

Barnsley

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Comment text:

I understand that Barnsley Council are suggesting that Stainborough Parish is moved from the Penistone East Ward to a new ward as part of the equalisation process. I wish to register my objection to this proposal for the following reasons:

Stainborough Parish is a small rural community of only approx. 350 residents. It shares many challenges in common with the 8 other rural communities within the Penistone East Ward, also represented by Parish Councils. The Parishes support one another in addressing issue that concern small isolated communities, such as energy poverty and rural transport etc.

I have lived in this community for 19 years and during this time have forged good working relations with the existing councillors who understand the matters that are important to us, as they serve similar communities with which the residents identify. The services we use are based in Penistone. Our Heritage is that we have always area been linked with Penistone and other villages that closely resemble the embedded identities of Hood Green and Stainborough which have areas of historic and scientific interest the area is mainly Green Belt including farming and conservation areas.

Whilst Tankersley and Dodworth are urban areas, Penistone is rural and promoted as a tourist area, with many public footpaths, as host to Wentworth Castle Gardens and events such as cycle tours the Parish has different concerns and needs to Tankersley and Dodworth residents. As a member of a small rural community of only 350, I fear the residents would not be adequately represented if we are linked with the large urban communities. As only 0.02% of the total population of the proposed new ward. Additionally the existing relationships, built up over years, and understanding would be lost. I am passionate about the area in which I live and it does not seem necessary to disrupt existing historical links

with similar villages in the Penistone East Ward.

Hood Green and Stainborough have little in common with Tankersley and Dodworth, urban areas of mixed industrial, commercial and residential communities. I do not feel it is appropriate to seek to move such a small number of residents to achieve the desired equalisation, as to do so would leave us without a voice and undermine the important role the Parish Council perform in promoting our specific interests.

I wish to object to the proposal of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and wish to register my objection to move Stainborough out of Penistone East Ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached