

# Middlesbrough

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## Comment text:

Dear sirs,

Please find attached an alternative proposal for the wards of Hemlington and Stainton and Thornton in the Borough of Middlesbrough. This proposal has been submitted on behalf of Stainton and Thornton Parish Council and in consultation with Hemlington Ward Councillors, Cllr. Nicky Walker and Cllr. Tom Mohan. We would be grateful if you would adopt these suggestions when making your final recommendations to the proposed boundary changes.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Liddle - Chair,  
Stainton and Thornton Parish Council.

## Attached Documents:

- submission-to-review-office1\_0.docx

Submission to Review Officer (Middlesbrough) LGBCE revised proposals on behalf of  
Stainton and Thornton Parish Council.

Dear sirs,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your revised recommendations to the proposed changes to the Ward boundaries in Middlesbrough.

We are primarily concerned with your proposals for South-West Middlesbrough and are pleased that you have made the decision to no longer link Stainton and Thornton with Stainsby, primarily because of the natural barrier that is the A174. We DO however object to your proposal to join Stainton to part of Hemlington and make a 3-councillor ward and leave Hemlington North as a 1 councillor Ward.

The current WARD boundaries should remain as they are at present with the Hemlington Ward remaining as is and retain its 2-councilor ward status and the Stainton and Thornton Ward boundary remain as is with the addition of the farm road to the South of the A174 as proposed by the LGBCE and should also become a 2-ward councillor ward. The current Ward of Hemlington is a community as a whole and should NOT be divided into two, leaving the WARD of Stainton and Thornton that is encompassed by the Stokesley Road, Stainton Way, the A174 and the A19 to become a 2-councillor ward.

Current analysis dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 by MBC show that there were 3,081 properties with 4,183 electors for the current Hemlington Ward and 2,175 properties and 3,626 electors for the Stainton and Thornton Ward. The Hemlington Ward's population has not altered significantly since the current ward boundary was created in 2003(with a slight amendment in 2015 to the North-West). Stainton and Thornton on the other hand has seen a dramatic increase in population numbers with property numbers increasing from 626 in 2010 to the current level in 2025. Furthermore, the developer Persimmon has submitted plans(in November 2024) to build 225 dwellings as part of the approved Hemlington Grange development, which should be approved (reserved matters from the original application) and will be built fairly quickly.

As was highlighted in our previous submission, electoral representation equality forms only part of the consideration given when deciding on boundaries. Hemlington is a defined community and should NOT be divided into two and remain a 2-councillor Ward with its existing boundaries. Because of the new and increased housing development within Stainton and Thornton to allow equal electoral representation then Stainton and Thornton need another WARD councillor and should become a 2-councillor ward. In the short term, there will be some electoral variances, but as Hemlington Grange continues to be built out these will very rapidly even out. If early indications for the emerging/developing new MBC Local come to fruition, then Stainton and Thornton can expect another 1000+ houses by 2030 thus levelling out electoral variances.

I would ask you to reconsider your revised recommendations and allow the CURRENT ward of Stainton and Thornton become a 2-councillor ward and that Hemlington remains a 2-councillor ward within its current boundaries, Although there will be a variance from the average of elector numbers per councillor in the short term, I am sure this figure will balance/even out over the next few years because of the proposed new housing development.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Liddle- Chair.

Stainton and Thornton Parish Council.