

Middlesbrough

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I did not comment on the initial review decisions earlier in the year because all looked ok. However, I have now been made aware of the more recent proposals for amendments to our ward and feel I now need to comment.

1. Ward Inclusion

As a resident of Chalford Oaks, I DO NOT identify with Kader Ward.

When we first moved into our property in 1987 we were part of Kader Ward but imagine my surprise when I went to register my son in Kader School only to be told we were not in its catchment area. Both my children attended Whinney Banks School and were members of Cubs, Brownies and Guides at Trinity Methodist Church so we feel we have connections to that area rather than Kader. I always refer to myself as living 'west of Acklam Road'.

2. Ward Name

After a previous boundary review, we were placed in the Ayresome ward. The ward name of Ayresome has always seemed strange to me as I associate Ayresome with Ayresome Primary which is right down the bottom of Acklam Road. The proposed change of name seems much more suitable however I am not sure if we even need the Whinney Banks in it. The fact that the new estate to the north is called Acklam Gardens and we are west of Acklam Road, why not just West Acklam or Acklam West?

3. Proposed Boundary Changes

On the most recent map of the proposed boundary, I strongly object to the removal of Mandale Meadow from our ward. This green space is well used by our residents as it is easily accessible from Mandale Road. You cite the reason for its inclusion in the other ward to be due to the road that will be built to come out onto Mandale Road at that roundabout. However, the building of that road and indeed building at all on that meadow has been strongly contested by local residents for the past few years. There have been several consultations on it and the results of the last one seemed to indicate that the road would not necessarily be built. There are no houses on it now and it seems unlikely any will be built in the next 5 years therefore that land should not affect the number of electorate entitled to vote by 2029. I therefore feel that as far as this review is concerned, it should remain part of our ward.

Regards,

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Attached Documents:

None attached