

Middlesbrough

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Related subject: Marton West

As a resident of Marton West, I wish to see the ward remain within its current boundaries for the following reasons:

1. Both Marton West (-2%) and Nunthorpe (0%) better meet the boundary commission criteria by remaining with the current boundaries
2. 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%)
3. There is no particular close relationship between Marton West and Nunthorpe wards. 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
4. 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
4. 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. 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. If there has to be a change, it would be more sensible to return it to Coulby newham

5. If the Commission wishes to change the Marton West boundary, it would be more sensible to run the boundary along the middle of brass castle lane, with properties at de Brus park and the Golf club remaining in Marton West and the properties on the opposite side of the road going into Nunthorpe. This would run from Arcadia garden centre at the B1365 junction through to Ford close riding centre development and the properties in the grey towers development that currently falls into Marton West,

6. The Commission acknowledges that there are limited transport links between the Marton West element of the ward proposed to be moved, with nunthorpe. There is no public transport that serves brass castle lane from the B1365. Residents on this end of Brass castle lane and de Brus park have to walk a mile to access bus services. There is no pavement to Brass castle lane nor street lighting.

7. Our ward accesses shops at Marton as opposed to Nunthorpe. As indicated, there is no particular affinity between the two wards. The only link could be the Nunthorpe sports club, although there are significant long standing political issues within the Nunthorpe community about the running of the facility

Attached Documents:

None attached