

Barnsley

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Comment text:

Related subject: Pilley and Tankersley

I have reviewed the proposed boundary changes and would like to object to the proposal to move Pilley and Tankersley into the Rockingham ward.

I have lived in Pilley for over a year now with my husband, who has lived in Pilley for over 7 years.

The area feels distinct and has a unique character that is quite obviously separate from the nearest built up area of Birdwell and Hoyland common. It is rural, quiet and peaceful.

My objections are based on the areas assessed:

Transport links
Interests
Community groups
Identifiable boundaries
Facilities

Our village has three routes into it. A single track lane with passing points connects our village to Birdwell. It is a long narrow road and is not

considered a main route by us given the narrowness and difficulty getting up and down it. The second route connects our village to Wortley. This is a country lane again, that is winding and twisting but is considered a better route out of the village. The final route connects Tankersley to the dual carriage way where you can either go West towards upper Sheffield or towards Pensitone and Manchester, or East towards the M1. Public transport is limited. We have a bus once an hour.

Our transport links often shape how we view an area. Because of our links, we tend to favour heading towards Penistone using the route to Wortley when travelling locally. When travelling further afield we obviously favour the M1 link or bypass towards Upper Sheffield or Stocksbridge. We really only use the link across the M1 into Birdwell if heading to Barnsley and this is less often than the other two.

Our village is rural in character and nature. Most local people are concerned about the local environment and have an interest in agriculture. Whether that is farming commercially from the farms we have in the village or having a go on the allotments or in gardens. Quite a lot of residents do grow their own food surprisingly. Given we have a lot of parkland and woodland, there is a lot of interest in walking and protecting these spaces as well. These issues are shared most similarly by people in Wortley, Crane Moor and Oxspring, and significantly less so by people in Birdwell and Hoyland.

Our village has a strong sense of identity. This can be seen the physical character of the place and the community groups that are present. We have a parish council with a parish hall and local churches for the parish. The community is fairly insular and separate from nearby Birdwell. We have local Facebook groups where people are mostly concerned about the environment of the village and protecting the area.

There are some obvious identifiable boundaries that separate us from Birdwell and Hoyland. The M1 being the most obvious. But in terms of landscape, it is pretty apparent - there is a small stream or dyke that follows the course of the M1 or vice versa and creates a shallow valley that the M1 sits in. To reach Birdwell the road is fairly steep down into the valley before crossing the m1 and climbing back up the other side. There is an obvious and distinct separation between Pilley and the East in the landscap that is visible.

The change in landscape does actually create a difference in local weather patterns! Most noticeably in winter. You can often see the clouds cut off between East and West at the M1. When it snows it is really obvious. The snow to the west of the M1 is always significantly worse than to the East. This is a phenomenon I've witnessed my whole life.

Finally in terms of boundaries, the whole character of the area so obviously changes from rural to urban when crossing the M1 threshold. Pilley is rural, quiet and sleepy. East of the M1 is distinctly urban and different in character.

Facilities:

We primarily visit Penistone for local shopping. Using the Coop there along with hair dressers etc. it is easier to get to than Hoyland given the carnage that is J36 now. Penistone us more pleasant and similar to our own little village. We visit our local pubs in Wortley and the Cock inn just over the M1. The only facilites we use east of the M1 really are the services (petrol / greggs) and this is when we are travelling further afield via the M1. This would be no different to using a motorway services and hardly something we consider to be our local area. I work in Leeds and my husband works in Derby. Something we find in common with a lot of our neighbours is that we all commute further afield on the M1 but live very

locally. I think it's the contrast between a long busy commute somewhere busy and wanting to live in a small peaceful village. I cannot say this is a similarly held by those east of the M1, where I know that a lot work within that area and the lifestyle is very different.

Given all the above, I would object to moving the boundary. We have stronger historic, cultural and social ties with Penistone than we do with Hoyland or Birdwell. And the transport network doesn't persuade us to integrate with Hoyland and Birdwell.

We want to maintain our local environment, and view a tie up with Birdwell and Hoyland would damage our community.

Attached Documents:

None attached