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Related subject: Local Government Boundary Commission - Barnsley, South Yorkshire review

Good Evening, I've been made aware of the proposal from BMBC to move my Stainborough Parish into a new rural ward "Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersley Ward".

I would like to register my objection to the proposal for the following reasons;

Stainborough Parish is a small rural parish that has always been in the Penistone East Ward along with 8 other Parish Councils. Moving our parish in with Dodworth & Tankersley will, I feel, make Stainborough's views insignificant against the scale and differing priorities of the proposed ward. This will therefore mis-represent the community.

Penistone East Ward aligns with Stainborough in its rural nature. It is important that Stainborough retains its alliance with a rural ward sharing its values, challenges and priorities. Whilst the new ward of Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersley has been declared a rural ward - the view is that this is in name only. Dodworth and Tankersley have industrial and commercial areas as well as direct access to the M1, superior road infrastructure and more regular public transport timetables.

Within Penistone East Ward the Stainborough Parish (c350 electors) sit alongside other parishes. I am informed that within the Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersley Ward, Stainborough will sit alongside >10,000 Dodworth residents and c2,000 Tankersley residents. The concern is that Stainborough Parish would not have a voice when diluted against the views of c12,000 other residents, especially given the different nature of those areas.

Stainborough parish residents have strong community links with Penistone. I attended Thurgoland Primary School, then Pensitone Grammar

(secondary and sixth form) and the Penistone scout group. Secondary schooling at Penistone was possible on public transport with 1 bus ride. The alternative, Horizon, is neither walking distance nor 1 bus ride. All possible because of the continued links and relationship with Pensitone.

Stainborough parish has numerous sites of biodiversity, conservation areass and areas of historic interest, such as the Wentworth Castle Gardens (currently managed by the National Trust). The majority of our parish is green belt. Dodworth and Tankersely have a very different makeup.

In short the issues and challenges faced by Stainborough parish are very different to those in Dodworth and Tankersley. By moving Stainborough the alliance with other rural parishes to tackle shared problems will be lost.

I wish to formally object to the proposal of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Coucil and wish to register my objection to move Stainborough Parish out of Penistone East Ward into a new Ward of Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersely.

Attached Documents:

None attached