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Related subject: Stainborough

Please find attached my letter of objection to the proposal to move Stainborough Parish into a new rural ward "Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersley Ward"

Attached Documents:

- hood-green-ward-change-objection[REDACTED].pdf

Local Government Boundary Commission – Barnsley, South Yorkshire review

I have been made aware of the new proposals of BMBC regarding the Boundary Review including the proposal to move Stainborough Parish into a new rural ward “Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersley Ward”

I wish to register my objection to this proposal for the following reasons:

- Stainborough Parish has always been in the Penistone East Ward and sits in that Ward alongside 8 other rural Parish Councils. Penistone East Ward has a rural nature and Stainborough Parish is a rural community with a strong rural community identity. We run a working farm and it is important for me & my family, alongside residents of our Parish, to retain this rural community identity & have the support of other Farmers in the Ward.
- Stainborough Parish residents have strong community ties with Penistone, Silkstone & Silkstone Common including Education, our GP Practice and Church. Children from the Village, including my children, have always attended schools in Silkstone Common, Thurgoland & then onto Penistone Grammar as these have always been the closest to where we live. Me & my family are registered with Penistone Group Practice for our GP's as again that is the closest Practice for us. Me & my family, attend church at Silkstone as All Saints Silkstone Church is one church with the Church of St James Stainborough (deconsecrated). My children were christened there & attended the church Sunday School with the same children they were at Silkstone Common school with. This was an important part of their childhood & mixing with children nearest to where we live. The Church at Silkstone helped to fund the upkeep of Wentworth Castle & gardens for many years before it was taken over by the National Trust so our links as a Parish to Silkstone & Silkstone Common are heavily invested.
- Unlike the current situation in Penistone East Ward, whereby Stainborough Parish sits alongside similar size parishes, in the proposed new Ward Stainborough Parish (350 residents) will sit alongside Dodworth over 10,000 and Tankersley approx. 2,000 residents. I have concerns that Stainborough Parish would not be able to make its voice heard.
- Stainborough Parish is very rural in nature. Dodworth and Tankersley both have industrial and commercial sites whereas Stainborough Parish has a strong rural community identity with no industrial or commercial areas.
- Stainborough Parish has numerous sites of Biodiversity, Conservation areas and areas of historic interest, such as Wentworth Castle and Gardens are managed by the National Trust, with the vast majority of the Parish in the Green belt. This is not the same for Dodworth or Tankersley.
- Stainborough Parish, as 2 small villages have concerns & issues including crime facing smaller rural villages which are vastly different to those issues facing larger urban areas. Currently there is support from other local rural parish councils who may have similar problems as Stainborough Parish. I feel that this support would be lost if we merge with the 2 larger areas of Dodworth & Tankersley.
- Stainborough Parish is only 350 electors, so moving such a small number of residents from the rural Ward we have been in for a number of years seems to be un-necessary to equalise the number of electors in Penistone East Ward. To put this into context the new housing planned in the Dodworth area will exceed the actual number of residents in Stainborough Parish.

- Overall, for myself & other Stainborough Parish residents there is no affinity with either Dodworth or Tankersley. I feel that we have strong ties with Penistone that dates back a very long time & I do not see any good reason for this to be changed.

I wish to object to the proposals of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and wish to register my objection to move Stainborough Parish out of Penistone East Ward into a new Ward of Dodworth, Stainborough and Tankersley.

Tankersley

