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Local Government Boundary Commission – Barnsley, South Yorkshire review

I was very upset to learn about the new proposals of BMBC regarding the Boundary Review including the proposal to move Stainborough Parish into a new rural ward "Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersley Ward.

I understand the following are factors that the BCE may take into account in establishing constituencies: Local Ties, Local Geography, and Existing Boundaries. With these in mind I wish to register my **objection** to this proposal for the following reasons:

- Stainborough Parish as two small villages has only 350 electors, so moving such a small number of residents from the rural Ward they have been in for a number of years seems to be un-necessary to equalise the number of electors in Penistone East Ward as new housing planned in the Dodworth area will exceed the actual number of residents in Stainborough Parish
- Stainborough Parish has always been in the Penistone East Ward and sits in that Ward along side 8 other rural Parish Councils
- Stainborough Parish is a rural community with a sense of itself and a feeling of camaraderie. This needs to be recognised by sensible investment to meet these rural needs, not the diversion of interests to larger areas who have expanding urban businesses. Currently there is support from other local rural parish councils who may have similar issues as Stainborough Parish.
- The proposal of BMBC is the creation of a new rural Ward which will consist of Dodworth, Tankersley and Stainborough. However, there is concern that this will be rural in name but not in nature. Dodworth and Tankersley both have direct access to the M1 motorway links, Stainborough does not.
- Stainborough Parish residents have strong community ties with Penistone including for recreation, education and commercial use. There is no link for residents with Dodworth. For example, there are bus services from the villages of Hood Green and Stainborough (which make the Stainborough Parish) but none to Dodworth. Children school in local villages of Silkstone Common and Thurgoland, then onto Penistone Grammar, not to Dodworth.
- Unlike the current situation in Penistone East Ward, whereby Stainborough Parish sits alongside similar parishes, in the proposed new Ward Stainborough Parish (350 residents) will sit alongside Dodworth over 10,000 and Tankersley approx. 2,000 residents. The concern is that Stainborough Parish would not be able to make its voice heard as it is a very small parish compared to Dodworth and Tankersley.
- Stainborough Parish has numerous sites of Biodiversity, Conservation areas and areas of historic interest, such as Wentworth Castle and Gardens 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.
- Overall for Stainborough Parish residents there is no affinity with either Dodworth or Tankersley

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.

Signed ...

