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Related subject: Stainton and Thornton

I recognise that change is necessary over the coming years. I have lived in Thornton all my life, and understand the area very well. As a member of the Planning Committee and as the local councillor I am aware of the future development of the area.

If we take the area of Stainsby the total number of houses planned for this area alone is 2000 over the next 5 to 10 years. This will result in over 4000 residents.

The new Local Plan designates over 800 new houses near to The Sporting Lodge Stainton, with planning permission already being applied for 575 houses. This will result in between 1100 and 1700 new residents over the coming years. I am also surprised that you consider joining Stainsby with Stainton over a main dual carriageway, namely the A174 Parkway with no direct footpaths between the areas.

Hemlington Grange already has over 1500 houses planned with a further 275 in 3 fields near to the Larchfield Community and over 300 near to the Police Hub as well as over 40 at the Hemlington North Site. The council is also proposing at least 400 dwellings at Home Farm, Hemlington Grange, with another landowner wanting to build over 300 houses on the land between Stainton and Hemlington Grange. This adds up to more residents that even 2 ward councillors could sensibly handle.

The suggestion that OSB, of which I am a member submitted was to move Hemlington Grange into Coulby South. I personally would be very sad to lose that part of my current ward, but it would go some way to balance the figures which if the current suggestions go ahead, could result in a ward with over 6000 residents over the next 6 years, too large for even 2 councillors.

I hope you can consider these suggestions and I would be happy to discuss any of the points made.

I have attended meetings with both residents from Stainsby and Stainton, Thornton and Hemlington Grange and the vast majority feel that it would result in a much larger ward which would cause difficulties to all concerned.

Thank you.

Attached Documents:

None attached