

Middlesbrough

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Comment text:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been a resident of Middlesbrough for over 40 years and currently live in the Marton West ward.

I am writing to you with regard to the draft proposals by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to redraw the boundaries between Middlesbrough's wards. I am troubled hearing that, after The Overview and Security Board Members had worked diligently in a non-partisan effort on a joint Council submission led by the Labour Party, it transpired that the Labour Party had submitted their own alternative proposal.

With regard to the boundaries:

1) Nunthorpe Ward

Grey Towers Village

This development is accessed directly from Dixons Bank (A172). This estate should stay within the Nunthorpe ward and take in Borrowby Rise and Plantation View for community cohesion.

Nunthorpe Parish Council has consulted with residents and they support this view.

2) Marton West Ward

Debrus Park

The residents of Debrus Park have more connection with Marton West than they do with Nunthorpe . They are also closer to Marton West and are included in the Marton West Neighbourhood Plan.

This view is one that is supported by both the Marton West Community Council and Nunthorpe Parish Council. Both organisations represent the views of residents in their respective wards.

Marton Manor

Marton West has very limited facilities, having only a filling station, a limited number of specialist shops, a public house and no Church or Community Centre of its own to use.

Marton Manor is separated only by The Parkway A174 and is connected by a bridge to the rest of Marton West on the western side of the A172. Marton Manor has its own Cricket Club and a Church with a large Church Hall that is available to the whole community. There are also two pubs.

If Marton Manor is brought into Marton West it will bring some much needed community facilities to the residents of Marton West. There is no connection with Marton East which runs from Stainton Way to the hospital on the East side of the A172.

This view up is supported by the Marton West Community Council.

The Community Council meetings could be held in the Church Hall instead of having to rely on the goodwill of the pub landlord to hold them in the sports bar. St Cuthberts Church is attended by residents of Marton West. My children attended Sunday School here and my grandchildren have attended play groups.

Stainton and Stainsby Hall Farm (New Ward)

I lived in Thornton for a number of years and would like to object to the following green spaces being removed from their current wards and placed into the newly proposed ward name of Stainton and Stainsby Hall Farm.

A. Mandale Field/Meadows currently in Ayresome Ward. Access is via Mandale Road.

B. The field next to Acklam Grange Secondary School and currently in Kader Ward. Direct access from residents living in Trimdon and Kader Ward and within 10 minutes walking distance from Mandale Road.

C. Newfield Village Green currently in Trimdon Ward. Direct access from residents living in Trimdon and Kader Ward, within 15 minutes walking distance from Mandale Road.

In this instance it would be appropriate for The Parkway A174 to be the cut off point for the Stainton & Stainsby Hall Farm ward. There are currently no plans to build houses in any of the green spaces mentioned above A,B & C, therefore there would be no change to electoral numbers now or in the future. The ward arrangements for this area have worked well for decades and should remain unchanged.

Ayresome Ward

This current name is misleading and creates confusion as to whereabouts in Middlesbrough the ward is located. Acklam North is a more succinct name than the Acklam West & Whinney Banks name that is being proposed and has historical connotations to the area.

Any changes to the boundaries must reflect the views of residents and their elected representatives. They need to be both objective and convenient for local people.

The interests and identities of communities is paramount and any changes supported by evidence of community links rather than the political preference of the current Labour leadership.

I would be grateful if the Boundary Commission would take my comments into consideration when moving boundaries and changing names.

Yours faithfully

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Attached Documents:

- ayresome-ward.jpg

**ACKLAM EAST
& TOLLESBY**

Site 10/05/12
A. Mandale Field

Site 10/05/12
**B. Acklam Grange
School**

Site 10/05/12
**C. Newfield Vill-
age Green**

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**BROOKFIELD &
TRIMDON**

Site 10/05/12
A174

**STANTON &
STAINSBY
HALL FARM**

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