

# Barnsley

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**Related subject:** Stainborough

Please see attached objection letter regarding the proposal to move Stainborough Parish to a new ward.

## Attached Documents:

- attachment-1.pdf

Objection to the Local Government Boundary Commission – Stainborough Parish, Barnsley, South Yorkshire review

Hi,

I have been made aware of the proposals of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council regarding the Boundary Review, and the proposal to move Stainborough Parish into a new rural ward "Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersley Ward".

**I wish to register my objection to this proposal for the following reasons:**

- My family run a working farm and it is extremely important to us that the village we live in retains its rural community identity and have the support of other farmers in our ward. Stainborough Parish has always been in the Penistone East Ward and sits in that Ward alongside 8 other rural Parish Councils. I do not feel that joining a Ward with Dodworth would provide the same rural community for my family.
- Stainborough Parish residents have strong community ties with Penistone, Silkstone & Silkstone Common for Education, GP Practice and Church. Children from the Stainborough Parish have always attended school in Silkstone Common and then on to Penistone Grammar as this is closest to where we live. Having strong community ties with local residents is absolutely crucial in a child's development, and this would be impacted if children were to have to attend schools further away in Dodworth and Tankersley. As I plan to have children that live in this ward I feel very strongly about this.
- Me & my family, attend church at Silkstone and this church is affiliated with the Church of St James Stainborough (deconsecrated). I was christened there & attended the church Sunday School with the same children I went to school with in our Ward. The Church at Silkstone helped to fund the upkeep of Wentworth Castle & gardens for many years before it was taken over by the National Trust so our links as a Parish to Silkstone & Silkstone Common are heavily invested.
- Unlike the current situation in Penistone East Ward, whereby Stainborough Parish sits alongside similar size parishes, in the proposed new Ward Stainborough Parish (350 residents) will sit alongside Dodworth over 10,000 and Tankersley approx. 2,000 residents. I have concerns that Stainborough Parish would not be able to make its voice heard.
- Stainborough Parish is very rural in nature. Dodworth and Tankersley both have industrial and commercial sites whereas Stainborough Parish has a strong rural community identity with no industrial or commercial areas.
- Stainborough Parish has numerous sites of Biodiversity, Conservation areas and areas of historic interest, such as Wentworth Castle and Gardens are managed by the National Trust, with the vast majority of the Parish in the Green belt. This is not the same for Dodworth or Tankersley.
- Stainborough Parish, as 2 small villages have concerns & issues including crime facing smaller rural villages which are vastly different to those issues facing larger urban areas. Currently there is support from other local rural parish councils who may have similar problems as Stainborough Parish. I feel that this support would be lost if we merge with the 2 larger areas of Dodworth & Tankersley.
- Stainborough Parish is only 350 electors, so moving such a small number of residents from the rural Ward we have been in for a number of years seems to be unnecessary to equalise the number of electors in Penistone East Ward. To put this into context the new housing planned in the Dodworth area will exceed the actual number of residents in Stainborough Parish.

Overall, for me and many other residents of Stainborough Parish, we have no affinity with either Dodworth or Tankersley. We have deep rooted and very strong ties with the Penistone East ward that dates back a long time and I do not feel that there has been adequate reason given for this to be changed.

I wish to object to the proposals of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and wish to register my objection to move Stainborough Parish out of Penistone East Ward into a new Ward of Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersley.

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