

# Middlesbrough

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Please see the attached letter.

## Attached Documents:

- luke-myer-mp-boundary-commission-letter.pdf

# LUKE MYER MP



## HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
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Our Ref: LM02985

21 February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in support of the proposals to the Hemlington and Stanton & Thornton Ward boundaries that have been put forward by;

- Hemlington Ward Councillors – Cllr Nicky Walker and Cllr Tom Mohan
- Stainton and Thornton Ward Councillor – Cllr David Coupe
- Stainton and Thornton Parish Council
- Also supported by Hemlington Community Council.

The proposals put forward are, I believe, the most appropriate to ensure strong community identity, electoral equality, and effective local government. The proposals have cross-party support from both wards' local councillors and residents' groups. As the Member of Parliament representing each of the areas, it is my firm belief that this proposal is a much better option.

The proposal would retain the current boundaries for both Hemlington and Stainton and Thornton wards, making both wards 2-member due to population increases in the latter ward. This would mean an electoral equality of -5% for Hemlington Ward and -9.75% for Stainton and Thornton, both within the permitted electoral variance of  $\pm 10\%$  for both wards. These proposed boundaries also fit much better for the other two statutory criteria of community identity and effective and convenient local government than in the initial draft proposals proposed by the LGBCE.

As the proposals I am supporting do not include any areas from other wards in Middlesbrough, there are no implications for the rest of the town from this proposal.

I hope you will consider supporting the proposals mentioned above, and believe they are best suited to ensure that both areas of Middlesbrough are fairly and adequately represented on the council and that local residents across the areas have the best possible access to local services.

Yours faithfully,

Luke Myer MP  
Member of Parliament for Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland

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