

Middlesbrough

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Related subject: Marton East, Marton West, Coulby Newham (Nunthorpe)

As Vicar of the parish that covers Easterside, Marton and Coulby Newham a number of the ward areas are of particular interest to me. It does make sense to move Borrowby and Plantation Rise into Nunthorpe if they are part of Grey Towers Village. I can also see the logic of moving Brass Castle Lane etc into Nunthorpe. While the ecclesiastical parish boundary runs along Brass Castle Lane, this southern part of the parish is more rural, and thus in character is ore closely aligned with Nunthorpe.

Moving the Wickets and Memorial Drive into Marton West would not make any sense to me as they are closely linked with the historic Village core of Marton.

However, adding Marton Manor to Marton East ward does make sense. It is much more closely aligned in character with Marton than Easterside/ Beechwood. This represents a significant population, especially when combined with the new development south of James Cook Hospital (Rowan Park and Bracken Grange) - so I approve of the increase in councillors to 3 for Marton East.

I think James Cook & Roseberry Park Hospitals should stay within the Easterside Ward, otherwise Marton East ward becomes geographically very long.

Using Marton West Beck as a dividing line between wards makes sense too. In terms of naming I wonder if Marton North and Marton South make more sense once Marton Manor has been shifted.

The population of Orchid Gardens (south of Ladgate Lane in Kader ward) is not mentioned, and while the estate is still being built it is unclear where residents would identify with. However, with the golf centre removing them from most of the rest of the ward, I wonder whether they would be better served being included in Marton East (though this would make a slightly strange shaped ward) or Coulby (though the A174 would be a significant division there).

Attached Documents:

None attached