

Middlesbrough

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Marton West Community Council

Response to Boundary Commission draft recommendations on new electoral arrangements for Middlesbrough

The Marton West Community Council has considered a number of options with regard to the potential boundary changes proposed for the Marton West ward in Middlesbrough

These include:

1. Do minimum - Borrowby Rise and Plantation View to be transferred from Marton West ward to Nunthorpe and
2. Increase boundary of Marton West ward with the addition of Marton Manor

Both Marton West (-2%) and Nunthorpe (0%) better meet the Boundary Commission criteria by remaining with the current boundaries, subject to the transfer of the two roads to Nunthorpe

Significantly, the Marton West Community Council is also proposing the transfer of Marton Manor into Marton West. The logic behind this proposal is that the current Marton West ward does not have a church or community facility within its existing boundaries. Historically, Marton

West Community Council has held its public meetings at the Methodist church in Marton East and the community centre in Marton Manor. Marton Manor also resides on the West side of Marton as a whole area and would logically make sense to come under Marton West. Marton East already has a broad range of facilities available to its residents.

Our views on the draft recommendations made by the Boundary Commission for Marton West are as follows:

1. We support the transfer of Borrowby Rise and Plantation View to Nunthorpe
2. We do not support the transfer of Middlesbrough Golf Club, Brass Castle Lane, De Brus Park and Newham Hall Farm from Marton West ward to Nunthorpe

Our reasons for the above responses are provided below:

- The overall changes, as proposed by the Commission give a significant variance away from the average number of electors for Nunthorpe (10%) and worsen the position for Marton West (-8%)
- The transfer of Borrowby Rise and Plantation View is supported as the access to these roads is from Nunthorpe via the main Grey Towers development
- The transfer of Middlesbrough Golf Club, Brass Castle Lane, De Brus Park and Newham Hall Farm from Marton West ward to Nunthorpe is not supported as:
 - o There is no particular close relationship between these properties and the Nunthorpe ward. A meeting has been undertaken with Nunthorpe Parish Council and there is general agreement that Borrowby Rise and Plantation View should transfer to Nunthorpe, but Middlesbrough Golf Club, Brass Castle Lane, De Brus Park and Newham Hall Farm should remain in Marton West. Geographically this makes sense.
 - o Marton West already has its own Neighbourhood plan and Nunthorpe is in the process of developing its own. Part of Nunthorpe falls into Redcar and Cleveland, so there would be more merit in bringing the entirety of Nunthorpe together, removing part of it from Redcar and Cleveland, as opposed to introducing part of Marton West into Nunthorpe
 - o Marton West has its own Community Council, provides regular newsletters to all its residents and has recently undertaken significant consultation across its constituents to update its neighbourhood plan. Electors affected by the proposed move to Nunthorpe, are represented on the Community Council by a local resident

- o The area being proposed to move into Nunthorpe from Marton West, is the most remote part of Marton West in terms of distance from the 'centre' of Nunthorpe, again demonstrating that there is no logical community link or identity between Marton West and Nunthorpe.
- o Most of the area being proposed to move from Marton West to Nunthorpe had previously been part of the Coulby Newham ward, prior to the 2015 Boundary Commission changes. It is therefore illogical to move this part of the ward that has been established in Marton West, into Nunthorpe.

Sincerely
David Jackson
Councillor for Marton West and vice chair of Marton West Community Council

(I should be very grateful if you would confirm receipt this submission)

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Attached Documents:

None attached