

Middlesbrough

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Related subject: AYRESOME WARD

I thank the boundary review office for their hard work producing this draft boundary review and welcoming the publics comments.

Local resident information is key to getting this plan right. My wife, Cllr Young proposed for no boundary changes to Ayresome Ward and I agree. We've lived here 20 years and she is active all over the ward. We have lots of friends in the area and family. I certainly don't sense that living South of Mandale Road that I'm not linked to Whinney Banks. I used to go to Whinney Banks Youth Club as a teenager and I grew up in North Ormesby. I used to play football matches against Whinney Banks FC, we all knew each other then and still do.

On 4th August 2024 we had rioting in Middlesbrough Town Centre which caused a lot of damage to property but more damage was caused mentally to the communities of the town. On Monday 5th August, all religious groups, community groups, residents of all nationalities came together to clean up our town. One community working together and helping each other. I thank the board for rejecting the labour proposal to place the Heythrop area into Kader Ward as we belong in Ayresome ward where we are connected by a great community. Labelling communities is wrong and divisive.

I expect placing the field off Mandale road into Stainton ward is an error. The Stainton ward should be divided by the major road being the A174. At a residents meeting on Thursday 15th August, the conservative Cllr, David Coupe stated he didn't want the green spaces from Acklam adding into his Stainton ward and the A174 should be the divide. I would ask that Mandale Field off Mandale Road be kept in the currently named Ayresome Ward.

My wife has always been interested in history, particularly the history of Middlesbrough and she regularly has resident meet ups to discuss the history of the town. It's not a passion of mine but I can see from the amount of work she has put into her proposal to rename Ayresome Ward to Acklam North that it was not a competition to find the best name but to keep the history of our area alive. I fully support the name change to Acklam North.

Attached Documents:

None attached