

Middlesbrough

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Related subject: Ayresome ward

I have lived in Acklam all my life and find the new proposed ward changes very confusing. My address prior to Ayresome, fell into Kader ward which seemed more appropriate, as Ayresome area is some miles away. Whilst I feel being classed as an Ayresome resident not a true reflection of the community I live in, I feel there are many points that have been overlooked when deciding the new wards in this area of Middlesbrough. The area of Downside Road, Corby Avenue, Stoneyhurst Avenue and Ashford Avenue have always been considered as Acklam; my postal address at Corby Avenue from 1957 to 1977, and later at Downside Road from 1986 - 1998 was Acklam as it is now I live in Farley Drive. My house backs on to green belt called Mandale Meadow, and feel this should fall into the same ward as the houses that back onto it. These residents are the ones who use it and who have a vested interest into what happens with this valuable greenspace so to have it fall into the Stainton ward where the residents live miles away and would probably not know where it is, yet alone care about what happens to it is ludicrous, In 2023 we, the electorates of Ayresome ward. voted Jackie Young as our councillor, however in the new proposals Jackie Young would no longer be councillor for the ward I live in. Slicing the ward up would cause huge confusion and be very divisive to many of the local residents, with whom Jackie has built up a good relationship. She would no longer serve the community in which she lives. Protection of the greenfield sites in Ayresome ward is very important to many of the residents in this ward and changing the boundaries will split up the group formed to agree a neighbourhood plan. Although I accepted my address fell into Ayresome ward previously, I feel that the new ward should be more reflective of the area and be called Acklam North. I also feel the greenbelt to the back of Heythrop/Farley should also fall into this ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached