

Middlesbrough

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Dear whom it may concern,

Please find the attached submission from Middlesbrough Labour Group in response to the LGBCE Draft Proposals for Middlesbrough.

Should you require any further information or clarity regarding the Labour Group's submission, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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Attached Documents:

- middlesbrough-labour-group-response-to-lgbce-draft-proposals.pdf

Middlesbrough Labour Group Response to LGBCE Draft Proposals for Middlesbrough

Marton East and Marton West

The Labour Group believes the Marton Manor and Ladgate Woods areas should be within Marton West, not Marton East. We have identified Stokesley Road as a natural border between Marton East and West. Residents in Marton Manor would most likely identify as being more strongly linked to Marton West. The Marton West Beck touches both Ladgate Woods and Marton Manor, uniting these two areas together. Ladgate Woods would naturally fall within the catchment area of Marton Manor Primary School in Marton West. There is also a cycle track connecting the two estates. To promote electoral equality, the Labour Group suggests making a Marton West a three-member ward and Marton East a two-member ward.

Acklam West and Whinney Banks and Stainton and Stainsby Hall Farm

The unpopulated area of Mandale Meadow which is currently proposed to sit within the Stainton and Stainsby Hall Farm, should be moved into Acklam West and Whinney Banks. The Mandale Meadow is proudly seen as part of the Whinney Banks community and local people from Whinney Banks use it as their local green space provision. The Blue Bell Beck is therefore a more appropriate natural boundary between the two wards.

Park End and Beckfield and Berwick Hills and Pallister

Sandringham Road is a natural boundary between Park End and Beckfield and Berwick Hills and Pallister. Local people who reside within the area to the north of Sandringham Road identify more closely with Berwick Hills, not Park End. There is a sign announcing the entrance to Park End on Sandringham Road. To promote electoral equality with these proposals, the Labour Group proposes Park End and Beckfield becomes a two-member ward and Berwick Hills and Pallister becomes a three-member ward.

Single-member wards

The volume and complexity of the culminative caseload undertaken by Councillors representing areas with higher-than-average levels of deprivation has been noted by Labour Group Councillors. For this reason, the Labour Group believes single member wards pose challenges to convenient and effective local government in Middlesbrough and therefore, supports the elimination of single member wards from Middlesbrough's electoral map.