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Related subject: Marton West

Based on the Boundary Commission electoral figures, it is apparent that there is no requirement to change the boundaries of Marton West . There is minimal variance between the 2023 and 2029 electoral figures.

The ward was modified in the previous boundary review, adding in the De Brus area to the ward, in 2015. Since then, a modified Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted, incorporating the De Brus part of the ward, alongside the existing Eagle Park, McInnes estate and Gunnergate areas, each of which have their own distinguishing features.

i understand that Middlesbrough Council is proposing an addition to the ward, by taking part of the Ladgate ward and adding this into Marton West.

This would be a detrimental change, in my opinion, as there is no clear linkage between the Ladgate community and the Marton West ward. No reference was made to this in the 2013 review of boundaries, so it is questionable as to why it should now occur. Likewise, Middlesbrough Council has not approached the Marton West Community Council to discuss this proposed change and appears to be seeking to impose a change to the ward without undertaking any meaningful dialogue

There is currently a clear boundary for Marton West, i.e. that of the A174, which runs along to the Fairy Dell park. There is no reason / justification to change this.

Marton West Community Council operates effectively with its current boundaries, having produced a modified Neighbourhood Plan, supported by residents, producing bi monthly newsletters to all its resident community and running regular bi-monthly meetings which are well attended by the local community.

Should any boundary change be necessary, the only area of merit to consider is the boundary between Marton West and Nunthorpe. As a result

of building at the Grey Towers farm, part of the estate falls in Marton West and part in Nunthorpe. two possibilities exist; one, to use the Greytowers roundabout as the boundary for Marton West, to incorporate the Grey towers estate in Marton West; two, to make brass castle lane the boundary between nunthorpe and marton west, with the grey towers estate wholly falling into Nunthorpe. In terms of electoral figures, the more appropriate solution would be to extend the marton west ward to the greytowers roundabout as the boundary. This would balance up the marton west electorate and reduce the 6% variance in respect of Nunthorpe

Attached Documents:

None attached