

# Middlesbrough

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Ayresome ward

I have lived in the ward of Ayresome as it is now, since 1986 and find the new proposed ward changes very confusing. Prior to Ayresome, we were in Kadar ward and some years ago we became Ayresome ward, which was strange as Ayresome area is miles from the area I live in, which is Acklam. While I agree the name is incorrect (Ayresome) I feel there are many points that have been overlooked when deciding the wards in this area of Middlesbrough.

1) The area of Downside Road, Corby Avenue, Stoneyhurst Avenue, Endsleigh Drive, Priory Road and Ashford Avenue have always considered as Acklam and have always been a part of Acklam. My grandparents bought 2 new houses in this area in the 1930's and the address was always Acklam. This area quite rightly should be in the same ward as the Heythrop area as both areas were early builds in Acklam.

2) The green space area known as Mandale meadow or Mandale field and the adjacent field has been put into Stainton ward, which again is very confusing, as the Stainton ward is miles away from this area. This area has always been used by the local community and is a huge part of our day to day life so should stay in the same ward as Heythrop. I can access the meadow from my garden.

3) In 2023 we, the electorates of Ayresome ward voted Jackie Young as our councillor, however in the new proposals Jackie Young would no longer be councillor for my ward. I did not vote in the Kader ward councillor and I am sure Jackie Young would agree that slicing the ward up would cause huge confusion and be very divisive to many of the local residents.

4) I. and other members of this community are at present creating a neighbourhood plan. Protection of the greenfield sites in Ayresome ward is very important to many of the residents and removing them from our ward is very divisive and Middlesbrough council are very aware of this. Slicing the ward up would remove some of the members from the neighbourhood plan.

5) The Ayresome ward, in terms of residents, has the correct councillor to resident ratio and the only change should be the name. This area of Acklam was one of the first areas of Acklam and I feel strongly that the name should reflect that. I agree that the name Acklam North should be used and the ward should not be sliced up.

Kind Regards Rob

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*