishes**

Northern Parishes Ward is in Stockton North Parliamentary Constituency and will home 4675 voters in 2026.

The Ward, in geographic terms is large and sprawling in beautiful countryside and is made up from a collection of rural hamlets, villages and settlements that historically housed the people who worked the land.

The Ward also has one of the largest housing estates in the Borough, Wynyard Housing Development. It is predominantly home to families likely to be living in high value detached homes. The housing development continues at a pace and probably accounts for most of the increased voter numbers for 2026.

The Ward also houses an ever-expanding Commercial Zone with direct links to the A19. Both the Wynyard housing development and the Commercial Zone have been built on land that once belonged to Wynyard Hall Estate. The house was the English family seat of the Vane-Tempest-Stewart family, Marquesses of Londonderry, an Anglo-Irish aristocratic dynasty, until it was sold in the 1980s.

The ward also has 3 Parish Councils, again historically associated with the villages, and settlements associated with working on the land. These are Wynyard, Wolviston and Grindon & Thorpe Thewles. In terms of Strong Communities, broadly speaking, the Ward compared with the Borough, the North East and England overall, has a greater proportion of residents identifying as Christian.

The village of Wolviston has several businesses, including a florist, saddlery. Wolviston benefits from two pubs, the Wellington Inn and the Ship. It has a traditional village green and a duck pond. Wolviston is a community with a cricket and a Wearside League football team, a guides association and allotment holders' club.

The village of Thorpe Thewles has a small children's play area, two public houses (the Vane Arms and the Hamilton Russell), a church (St James' Church) and a Parish hall. There is a planetarium, walkway and restaurant at Castle Eden Walkway, the site of the former Thorpe Thewles railway station of the former Castle Eden Railway

Historically, Thorpe Thewles was originally settled in 1692 with only two farmhouses and has grown to have more than 182 households today.

Both Thorpe Thewles and Wolviston are quintessentially English Villages that are an integral part of the 'rural' Northern ward.

The Ward is easily identified in the terms of community, local governance, however it is underrepresented by Councillors.

The Group propose increasing the Councillor numbers from 1 to 2. The group do not propose any changes to the Ward Boundary. Local governance works efficiently.

1 Cllr, Total Electorate 4675, Variance **+77%**

2 Cllr, (2337 per Cllr), Variance -11%

## Yarm

Yarm Ward is in Stockton South Parliamentary Constituency and will home 9507 voters in 2026.

The Ward, in geographic terms is large and sprawling in beautiful countryside and is made up from a collection of rural hamlets, villages and settlements that historically housed the people who worked the land, in addition to the main Market Town, Yarm.

The main settlements in the Ward are Yarm (itself) and Kirklevington.

Yarm, also referred to as Yarm-on-Tees, is a market town and Civil Parish, with a Town Council. The town is on the South bank of the River Tees in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees. The town centre being about two miles south of Stockton.

The oldest part of the town, around the High Street, is situated in a loop of the river, and the newer parts of the town and the Ward extend to the point where the River Leven meets the River Tees.

Areas South of the Town Centre have increased dramatically over the last few years and new developments have been granted planning permission.

Kirklevington has seen its size increase dramatically over the last few years with new housing developments.

The housing development continues at a pace and probably accounts for most of the increased voter numbers for 2026.

The Ward also has a Parish Council, Kirklevington & Castle Levington.

The Ward/Town is easily identified in the terms of community, local governance, however it is underrepresented by Councillors.

The Group propose increasing the Councillor number from 3 to 4 and moving from 1 Ward to 2. The external boundaries of the present Ward/Town would remain as the area of Yarm is well established and local governance well established and working efficiently.

To assist the LGBCE in its deliberations The Group propose that the following areas become the new Wards to ensure balanced voter representation.

Yarm West, to include the areas that are presently the Town Centre area (YM4) and the area West of The Spittal/Thirsk Road.

Yarm East, to include the areas that are East of The Spittal/Thirsk road, and the present Kirklevington catchment area (YM 6&7).

The largest projected increases are in the present catchment areas of YM1 and YM6, 363 and 626 electors respectively.

3 Cllr, Total Electorate 9507, (3169 per Cllr) Variance +20%.

Increase 1 Cllr to 4, divided into Yarm West and Yarm East Wards (2376 per Cllr approx.) New Variance -10%.

### **Ingleby Barwick West**

Ingleby Barwick West is presently one of two wards that currently represent the area that is 'Ingleby Barwick'. The other Ward being Ingleby Barwick East.

Ingleby Barwick has a Town Council and Civil Parishes. The town is on the South bank of the River Tees in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. The town has expanded rapidly since the late 1970s and continues to expand.

Ingleby Barwick West is predominantly made up of housing and the major retail site that serves Ingleby Barwick. Ingleby Barwick East is presently a mixture of housing, rolling countryside hosting several settlements that include the villages of Hilton and Maltby.

It is evident that Ingleby Barwick West has reached or will shortly reach its maximum development potential. The variance is presently +24% and will reduce/ease to +20% in 2026. The area still open for development in Ingleby Barwick East still has major potential.

Ingleby East hosts 2 Parish Councils, Maltby and Hilton.

Ingleby Barwick is easily identified, both locally and regionally as one of the largest housing developments in Europe.

Residents see themselves as living in 'Ingleby Barwick'. East or West is purely used for administration and local governance purposes, being the present Ward Boundaries.

Ingleby Barwick presently has 6 Councillors, split equally between the two Wards, however the voter representation is unbalanced in this unique geographical area.

The Group propose that the outer boundaries remain the same, however a simple adjustment of an internal boundary will provide greater/balanced voter representation to assist with the deliberations of the LGBC.

#### **Ingleby Barwick presently.**

West 9534 (3178 per Cllr) Variance +20%

East 8351 (2783 per Cllr) Variance +5%

**Total 17885 Electorate (Ingleby Barwick) 6 x Councillors (2980 per Cllr) Variance +12%**

To balance the variation Ingleby Barwick West requires a reduction of voter numbers of 592, Ingleby Barwick East requires a voter increase of 591. This would be above the recognised 10% variance. Community identity is not affected as residents identify themselves living in 'Ingleby Barwick' as a whole.

To achieve an improved average for voter representation in 'Ingleby Barwick' the area encircled by Blair Avenue, minus Dinas Court, Cannon Grove and the West side of Brecon Crescent (odd numbers) would need to be moved from IB west to IB East. This area has an electorate of 678. This would change thus;

West 9534 – 678 = 8856. (2952 per Cllr) New Variance +12%

East 8351 + 678 = 9029. (3009 per Cllr) New Variance +14%

The new variance is outside of the target, the voter numbers being 313 & 370 respectively. However it balances, more efficiently, the representation of voters in 'Ingleby Barwick'.

### **Parkfield and Oxbridge**

Parkfield and Oxbridge Ward is in Stockton South and is projected to home 6247 voters in 2026. It is predominantly home to younger residents likely to be living in low cost or affordable housing such as terraced or semi-detached properties.

The Ward itself has no identified single community, it is made up of affluent areas to the West, and quite deprived areas to the East. The Ward is 'pepper potted' with housing estates, cut off from each other by major roads (A66, A135) and railway lines. It also houses a major industrial estate (Preston Farm) all which prevent community cohesion and identification.

In terms of Strong Communities, broadly speaking, the Ward has a larger proportion of residents aged 0–19 and residents aged 16–64 than is the case across the Borough, the North East and England and a smaller proportion of residents aged 65+. Also, in comparison with the Borough, the North East and England overall, the Ward is home to a greater proportion of families with dependent children; BME population and a smaller proportion of residents identifying as Christian.

To ease the 'pepper potted' make-up the Ward the Group propose to move two areas of the present ward, one to the West of the Ward (moving it into Hartburn Ward) and the other to the East (moving it to the proposed Eaglescliffe East Ward, below) would provide greater/balanced voter representation to assist with the deliberations of the LGBCE.

The area (part of PO3 polling area) proposed to be moved into the Hartburn Ward is within the boundaries of Oxbridge Lane, Hartburn Avenue, Darlington Road, the cycle track/old railway line and Lustrum Beck. The area contains Burnside Grove, Ropner Avenue, Bromley Road, etc. The electorate numbers for this area are 446.

This proposal almost mirrors that put forward by the labour group in the submission to the LGBCE via SBC.

The second area (proposed to be moved to Eaglescliffe East) includes the two small residential areas to the South of the A66, Mount Pleasant and Bowesfield park. This area has an electorate of 361.

The proposed Ward boundaries for Parkfield and Oxbridge would be altered, to the South stopping at the A66, and to the West the previous boundary (minus the area proposed to be moved into Hartburn ward).

Although the proposal assists with better representation, it does not entirely assist with community identity because of the reasons previously outlined, but goes some way to improving it. No local governance issues appear to be impacted.

$6247 - 446 - 361 = 5440$  (2720 per Cllr) Revised Variance +3%.

## **Eaglescliffe**

Eaglescliffe Ward is in Stockton South parliamentary Constituency. Eaglescliffe is large geographically and in terms of population. The population mainly resides in the built-up areas within the parishes of Egglecliffe and Preston. The housing stock is very diverse, including Victorian era to 1960's estates and newer developments. There is a large rural element to the ward, which includes the civil parishes of Aislaby and Newsham.

The area recognised as Eaglescliffe is entirely on the north bank of the River Tees in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, governed by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. The bridge at Eaglescliffe on the border with Yarm (south of the river) marked the last crossing point of tidal section of the River Tees until a five-arch stone toll bridge was built in 1771 in Stockton on Tees. This bridge was replaced in 1887 by the Victoria Bridge, now a grade II listed building.

The ward has two parish Councils within its boundaries while there are also two civil parishes covering the rural area to the West. The railway line which runs northward from Yarm effectively divides the ward in half. Within the ward, the railway line can only be crossed using a car near the southern boundary with Yarm. There are fortunately two pedestrian bridges and an underpass which allow for pedestrians to cross. The historic railway line holds great significance in the ward due to its links with the original 1825 Stockton to Darlington route.

The group propose to increase the geographical area that is presently the Eaglescliffe ward, by taking in the Bowesfield area from the Parkfield and Oxbridge ward (the area south of the A66). The larger ward would then be divided into two wards, East and West, representing the electorate with two Councillors in each Ward.

The present representation is:

3 Councillors, Total Electorate 9105, (3035 per Cllr) Variance +15%

## **Eaglescliffe East**

This ward is the part of the current Eaglescliffe ward east of the railway line. However, it is proposed to take in the residential areas of Bowesfield Park and Mt Pleasant Grange areas to the North. These two areas have an electorate of 361. Bowesfield Park and Mount Pleasant are currently part of the Parkfield and Oxbridge Ward which is part of a 'pepper potted' arrangement described above which hinders community identity, and add to the under representation.

The Eaglescliffe East boundaries on all sides have obvious features:

Eastern boundary - River Tees

Southern boundary - River Tees

Northern boundary - A66

Western boundary - Railway line from North and South through the current Ward.

This would achieve a variance of -11%.

This Ward proposal achieves the aims of the LGBCE as it retains community identity as the Preston Parish is effectively preserved, while keeping it together with the communities south of the parish and east of the railway line (Yarm Road, Sunningdale Estate, Egglecliffe Village, St Margaret's,

etc).In terms of polling districts, EG1, EG7 and the vast majority of the population of EG4 is kept intact.

Furthermore, the Bowesfield linkage is a more logical fit than it is with its current arrangement with Parkfield and Oxbridge as the A66 cuts it adrift from the rest of the ward.

### **Eaglescliffe West**

This ward is the current ward west of the railway line. This ties in with the existing EG2,EG3, EG5, EG6 and EG8 polling districts. This proposal would also take in the small Moorhouse Estate (EG4) and Moorhouse Farm (EG8) which is west of the railway that falls in the EG4 polling district which has a population predominantly based east of the railway. In terms of community identity and cohesion this small street along with EG8 may be best placed into Eaglescliffe East, as the primary access to is from Yarm Road which is Eaglescliffe East.

This proposal would achieve a variance of -10%. This is ideal as it would absorb the population growth that is expected beyond 2026 when the Allens West Logistics Centre development of 845 houses is fully realised. This development received its reserved matters planning consent on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020. Other population growth that may be seen within this large ward which has already experienced plenty of population growth can also be absorbed by this variance.

Importantly, this Ward retains community identity as the rural civil parishes are kept together; Aislaby and Newsham. Furthermore, the large Orchard Estate with its central hub of shops is kept in one ward together with the smaller estates nearby such as Kingsmead, West Acres, Millfield, Sadlers View etc. These estates all fall within Egglescliffe Parish Council area. The remainder of Egglescliffe Parish Council is covered in the Eaglescliffe East ward.

Eastern boundary - Railway line

Western boundary - local authority boundary with Darlington Borough Council

Southern boundary - River Tees

Northern boundary – A66 and the existing parish boundary border with the neighbouring Western Parishes ward.

This ward is currently part of the Eaglescliffe Ward West of the railway line. This ties in with the EG2,3,5, 6 and 8 polling districts. This proposal would also take in the EG4 which is West of the Railway Line. However in terms of community identity and cohesion this small estate may be best placed into Eaglescliffe East, as the only access to the estate is from this Ward (Eaglescliffe East) proposal. This option is cross referenced above (Eaglescliffe East)

This would achieve a variance of -10%.

### **Over Representation**

The data (using the variance from the average voters per Councillor, 2639) identifies over representation (10% or more below the average) in the following order;

**Billingham West, -17%**

**Billingham North, -15%**

**Billingham South, -14%**

**Fairfield, -13%**

**Stainsby Hill, -13%**

**Norton North, -10%**

**Norton South, -10%**

#### **Billingham**

Billingham is a Royal Charter Town and Civil Parish, with a Town Council. The Town is on the North side of the River Tees in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees, governed by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. The settlement had previously formed its own borough but was overshadowed by its neighbour.

The town was founded circa. 650. In modern history, the chemical industry, and in particular the company ICI, has played an important role in the growth of Billingham. Today ICI no longer operates in Billingham, having been replaced by other companies.

Billingham is also known internationally for its Folklore Festival. Founded in 1965 has welcomed 20,000 performers from 95 different countries. The festival is a unique multicultural event celebrating World Dance in all its variety and its fusion with other art forms and sport.

During each festival, Billingham transforms into a kaleidoscope of colour, joie de vivre & friendship. Billingham becomes a “meeting place” for world cultures, showcasing the diversity & richness of the world through traditional & contemporary cultures in the forms of dance, music, songs, costumes & crafts. These are incorporated into various performances, parades, exhibitions and workshops. Each festival presents over 300 international performers from around the world.

A great number of these performances are held in the pedestrianised ‘Town centre’. This is a modern centre and continues to attract investment from both the public and private sector.

In February 2007, the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Electoral Commission issued orders for the creation of a Billingham Parish and the setting up of a new Town Council. Billingham Town Council is the largest in the Borough of Stockton. It is funded by a precept of £80,000. Elections for the new Town Council were held on 3 May 2007, a petition to Stockton Borough Council and referendum held in 2003 having both given assent to the proposal.



Billingham voters are presently represented by 11 Councillors, over 5 wards. Each of the Wards is projected to be over the variance in 2026, however it is the Wards of Billingham West, North and South that are above the 10% variance.

Billingham Town does not require further expansion by drawing in other voter areas to balance its over representation. The solution lies within the Town itself by rebalancing the present Wards and Councillor ratio.

The group propose a simple solution to achieve the aim of the LGBCE in their deliberations, reducing the number of Councillors in Billingham from 11 to 10. The projected variances for 2026 are;

**North** 6738 (2246 per Cllr)

Variance -15%

**South** 4552 (2246 per Cllr)

Variance -14%

**East** 4924 (2462 per Cllr)

Variance -7%

**West** 4369 (2184 per Cllr)

Variance -17%

**Central** 5159 (2579 per Cllr)

Variance -2%

**Billingham West** has the greatest Variance at present -17%. The group propose to merge the area that is within the boundaries of Wolviston Road, Roseberry Road, Grosmont Drive and West of the Playing Fields. This area has Sidlaw/Pollock Rd within. The electorate numbers in this area are 359  
 $359 + 4369 = 4728$ . (2364 per Cllr) New variance -11.7%. 2 Councillors.

**Billingham North** has the next greatest variance at present -15%. The group propose to merge the area that is within the boundaries of Marsh House Avenue, Low Grange Avenue, and borders the present, Billingham North boundary. The area that contains the schools/colleges, Hale Road, Neasham Avenue, Sedgemoor Way, etc. The electorate numbers in this area are 875.

$875 + 6738 = 7613$ . (2537 per Cllr) New variance -3.6% 3 Councillors.

**Billingham South** has the next greatest variance at -14%, with **Billingham East** following on -7%. The Group propose to merge both these wards, minus the area that is within the boundaries of Marsh House Avenue, Low Grange Avenue, and borders the present, Billingham North boundary. The area that contains the schools/colleges, Hale Road, Neasham Avenue, Sedgemoor Way, etc.

$4552 + 4924 - 875 = 8601$ . (2867 per Cllr) New variance +8.6%. **This merged area would be represented by 3 Councillors.**

It is proposed to rename the merged Wards, **Billingham South East**.

**Billingham Central** has the lowest variance at -2%. The group propose to move the area that is within the boundaries of Wolviston Road, Roseberry Road, Grosmont Drive and West of the Playing Fields (this area has Sidlaw/Pollock Rd within) and merge into Billingham West Ward. This would reduce the electorate for this area by 359.

Electorate number would be  $5159 - 359 = 4800$ . (2400 per Cllr) New Variance -9%.

Total 25,742

11 Councillors (2340 per Cllr) Billingham Variance -13%,  
**10 Councillors (2574 per Cllr) Billingham Variance -2.5%**

### **Fairfield**

Fairfield is a suburb of Stockton-on-Tees within the borough of Stockton-on-Tees. It is situated to the north-west of the town centre.

Fairfield was originally the site of a field which hosted a fair, hence its name. It is now a suburb of Stockton-on-Tees and no longer a village. It is one of Stockton's greener areas, but is not as affluent as neighbouring Hartburn. The Northern part of Fairfield is newer than the Southern.

Fairfield has several local amenities. There are several schools, Fairfield Primary School, St Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School, Our Lady and St. Bede's Catholic Secondary School and Ian Ramsey Church of England Secondary School. Next to Ian Ramsey School is Fairfield Library.

A green belt divides the suburb from neighbouring Hartburn to the South, while at the other, northerly end, Fairfield ends abruptly at the edge of the town.

Fairfield Ward is in Stockton South (Parliamentary Constituency) and is predominantly home to older families with adult children still living at home, living in suburban mid-range, 3-bedroom homes and is likely to be home to residents who have not moved address for some years.

However, over time part of Fairfield Ward, as well as the neighbouring Hartburn Ward, have been merged into the neighbouring Ward of Grangeville. Grangeville Ward can only be described as a bit of this and a bit of that to make up a Ward. The bits of this and bits of that are generally accepted as belonging to the communities of Fairfield and/or Hartburn. The area known as Grangeville and Stockton Grange are more associated with the neighbouring ward of Newtown.

Most voters (in the present Grangeville ward) are actually resident in the defined Fairfield and Hartburn Communities.

To strengthen this view, that residents define themselves as living in Fairfield/Hartburn, it can be evidenced that Hartburn Primary School, Fairfield Road, Fairfield Close, are only located in the present Grangeville Ward to make up 'the bit of this and bit of that' approach. Fairfield Road, one of the main arterial roads is presently split between the Grangeville and Fairfield wards.

### **The Group propose that Grangeville Ward is disbanded.**

The polling area of GF2 is merged with Newtown Ward and the ward renamed **Newtown and Grangeville Ward**, and the polling areas of GF1,3 & 4 are merged into Fairfield and Hartburn.

The proposed new ward boundaries for Fairfield would now extend to include the area South of Bishopton Road West, West of Oxbridge Avenue and North of Oxbridge Lane and East of Fairfield Road.

This area has a projected electorate of 2350 for 2026.

The Group propose to increase to 3 Councillors for the Fairfield Ward  
 $4575 + 2350 = 6925$  (2308 per Cllr)  
New Variance -12%

Although this variance is slightly out of the recognised level regarding voter representation, the strong community aspects are reinforced and rectified. There are no concerns regarding local governance identified.

### **Hartburn**

Hartburn is a suburb of Stockton-on-Tees, situated to the south west of the Town Centre. It is made up of several estates situated around Hartburn Village.

The village was founded centuries ago and the surrounding area has been developed extensively, mostly with semi-detached housing, from the 1930s onwards. It is situated just off the A66 road to Darlington. The village has several public houses "The Masham", "The Stockton Arms", "The Penny Black", and the "Parkwood". It also has several thriving retail areas.

Just outside the centre of the village is the Elmwood Centre. Now a community centre, Elmwood was the first of Hartburn's large detached properties, built in 1873. Originally the home of Mr Lewis Dodshon, owner of one of the largest wholesale grocers in the area, son of John Dodshon, whose memorial is in the centre of Stockton. In the 1880s, it was the home of the Mountjoy Pearse family, who employed thousands in shipbuilding yards on the Tees and an iron company in Hartlepool

Hartburn Ward is in the Stockton South Parliamentary Constituency. It is predominantly home to older families with some adult children at home who have lived for some years in the same, suburban, 3-bedroom, semi-detached, mid-range home, which they own.

Hartburn is a well identified community within Stockton Borough, however, over time part of Hartburn Ward, as well as the neighbouring Fairfield Ward, have been merged into the neighbouring Ward of Grangeville. Grangeville Ward can only be described as a bit of this and a bit of that to make up a Ward. The bits of this and bits of that are generally accepted as belonging to the communities of Fairfield and/or Hartburn. The area known as Grangeville is more associated with its neighbouring ward of Newtown.

The Group propose to increase the area to what is regarded as Hartburn, merging the areas that are within the boundaries of Oxbridge Lane, Greens Lane, Darlington Road, Hartburn Avenue and Cycle track/disused Railway line (part of GF4 polling area). The electorate numbers for this area are 1450, and;

the area that is within the boundaries of Oxbridge Lane, Hartburn Avenue, Darlington Road, the cycle track/old railway line and Lustrum Beck. The area that contains Burnside Grove, Ropner Avenue, Bromley Road, etc (part of PO3 polling area). The electorate numbers for this area are 446.

The Group propose to increase the Ward to 3 Councillors  
 $5543 + 1450 + 446 = 7439$  (2479 per Cllr)  
New Variance -6%

## **Thornaby**

**Stainsby Hill** Ward is one of three Wards within the Town of Thornaby on Tees.

Thornaby-on-Tees, also referred to as Thornaby, is a Market Town and Civil Parish on the South bank of the River Tees, in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees, governed by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. The town had previously formed its own borough.

The town had enacted on a Royal Charter to form a Municipal Borough before being a part of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. The modern centre was built on the North Eastern part of Thornaby airfield and lies 2 miles South-West of Stockton-on-Tees.

It was amalgamated with other boroughs including Middlesbrough and Stockton-on-Tees in 1968 to form the county borough of Teesside. Then, in 1974, it became part of the borough of Stockton-on-Tees in the new non-metropolitan county of Cleveland. Thornaby Town Council was created in 1995.

Thornaby has a well identified community.

Stainsby Hill Ward is predominantly home to families with children with limited resources who are likely to own low cost houses or rent their homes.

Thornaby voters are presently represented by 7 Councillors, over 3 wards. Each of the Wards is projected to be over the variance in 2026, however it is Stainsby Ward that is projected to be over the 10% variance.

Thornaby does not require further expansion by drawing in other voter areas to balance its over representation. The solution, similar to Billingham, lies within the Town itself.

All three wards in the Town are expected to reduce in voter numbers by 2026

Total Thornaby electorate 16823, (2403 per Cllr) Variance -9%

**Mandale and Victoria** 7250, (2416 per Cllr) Variance -8%

**Village 4960**, (2480 per Cllr) Variance -6%

**Stainsby Hill** 4613, (2306 per Cllr) Variance -13%

The Group propose to merge the areas within the boundaries of Mitchell Avenue, Acklam Road, Lanehouse Road, Littleboy Drive, Vale Drive and Baysdale Road. Incorporating the schools and the green belt area (presently Mandale and Victoria Ward) into Stainsby Hill Ward. This area has an electorate of 811.

### **Stainsby Hill**

4613 + 811 = 5424 (2712 per Cllr) 2 Councillors, Variance + 2.7%, and;

to merge the area within the boundaries of, East of the River Tees, North of Redcar Road, South of Lanehouse Road and West of Thorntree Road, into Village ward (presently Mandale and Victoria) This area has an electorate of 970.

### **Village Ward**

$4960 + 873 = 5833$  (2916 per Cllr) Variance + 10%.

By removing/merging the areas described above from Mandale and Victoria Ward, into Stainsby Hill and Village Wards.

The figures for **Mandale and Victoria** would be;

$7250 - 811 - 873 = 5566$  (2783 per Cllr) Variance + 5%

**Thornaby** with a reduction of 1 Cllr would be, on average (2803 per Cllr) Variance +6%.

The proposal meets the aim of the LGBCE.

### **Grangefield**

Further to The Group's proposal that Grangefield Ward should be disbanded.

As outlined above most of the voters in this Ward identify themselves as living in Fairfield or Hartburn, which are South and West of the present Ward Boundary. The merging of this area has been outlined above.

The area that is identified as 'Grangefield' is a small housing estate that presently lies to the North East of the present Ward Boundary.

The Group propose to merge part of Grangefield into Newtown Ward, the areas are East of Oxbridge Avenue, South of Bishopton Road and West of Lustrum Beck. The electorate numbers in this area are 1041.

Renamed **Grangefield and Newtown Ward**.

Newtown Ward presently has 2 Councillors with an electorate of 4823. The additional 1041 electorate in the area (GF4) described previously would take the new Ward to 5864.

$4823 + 1041 = 5864$  (2932 per Cllr) 2 Councillors, New Variance +11%

### **Norton South and North**

Although these Wards are on the -/+10 variance, The Group do not propose any changes.

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**Conservative Group Leader**

**Stockton Borough Council**

