

Barnsley

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To whom it may concern,

I have read your report and recommendations thoroughly and wish to provide the below feedback.

- Do the proposed wards reflect local communities?
- How do you think the proposals can be improved?
- Are the names of the proposed wards right?

https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-05/barnsley_dr_final_report.pdf

<https://lgbce.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/basic/index.html?appid=755e94a8fc8d445f8fb3b96fcc26cce0>

General Comments

Really important to keep the name 'the Dearne' in ward names - names are too specific and ignore the sense of pride in the history of the dearne name

Darfield and Great Houghton makes sense as a name given new boundaries

Need more clarity on how this will impact parliamentary seats

I don't know enough about the changes in the south and impact on Birdwell but in general not using the M1 as a boundary I think is a mistake as connections are not good and communities don't cross over - see comments below on Dodworth which I think is really disappointing

Also, from my understanding of housing growth (I work in local economics/planning), I think the figures you use for estimated new electors are quite off and don't really factor in some big upcoming developments at MU1 site (around Dodworth/Barugh Green), Hoyland and Royston. Given these boundaries will be in place for some time, I think it needs to provide clarity and reflect these new builds in upcoming changes.

Athersley

Original name of St Helens represents the mix of communities within the ward (Athersley North, South, New Lodge and Smithies) so would disagree changing the name as just unnecessary

Moving the houses on the St Helens side of Rotherham road field makes sense

Monk Bretton - my ward

Makes sense to include Carlton within one ward

Adjusting the boundary to include houses on the top end of Burton Rd makes sense

Ward could be renamed to reflect how it includes all of Monk Bretton, Lundwood and Carlton (maybe West Green)

Central

I think Worsborough Common should be included to help with the numbers as it is just outside and has much of a case to be included as Hoyle Mill and the Brettas Park estate as communities close (within walking distance) to the town centre without local centres/high streets.

Dodworth & Old Town

Appreciate the numbers with Dodworth and Old Town but really doesn't make sense that the Dodworth boundary comes all the way down Dodworth Rd where they are physically divided from Dodworth by the motorway

I think the likes of Pogmoor and Gawber should be incorporated into Old Town or Kingstone ward and Horizon should be fully included in one ward

The Dodworth ward is in the Penistone and Stocksbridge which is why the boundaries here have big implications for the community/area on the east of the M1 as they are physically separated from the rest of the electoral ward AND parliamentary seat.

I would hope that there was a way to figure out the numbers to use the M1 as a clear boundary which would not only make sense but also provide clarity to residents in that area who are very close to the town centre and are likely to work and spend time in the town centre (and be impacted by spillover from issues such as crime there).

Hope it is useful



Attached Documents:

None attached