

# Barnsley

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**Related subject:** Proposal to move Stainborough Parish from Penistone East into a new ward with Dodworth and Tankersley

Dear Sirs,

With regards to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's recommendation to the LGBC to move Stainborough Parish from the Penistone East Ward, where it has sat for many years alongside other rural parishes of a similar size, into a new ward with Dodworth and Tankersley, I wish to voice my objection.

Stainborough Parish consists of 2 tiny villages/hamlets (Stainborough and Hood Green). Totalling around 350 residents, we are located in a conversation area with the National Trust property, Wentworth Castle and Gardens, located directly between the two. We have a strong rural community identity and face similar issues to the other rural parishes that also currently make up the Penistone East Ward.

Dodworth and Tankersley, on the other hand, are large, commercial and urban areas with vastly different issues.

With over 10,000 residents in Dodworth and c2,000 in Tankersley there is a genuine concern that Stainborough Parish will struggle to make its voice heard if placed in this new ward. Whilst described by BMBC as a new rural ward, there is little evidence to support this and a fear that it will only be rural in name and not nature.

Also, it is arguable that being such a small Parish our contribution to improving electoral equality is negligible in this instance, especially when

there is significant housing development in Dodworth that will add 1,000 new electors by 2029.

As a community Stainborough and Hood Green have strong ties to Penistone. My children went to school in Silkstone Common, a neighbouring Parish which is also part of the Penistone East Ward, and then on the Penistone Grammar. There is however little affinity with either Dodworth or Tankersley.

I strongly feel that the Electoral Review recommendations proposed by BMBC do not reflect our community identity and that the council has not acknowledged the objections or properly consulted with the residents of Stainborough Parish to this review.

I therefore wish the Boundary Commission to note my objection to the proposal to move Stainborough Parish out of the Penistone East Ward into a new Ward with Dodworth and Tankersley.

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## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*