

Middlesbrough

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Related subject: Stainton and Thornton

Dear Sir

With regard to the proposal to amend the ward of Stainton and Thornton, Including Hemlington Grange, with Stainsby to avoid having one councillor I object to this.

Firstly on Geographical grounds the two areas are quite distinct with little, if anything , in common. The areas are sepperated by the A174 Parkway with no direct footpaths between Stainsby and Stainton. This is also currently the case between Hemlington Grange and Stainton. There is no communication between the two areas either on physical or social grounds. This will only deepen with the further development of Stainsby with 2000 houses pland over the next 2 to 8 years., with Advent Miller and Storey Homes seeking planning permission for the next stage, which includes shops, café and other amenities not shared with Stainton. This will amount to over 4000 residents in Stainsby alone. In Stainton the land behind and to the west of The Sporting Lodge the new Local Plan has an allocation of at least 800 more houses with a planning application already submitted by Bellway Homes for nearly 600 dwellings leading to over 1200 new residents over the next 4 years. There are also plans by developers to apply for 750 more houses in Thornton.

Currently Stainton and Thornton has about 3600 residents, which is considered too large foe a single councillor, but if you take all the proposed development in the proposed ward over the next 8 years this will be more than double. There are 4 new sites at Hemlington Grange which will consist of over 1200 more house resulting in another 2500 residents. This will take the ward to require at least 3 councillors.

It would be far better to leave Stainsby where it is and be part of Kader or Trimdon, as all the residents there, that I have talked to, want.

I believe the proposals are very short sighted and will not benefit any of the residents both current and future.

It would be far more sensible to remove Stainsby altogether and keep the current boundaries with two councillors, or as the residents of Stainton

and Thornton prefer to join Hemlington Grange with Coulby South and leave Stainton and Thornton as a single ward as the housing development there alone will increase to over 2000 residents over the next 2 to 8 years. I understand that this was the suggestion of Middlesbrough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board.

there are currently little or no facilities in Stainton and Thornton which there are no plans to improve. The plans could lead to the lost of identity of the two of the last villages in Middlesbrough.

I hope you consider this letter and see what effect creating such a large ward will achieve with few benefits to anyone.

Yours Faithfully

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Attached Documents:

None attached