

# Middlesbrough

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Nunthorpe

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First of all, I would like to endorse and emphasise the message that there is a great sense of community solidarity within Nunthorpe. Although we are only belatedly getting a Community Centre, a network of enthusiastic volunteers has helped to foster the neighbourhood spirit which is evident not only to those living within our boundaries, but also to those outside. In appreciation of the colourful planters looked after by “Nunthorpe in Bloom”; the enterprising work of OurGreenways volunteers; the events organised by the Community Council; the fairs and the services at the Churches and at our War Memorial; the creativity of our famous Knitters; and the campaigning zeal of the Parish Council, people want to move to Nunthorpe. Similarly, residents are very reluctant to leave our patch. Nunthorpe functions well as a Ward, residents are content to pay the Parish precept, and it is the hope of our community that this Boundary Review does not lead to any reduction in our well-integrated neighbourhood.

However, we have one small request relating to an anomaly which has only recently emerged. A few months ago, some residents of Borrowby Rise attended my Ward Surgery and asked me to help resolve some outstanding issues with the developer - Barratts. As residents from other parts of Grey Towers Village had raised similar concerns with me, it made sense for me to act as a single point of contact between Grey Towers Village and Middlesbrough Council, and between the residents and Barratts. It then transpired that the Borrowby Rise part of “Nunthorpe” is in fact part of the Marton West Ward, which the residents and I have found very difficult to rationalise - especially as they have been paying the

precept as residents of Nunthorpe.

When I discovered that Borrowby Rise and Plantation View were not part of the Nunthorpe Ward, I looked in vain for a sensible dividing line on site. I discovered that there is even a small part of the main entrance road through Grey Towers Village to Borrowby Rise and Plantation View - Ellerbeck Avenue - within the Marton West enclave. The line somewhere on Ellerbeck which divides the two wards is a historical anachronism, dating from the time before there were any houses in the area. It seems logical for an update which reflects the reality on the ground today, which has emerged since the previous review by the Boundary Commission.

Unsurprisingly, the residents of Borrowby Rise and Plantation View are regarded by other residents as an integral part of the Grey Towers neighbourhood. The whole community is connected to each other via a Grey Towers Facebook page, and there is an active Residents Association for all those living in Grey Towers Village.

[ It might be worth adding that I have been asked why the boundary should not be extended even further to include the future residents of Ford Close. I think that the case for doing so is weak, mainly because the entrance to this (future) estate will be via Brass Castle Lane, and therefore the residents will have a northern connection to Marton - the opposite to the situation of the residents of Borrowby Rise and Plantation View. Not being part of the Grey Towers Estate, they will have a different developer and their issues will be different. ]

## **Attached Documents:**

- boundary-commission---personal-response---feb2024.pdf

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