

Central & North Ormesby Ward Proposal - A proposal made at a Member Workshop. While this was considered to be valid and well thought out based on geographic considerations OSB deemed there was insufficient evidence to support the proposal from a community perspective. Statistically, the proposal also created a significant variance from the optimum elector/ Councillor ratio.

As such OSB did not include this proposal for submission to the Boundary Commission.

Central & North Ormesby Ward

Physical Characteristics

The current ward of North Ormesby has a variance of -15% less than the optimum Councillor / elector ratio.

The current ward has several resources and facilities within its boundaries which are currently four arterial roads: the A66 to the north, Trunk Road to the south, Cargo Fleet Lane (A171) to the east and Stokesley Road (A172) to the west.

One of the main arterial routes into Middlesbrough town centre runs through the current North Ormesby ward, which crosses through into Central ward. Many of the towns bus routes pass through North Ormesby to gain access to the centre. North Ormesby borders with the Central Ward. North Ormesby is connected to Central Ward via the North Ormesby flyover which cars and pedestrians can both use to access the town centre.

Community Characteristics

North Ormesby has a defined community identity and has many characteristics of a small township with a high street, a shopping area, and several commercial and public buildings. It is one of Middlesbrough's older, most readily identifiable communities.

Proposal

The proposal is to combine the current Central Ward with North Ormesby.

The proposed Central & North Ormesby Ward will have a Councillor / elector ratio of 43% greater than the optimum Councillor ratio by 2029.

Proposed ward name	Proposed number of Councillors	Electorate forecast 2029	Variance	Evidence and rationale
Central & North Ormesby Ward	3	9741	+43%	<p><u>Equality of representation</u></p> <p>The new Central & North Ormesby Ward will have a +43% variance against the optimum elector/ Member ratio. This will allow for other boundary changes in east Middlesbrough that will better reflect those communities and enable further changes to the south of the town.</p> <p><u>Community identity and interests</u></p> <p>The ward will have a strong community identity. North Ormesby has all the characteristics of a small self-contained township with a high street, a market, several shops, public buildings and services. There are two primary schools and various places of worship of different denominations, including the prominent Hindu temple. There is a major health centre. The Community Hub incorporates the library and the youth and community centre and provides a range of community resources and services. The area has an active residents' association and Community Council.</p> <p><u>Effective and convenient local government</u></p> <p>The ward has excellent road links, and easy pedestrian access, between all the residential parts of the ward. There are bus services running through North Ormesby to access Middlesbrough Town Centre.</p>