

# Barnsley

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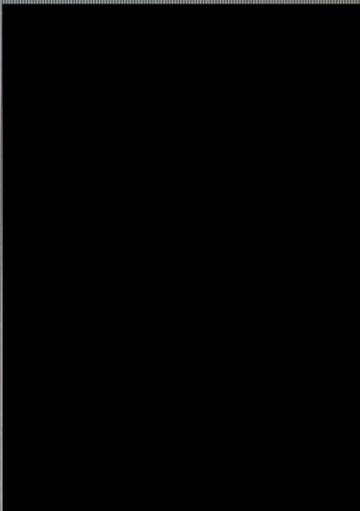
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**Local Government Boundary Commission Review – Barnsley South Yorkshire.**

Having attended a Parish Council meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> August, I understand that Barnsley Council are suggesting that Stainborough Parish is moved from the Penistone East Ward to a new ward as part of the equalisation process. I wish to register my objection to this proposal for the following reasons:

Stainborough Parish is a small rural community of only approx. 350 residents. It shares many challenges in common with the 8 other rural communities within the existing Penistone East Ward, also represented by Parish Councils.

I have lived in this the Penistone East Ward for 34 years and during this time have forged good working relations with the existing councillors who understand the matters that are important to rural communities. The services we use are based in Penistone, the Heritage is that we have always area been linked with other villages that closely resemble the rural countryside of Hood Green and Stainborough which have areas of historic and scientific interest, Green Belt including farming and conservation areas.

Whilst Tankersley and Dodworth are urban areas, Penistone has a distinct rural character promoted as a tourist area with many public footpaths, as host to Wentworth Castle Gardens and events such as the Tour of Britain cycle race, the Parish has different concerns, and the identity is distinct from that of Tankersley and Dodworth residents. As a member of a small rural community of only 350, if the proposal went ahead, I fear our needs would not be adequately represented. Tankersley, approx. 2000 residents and Dodworth with over 10,000 residents are large urban communities, compared to Stainborough. I fail to see how the new ward could be classed as Rural given the different landscape and prominence of residents by number living in an urban environment. As residents we would be an insignificant part of the proposed new ward, where the new councillors would be representing both urban and rural residents. Another significant difference is that Dodworth is part of BMBC rather than having a Parish Council. It does not seem necessary or beneficial to disrupt existing historical links with villages with similar embedded identities in the current Penistone East Ward, as 350 is such a small number.

Hood Green and Stainborough have little in common with Tankersley and Dodworth, urban areas of mixed industrial, commercial and residential communities. I do not feel it is appropriate to seek to move such a small number of rural residents to achieve the desired equalisation, as to do so would leave Stainborough without a voice and undermine the important role the Parish Council perform in promoting residents interests.

I wish to object to the proposal of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and wish to register my objection to move Stainborough out of Penistone East Ward.

