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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the Boundary Review proposal put forward by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to move Stainborough Parish from Penistone East into a new rural ward – Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersley.

Stainborough Parish of 350 electors is a rural area which sits, and has done for 50 years, within the Penistone East Ward along with eight other rural Parish Councils sharing the same concerns and issues that arise in rural areas and to which we can relate. Stainborough Parish is made up of the two small villages of Stainborough and Hood Green with most of the parish being in green belt. There is a strong bond connecting both villages. Our parish is extremely fortunate to have within its boundary the superb Wentworth Castle Gardens with its biodiversity, conservation areas and twenty-six listed buildings and monuments. Our rural landscape, farms and homes blend well into this Grade I Listed Garden's parkland. There is no industrial usage within the parish. As a resident I know that those living in the parish have a strong rural community identity and people are most anxious to keep this much valued identity.

Linkages are to our neighbouring villages in Penistone East. Children in the parish go to primary school at Silkstone Common or Thurgoland and then follow on to Penistone Grammar School. Our parish church is All Saints Church, Silkstone with Stainborough Parish and it is here that the parish records are held after St James's Church in Stainborough was deconsecrated approximately 25 years ago. The bus service that runs through Stainborough and Hood Green goes to Penistone winding its way through several of our neighbouring rural parishes before finally completing the journey at Ingbirchworth. This bus service allows residents to reach these villages and to shop and access essential facilities in Penistone ie doctors' surgeries, opticians, pharmacies, post office, library and recreational amenities. This in turn helps to support the economic sustainability of this old market town. As you can see there is a strong relationship between Stainborough Parish and the areas in Penistone East and to Penistone town itself.

In contrast, Dodworth is urban in nature with its high electoral role, hotels, several industrial estates and access to the M1 for general commuters and transport using the industrial estates. I understand that housing to be erected shortly in Dodworth will increase the elector numbers by more than the entire number of residents in Stainborough Parish. At one time Dodworth had its own Urban District Council; the council offices still stand today. Dodworth then was very much smaller and less industrialised but still named **urban** so I cannot understand why Barnsley Council should now, as a much-enlarged conurbation, consider

Dodworth to be **rural**. There is no kinship between the tight-knit rural community of Stainborough Parish and Dodworth whatsoever. No public transport exists to link the two.

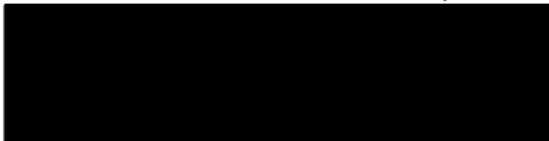
Tankersley, while smaller than Dodworth, has a much higher elector number than Stainborough Parish and like Dodworth it has industrial estates and access to the M1. Again, there is no public transport to link Stainborough to Tankersley and there is no affinity with this area.

I feel the issues that face urban areas such as Dodworth will differ vastly to those encountered by our small rural parish. The Parish Council currently has support from our surrounding small rural parish councils who may have similar issues to our own. A big concern is that in the newly created ward Stainborough Parish will not have all the support it needs and be more than overshadowed by such bigger associates.

I strongly oppose the proposal that Stainborough Parish move to the new **rural?** ward of Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersley.

**Penistone East Ward is where Stainborough Parish has lasting rural community links
and to keep our rural community identity
Penistone East Ward is where Stainborough Parish should remain**

Yours faithfully

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