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Dear Sir / Madam

I hope you and your team are safe and well at this difficult time.

Since the publication of the Commission's latest draft proposals it has been revealed that Bassleton Beck is the demarcation between Ingleby Barwick and Thornaby. All land East of Bassleton Beck is in the town of Thornaby. Please see the link to the historic map:

https://www.archiuk.com/cgi-bin/build_nls_historic_map.pl?search_location=Thornaby+on-Tees%252C+Cleveland&latitude=54.555249&longitude=-1.305733

The map includes the word 'Maltby' with the exception of the letter 'M' (next to the A1044), the rest is all south east of the A1044 Low Lane. This supports the view that the land between Bassleton Beck and the A1044 remains in Thornaby. Bassleton Beck Valley has always been the boundary between Thornaby and IB, since IB no longer came under the administrative area of the municipality of Thornaby-on-Tees (1968). The natural boundary, usually guidance from the Boundary Commission, continued to serve to avoid coalescence between Thornaby and IB - recognised in the IB Master Plan and by the Planning Inspectorate.

This impacts two of the latest draft proposals:

1. IB South Ward – whilst changing the wards of IB again would be impractical in my view (apart from the small adjustment around IB East & West Ward), then perhaps a name change is required to reflect that part of this ward, east of Bassleton Beck, is in Thornaby.
2. Maltby Parish – if the land East of Bassleton Beck is in Thornaby, then this area should be included within its Town Council area and the precept paid to Thornaby Town Council. This would mean that Maltby Parish would only serve its village area. It could be potentially merged with Hilton Parish Council.

Methodology for the Above

One's heritage is extremely important, potentially above all else. If our heritage isn't retained you have nothing, no consistency, no belonging, no identity or sense of belonging. The latter should never be based upon the work of profiteers or development of towns and cities, but upon the history of our great country. So just because developers are to build 1,000 new properties on the land east of Bassleton Beck, it should not change the town within which it is located, Thornaby. Development signs state 'Ingleby Barwick' and in my initial comments I would have supported this view. However because of the above coming to light, I must ask the Commission to reconsider the above please.

Perhaps the issues I refer to in the paragraph above are best demonstrated by the changes to local government by the 1972 Local Government Act. This Act, which abolished some 'County Councils' from 1 April 1974, but did not abolish the historic counties, which pre-date Parliament. There was a statement issued at the time, that was included

in the order which created the new council administrative areas in 1974: "The new county boundaries are administrative areas only, and will not alter the traditional boundaries of counties, nor is it intended that the loyalties of people living in them will change despite the different names adopted by the new administrative counties." The complete opposite has happened.

These changes were coupled with a traffic order which allowed only administrative areas to be signed on the highway, with the historic county signs removed. Changes since to local government have led to complete confusion as to where people live and in which historic county. Local government has nothing to do with our heritage, County Councils were only introduced in 1889, yet the historic counties go back around 1,000 years. Our heritage, literally sold down England's rivers by the 1972 Act, by giving preference to organisations that fill pot holes and empty bins instead of our historic counties, it's putting the cart before the horse.

Kind Regards



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