

Barnsley

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Comment text:

I have been made aware of the new proposals of BMBC with regarding the Boundary Review including 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:

- The stated reason for moving Stainborough Parish is to equalise the number of electors in Penistone East Ward. As Stainborough Parish has only 350 electors moving such a small number of residents from the rural Ward they have been in for many years seems to be un-necessary as new housing planned in the Dodworth area will exceed the actual number of residents in Stainborough Parish.
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- Stainborough Parish has always been in the Penistone East Ward and sits in that Ward alongside 8 other rural Parish Councils. In the proposed new Ward Stainborough Parish (350 residents) will sit alongside Dodworth over 10,000 and Tankersley approx. 2,000 residents. My concern is that the voice of Stainborough Parish residents would not be heard as it is a very small parish when compared to Dodworth and Tankersley.
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- Penistone East Ward is rural in nature and Stainborough Parish is a rural community. Stainborough Parish has a strong rural community identity, and it is important for us (residents) to retain and protect this rural community identity. For example, Stainborough Parish has numerous sites of Biodiversity, Conservation areas and areas of historic interest, such as Wentworth Castle Gardens managed by the National Trust, with the vast majority of the Parish in the Green Belt. This does not apply to Dodworth or Tankersley.

- 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.
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- 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.
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- Stainborough Parish, as 2 small villages, has a number of issues which arise which can be said to be rural in nature. The issues facing smaller rural villages are vastly different to those issues facing larger urban areas. Currently we benefit from support from other local rural parish councils who may have similar issues. My concern is that urban areas such as Dodworth would prioritise urban issues facing the majority of residents over rural issues affecting Stainborough residents who would be in the minority.
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- 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.

Attached Documents:

None attached