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Related subject: Stainborough and Hood Green

Hi, I write to express my disagreement with the plans to merge Stainborough and Hood Green parish into Dodworth. The two are completely different entities. Hood Green and Stainborough villages are rural in nature, and have very different needs to the increasingly urban nature of Dodworth. Our settlement, Hood Green is a very small village and our children mainly go to the next village (Thurgoland) for their school and social activities. Friendship circles in the village revolve around our village and the neighbouring villages of Thurgoland and Crane Moor. There are infrequent bus services between these villages but there is no bus service between us and Dodworth.

There is a significant geological divide between Hood Green and Dodworth. In summer many of us walk between Thurgoland, Hood Green and Crane Moor as we are all at a similar altitude. Whereas Dodworth is approximately 150m lower altitude, Stainborough Lowe (hill) provides a significant challenge to participation between the two parishes.

If Stainborough Parish is to be removed, would it not make sense to group it with Thurgoland or Crane Moor parishes? As these are more rural and similar in nature to our needs.

Kindest regards,

Attached Documents:

None attached