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I am aware of the new proposals of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council regarding the Boundary Review and the proposal to move the Parish of Stainborough into the new rural Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersley Ward.

I wish to register my OBJECTION to this proposal due to the reasons listed

- Stainborough Parish has always been in Penistone East Ward, and is situated within that Ward with 8 other rural Parish Councils
- Penistone East Ward and Stainborough Parish are both of a rural nature. Stainborough Parish community identifies as a strong rural community and it is important that the community retains this identity .
- Stainborough Parish has 350 electoral residents, so the proposal to move such a small amount of electors from their longstanding rural ward

appears to be unnecessary to equalise the number of electors in Penistone East Ward as the sum of the planned new housing in Dodworth at this moment will surpass the total number of Stainborough Parish residents alone.

- Stainborough Parish residents have excellent community ties with Penistone in all aspects such as education, medical, leisure, retail and commercial. This link is not apparent with Dodworth or Tankersley. Bus routes from the villages of Stainborough Parish to Penistone are available but none for Dodworth or Tankersley. Children from our parish attend nursery and primary schools in the local villages of Silkstone Common and Thurgoland not Dodworth or Tankersley and from there to Penistone Grammar School.
- The proposal from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council is for a new rural Ward made up of Dodworth, Tankersley and Stainborough. This new Ward may be rural in name but not in nature and this is a point of concern.
- Both Dodworth and Tankersley have direct access to motorway links unlike Stainborough parish.
- Stainborough Parish is rural in its nature. Dodworth and Tankersley have large industrial, commercial and retail sites. Stainborough Parish has none of these sites, it has a strong rural community.
- Stainborough Parish has many Conservation areas, sites of Biodiversity, and historical interest which include the National Trust managed Wentworth Castle and Gardens. Stainborough Parish is mainly in the Green Belt. This is not the same however in the areas of Dodworth and Tankersley.
- Many issues that arise within the two small villages that make up Stainborough Parish can be deemed as rural in nature, and these issues are immensely different from the issues of larger urban areas. Currently Stainborough Parish Council has support from other local parish councils who have or have previously had similar issues. It is perceived that larger urban areas such as Dodworth and Tankersley would be limited in this support as it does not face the same issues.
- At present Stainborough Parish in the Penistone East Ward sits along side many similar rural parishes, however in the new proposed Ward the 350 residents within the Stainborough Parish will sit along side Dodworth with more that 10,000 residents and Tankersley with around 2,000 residents. The main concern is the small Stainborough Parish would not have a voice to be heard due to its size comparison with Dodworth and Tankersley.
- For Stainborough Parish residents/electors there is no affinity with Dodworth or Tankersley.

I wish to OBJECT to the proposal of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and want to register my OBJECTION to move Stainborough Parish out of Penistone East Ward into the new Ward of Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersley.

Signed

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Attached Documents:

None attached