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Dear Sir/Madam,

Local Government Boundary Commission Barnsley, Review

May I express my dismay when being informed of BMBCs proposals to link Stainborough Parish with Dodworth and Tankersley, via an extraordinary Parish Council meeting that was called by Stainborough Parish council on the 8th of August.

I would like to officially OBJECT to this proposal for the following reasons:

I can see no correlation with the above proposal as Stainborough and Hood Green have nothing in common with these two very large communities. Dodworth alone is more like a small Town with their population being off the scale in relation to Stainborough and the same applies to Tankersley.

Both Dodworth and Tankersley are very much geared up for commercial industry, also having direct access to the M1 Motorway. With Dodworth heading towards 11,000 residents, with further new builds proposed and Tankersley already at 2,000, it is clear to see that that Stainborough would be swamped with our 350 electorates and would, I feel, certainly have no say in any new proposals or rural protection. We are indeed a very rural and close-knit community with a community Hall, a busy local Pub and Pocket Park for our children to play in locally. I am also, led to understand that if Stainborough Parish Council were no longer in existence then the "gift" of use to them of the Pocket Park recreational ground by Wentworth Castle, would be taken from the village as it was only bequeathed to the village by the Wentworth Castle Estate whilst the Parish Council existed. We have no connections with Dodworth and Tankersley. We don't even have a bus route to these communities. Our links for Doctors, Churches, Schools etc is Penistone East which is also very rural area, and rural areas understand each other's problems.

As is Penistone East, Stainborough Parish is without a doubt a rural parish, being surrounded by open countryside, by ancient woodlands, and we are immensely proud to have the magnificent Wentworth Castle a Grade 1 listed building and its protected gardens in the centre of the parish and indeed within a very short walk for our residents.

This proposal came as quite a shock as residents only found out about the proposal on the 8th of August 2024 although the process we understand actually started in October 2023. The reason for this is that we are now told that BMBCs preferred choice was firstly High Hoyland with Dodworth and secondly Silkstone Common with Dodworth, but these first two proposals

were not upheld by the Boundary commission as they did not feel this worked well and that these two communities had closer links with Penistone East Ward. I also understand that the High Hoyland proposal was dismissed by the boundary commission, and it received just three objections, but the commission did not feel the changes were suitable. Therefore, I would think that the proposal for Stainborough Parish with its close links to Thurgoland, Silkstone common and Penistone East would surely fall under the same criteria, especially as our village children go and have historically gone to Thurgoland, Silkstone and then Penistone schools which should tell you all that you need to know.

BMBC seem to have tried to push this through as their first and second choices have failed which once again should tell you everything about this proposal as BMBC didn't think it was a viable option to initially put this option forwards.

I would again reiterate that our community has no links whatsoever with Dodworth or Tankersley and we are a vastly different small rural village, and all I can see if this takes place is that we would have no say in any decision making at all. Dodworth and Tankersley would just push everything through to suit their ever-expanding industrial way of life which is certainly not what we are about.

For the reasons above which is only the tip of the iceberg, I would hope that the Boundary Commission will look closely at this proposal from BMBC, recognise that we are not a compatible fit with Dodworth and Tankersley and help us protect our very small yet beautiful rural community, by maintaining its historic links with the rural communities of Penistone East.

I would therefore like to confirm my absolute OBJECTION to BMBCs proposal to move Stainborough Parish out of Penistone East and into a new Dodworth, Tankersley and Stainborough ward.

Yours Sincerely

