

## Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

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ON BEHALF OF KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL WE WOULD LIKE TO STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE CHANGES TO YARM WARD ON BEHALF OF ALL ITS RESIDENTS. THE DISJOINTED PROPOSAL TO KEEP ONLY PART OF OUR PARISH IN THE YARM WARD WITH THE REMAINING PART BEING PLACED IN THE NEWLY FORMED SOUTHERN PARISHES WARD IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. F OUR PARISH IN THE YARM WARD WITH THE REMAINING PART BEING PLACED IN THE NEWLY FORMED SOUTHERN PARISHES WARD IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. WE HAVE NO HISTORIC AND PRESENT EVERYDAY LINKS WITH THE SOUTHERN PARISHES WHICH OFFER NO SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY OR COMMUNITY LINKS. THE PROPOSED SIZE IN TERMS OF AREA IS SO LARGE IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT ANY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR WILL HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OR CONNECTIONS TO ALL THE COMMUNITIES. TO COVER 4 PARISHES – INGLEYBY BARWICK, MALTBY, HILTON AND KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON AND GIVE THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT THAT IS EXPECTED AND REQUIRED WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. Kirklevington and Castle Leavington have always had strong community and historic links with Yarm. To split our Parish in two is totally unacceptable and unworkable as a community and would only promote confusion and concern for all our residents. This is NOT A PARISH REVIEW AND THE PARISH SHOULD NOT BE DIVIDED IN THIS WAY AND SHOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ONE WARD WITH IT'S BOROUGH COUNCILLORS WHICH PROMOTES CONTINUITY. Kirklevington and Castle Leavington is an ancient settlement which is documented as far back as the Domesday Book. To divide the Parish in this way would see Kirklevington Grange and Kirklevington Hall annexed from the village community together with many of our residents. OUR LINKS WITH YARM ARE LISTED BELOW: POSTAL ADDRESS: Kirklevington, YARM, TS15 EDUCATION: Link with local schools Kirklevington Primary, Layfield Primary, Yarm, Levendale Primary, Yarm and Conyers Academy, Yarm are all part of: THE 1590 TRUST Conyers School was first founded in 1590 to serve the community of Yarm and surrounding areas. It has a long and rich tradition of providing a first class education and playing a full role in the wider life of the town. Evolving from this, came the development of the 1590 Trust; a collaborative multi-academy trust comprising of a number of schools who have shared values and ethos. Together we feel we can do more for our local communities, students, parents and staff, with the ultimate aim of securing strong outcomes for all children and young people that prepare them for their next stage. HEALTH: Doctors, Midwives, District Nurses, Dentists, podiatry and opticians are all to be found in Yarm SERVICES Shops, (2) supermarkets, library, funeral directors, hairdressers, barbers, beauticians, florists, DIY shops, Pre School Nurseries are all in Yarm. Vets TRANSPORT: Train service (actually in Kirklevington Parish but called Yarm Station), nearest service bus in Yarm, Footpath and road links to Yarm. COMMERCIAL: Employment, garages, petrol stations, accountants, Insurance brokers, Banks, Building Societies, Post Office etc. SOCIAL: Restaurants, pubs, football training at Conyers, Karate centre, River Pursuits (sailing, canoeing, rowing, River Boat) CHURCHES: Roman Catholic Church in Yarm, Linked Church of England Churches - St. Mary Magdalene Church, Yarm, The Church of St. Martin and St. Hilary, Kirklevington and All Saints, Worsall. Nearest Methodist Church, Yarm FIRE SERVICE: Yarm Fire Station WE WOULD REITERATE THAT WE HAVE NO HISTORIC AND PRESENT EVERYDAY LINKS WITH THE SOUTHERN PARISHES AND WHICH OFFERS NO SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE SIZE OF THE SOUTHERN PARISHES AND SPREAD OF COMMUNITIES THAT IT WOULD NEED TO SERVE WITH ONLY ONE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO RECEIVING ANY SUPPORT. ALL OF KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH SHOULD REMAIN IN THE YARM WARD. FINALLY, CAN WE POINT OUT THAT • THE CONSULTATION RE THESE CHANGES HAS BEEN EXTREMELY LIMITED. TO TAKE THIS FORWARD DURING A PANDEMIC HAS RESULTED IN VERY LITTLE CONSULTATION BEING POSSIBLE WITH MOST RESIDENTS BECOMING SHOCKED THAT THESE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE NOW BEING DISCUSSED AT THE LAST MINUTE. DUE TO THE PANDEMIC IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO ORGANISE FACE TO FACE MEETINGS WITH RESIDENTS. DRAWING UP NOTICES TO DELIVER TO RESIDENTS HAS BEEN AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK AND NOT ONE THAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE COMFORTABLE TO TAKE ON. AND ALSO PUTTING UP NOTICES ON NOTICEBOARDS. AS A PARISH COUNCIL WE HAVE STRUGGLED TO KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED DUE TO THE LIMITATIONS OF

CONTACT WITH RESIDENTS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. IT IS ONLY NOW THAT WE ARE ABLE TO SUCESSFULLY INFORM RESIDENTS WITH A LEAFLET DROP WHICH DOES NOT GIVE RESIDENTS ENOUGH TIME TO RESPOND IN PERSON TO YOURSELVES. THESE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE DELAYED TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR ALL RESIDENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON ON TEES TO STUDY AND CONSIDER. STOCKTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, WHEN CONTACTED, HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OFFER ANY GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION. STOCKTON BOROUGH COUNCIL SHOULD BE GIVEN TIME TO CONSULT DIRECT WITH ALL RESIDENTS AND CONSULT WITH THEIR LOCAL TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS.

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