

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

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I currently reside in the current Grange field ward which would be abolished out of existence and rebranded as Newtown in your proposals. As a local resident I would like to raise my objection to this. I am aware that in terms of historic value Grange field is a relatively new area compared to Newtown, but there are estates in Stockton younger than Grange field that have been allowed to retain the community identity, I name both Parkfield/ Elmtree & Fairfield. I cannot understand the rationale the removal of a community identity which would cause a detrimental effect of the residents within the area notwithstanding the potential devaluing of properties within the area. My estate itself couldn't be further from current Newtown boundary as it stands is probably geographically closer to the New Fairfield south boundary which separated by the main round and local school which serves our local community - Grange field Academy which has been standing in one form or another since the early 1900s. I also make reference to the individual ward profiles as published by Stockton Borough and the extraction of data in comparison in published crime rates in both Grange field and Newtown available via the council website Grange field info - "Considering Community Safety, the Ward was the location for 1.6% of Stockton-on-Tees Borough's recorded crimes; 1.4% of domestic abuse crimes; 1.8% of recorded criminal damage and arson offences; 0.8% of recorded theft offences (excl. burglary, vehicle crime or robbery); and, 1.5% of all recorded anti-social behaviour incidents. In comparison with the Borough the North East and England, the Ward was the location for a lower rate per 1,000 people in respect of recorded crimes; criminal damage and arson; theft offences (excluding burglary, vehicle crime or robbery), and anti-social behaviour incidents per 1,000 people. In comparison with the Borough and England, the Ward rate per 1,000 people in respect of domestic abuse crimes was lower. Considering fires, the Ward was the location for none of the deliberate primary fires in England and 0.05% of all the secondary fires in England." Newtown: Considering Community Safety, the Ward was the location for 6.2% of Stockton-on-Tees Borough's recorded crimes, 7.0% of domestic abuse crimes, 7.2% of recorded criminal damage and arson offences, 3.7% of recorded theft offences (excl. burglary, vehicle crime or robbery); and, 5.1% of all recorded anti-social behaviour incidents. In comparison with the Borough, the North East and England, the Ward has a higher rate per 1,000 population for recorded crime; recorded criminal damage and arson; and, recorded theft offences. Domestic abuse crime recorded rate per 1,000 was greater in the Ward than the Borough and England. At the same time in comparison with the Borough, North East and England the anti-social behaviour incident rate per 1,000 was greater. Considering fires, the Ward was the location for 0.02% of all primary and 0.73% of secondary fires in England. As you can see from the publically available data - The current Newtown ward has a significantly higher crime rate compared to Grange field not to mention incidents of Arson / Anti-social behaviour - I would like to understand the rationale of removing Grange field and renamed to area whose crime and locally known reputation to be an area where young professional families would not like to reside. Therefore a greater risk of incident of low valuation of properties / possible incidents of negative equity by joining a community of known crime issue. Current owner who never informed of plans of abolishing an area of known great pride in its own community. I now make reference to house valuations Grange field: Regarding Environment and Housing, the Ward is the location for 1% of Stockton-on-Tees Borough's fly tipping removals. Compared with the Borough the proportion of households in fuel poverty is slightly higher, while in comparison with the North East, and England the proportion is lower. Of those households with an Energy Performance Certificate, the highest proportion is in Category D. In comparison with the Borough, the North East and England, this Ward has smaller proportions of residents who are private renters; and, residents who are social renters. In contrast, the Ward has a larger proportion of house owners. The average and median house price for all sold property in the Ward is greater than the Borough and North East, while being lower than for England. In comparison with the Borough overall, the Ward is home to more households in the following Council Tax bands: B, C, E and F. At the same time, it is also home to fewer households in the following Council Tax bands: A, D and G. There are no properties in Council Tax band H. Newtown: Regarding Environment and Housing, the Ward is the location for 8.3% of Stockton-on-Tees Borough's fly tipping removals.

Compared with the Borough, the North East and England, the Ward is home to higher proportion of households in fuel poverty, residents who are social renters and residents who are private renters. In contrast, the Ward has a smaller proportion of house owners. Of those households with an Energy Performance Certificate, the highest proportion is within Category D. The average house price for all sold property is lower than for the Borough, the North East and England. In comparison with the Borough overall, the Ward is home to more households in Council Tax band A, and, the same proportion in Council Tax band H. At the same time, it is also home to fewer households in Council Tax bands: B, C, D, E, F and G. As you can see from public available data from the ward profiles published on the Stockton Council Website. the very different property in both areas. Evidence that it will probably cause the valuation of properties to lower but more the desirability to come and reside in former grangefield significantly less due to the reputation and crime rates of Newtown. I have no objection to boundary being moved for fairer representations in local community but I am seriously objecting to the removal of the Grangefield community and not at least our name, especially as other communities within the same review are allowed to keep their identity. I also object to how the area has been divided without any clear rational or awareness of the local area

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