

# Barnsley

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## Comment text:

I want to make my views known to the board regarding the above review and the proposal made by Barnsley Council

I am an ex resident of Tankersley and spent many happy years living there and always had as many other residents did a strong affinity with Birdwell Hoyland common and Hoyland but never towards Stainborough or Dodworth . Very quickly after moving to Hood Green - one of two villages comprising Stainborough parish - we became aware of the many differences compared to our previous location We quickly looked towards Thurgoland which at that time still had a post office and further north west to Penistone with it's markets selection of shops schools dentist opticians and railway station. Stainborough children don't attend Dodworth or Tankersley schools both of which I'm sure have excellent schools but Silkstone common and then on to Penistone.

We were only aware of Dodworth if we travelled by bus through to Barnsley. The bus service no longer even travels through Dodworth and there has never been a bus linking Stainborough to Tankersley. So we haven't got that connection with the two proposed areas instead we have a bus route through the parish on to Thurgoland out to Penistone and onwards through to Ingebirchworth through very rural areas .

My son is a resident of Tankersley and my daughter lives in Dodworth so I am very aware of these areas and the many differences between them and Stainborough parish . Stainborough is more rural than Tankersley part of which is in the green belt and even more so when compared to Dodworth. Both these areas have trading estates and access to the motorway. Stainborough has neither but it does have a tourist attraction - Stainborough castle - which is a very rural location together with conservation and strong biodeversity areas.

Stainborough parish has

around 340 or so electors against probably 2000 in Tankersley and perhaps 10000 or 11000 in Dodworth. Also this number is set to grow with the new housing which has been proposed for Dodworth. I understand new housing alone will out number the number of residents in Stainborough parish The views/voice of its two small villages could well be lost. It's's percentage will be very small and it's needs and outlook will continue to be

different.

In the report from BMBC they place great importance on embedded identities enough to use those words as a heading. They highlight several instances of embedded identity and use these for wards to remain as they are. But in the case of Stainborough identity is over looked and to label the proposed new ward - with the biggest number of residents being in Dodworth - as rural seems a clumsy attempt to divert attention from the huge difference and needs of Dodworth and Stainborough compared to Stainborough.

In conclusion Stainborough residents recognise themselves as part of Penistone East ward and it's similar rural communities and has never had any links or affinity to either Dodworth or Tankersley areas. As BMBC point out building new local ward identities takes a significant amount of time and effort. In the case of "Dodworth Stainborough & Tankersley rural ward" the task would be monumental. Unachievable?

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Resident of Hood Green Stainborough parish.

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BMBC & Stainborough P C

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*