

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR REVISED WARDING

Coulby Newham North

Physical Characteristics

The physical characteristics adhere to the existing northern part of the Coulby Newham ward ie, all of the land north of Stainton Way.

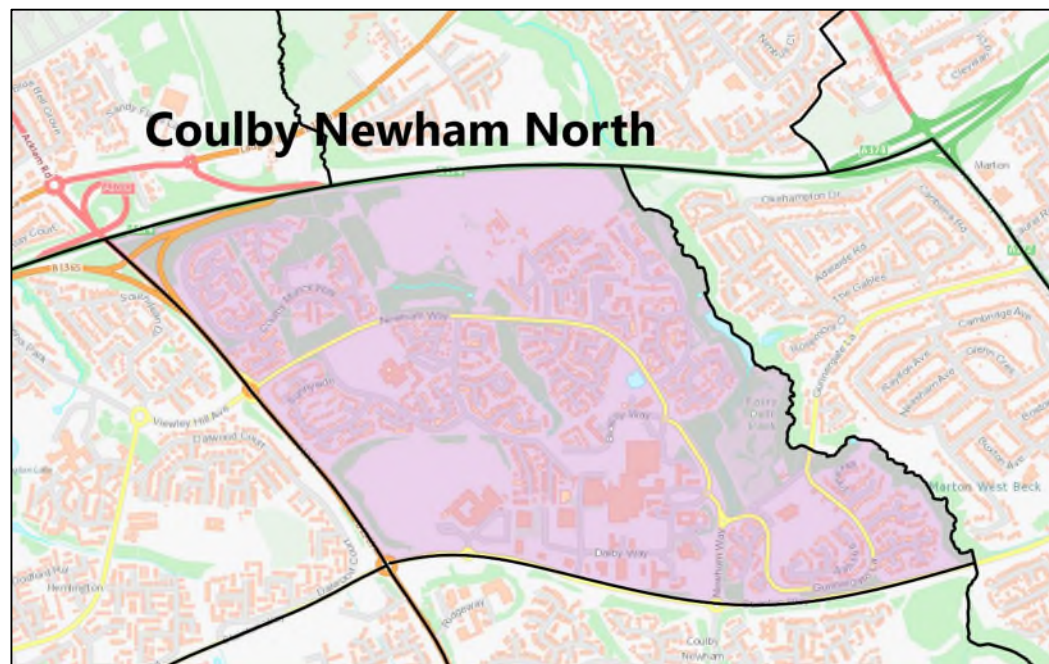
At present, the Coulby Newham ward covers the whole of the Coulby Newham area, north and south of Stainton Way. It is presently a three Member ward.

Community Characteristics

The area to the north of Stainton Way is the original Coulby Newham and was built with large proportion of social housing. It also has major facilities that serve the whole of south Middlesbrough. These include a major shopping mall, a large 'out of town' Tesco supermarket, a major sports and leisure facility, the Rainbow Centre, which includes a swimming pool, the cathedral, a police station, and a fire station. There is a major Academy, the Newham Grange Leisure Farm and health facilities that serve an area wider than Coulby Newham itself.

Proposal

The proposed boundary for Coulby Newham North would be Stainton Way acting as the Southern Boundary with the North, East and West boundary remaining in place. It is also proposed becomes a two Member ward as the proposed Coulby South Ward detailed below will also become a 2-member ward.



Proposed ward name	Proposed number of Councillors	Electorate forecast 2029	Variance	Evidence and rationale
Coulby Newham North	2	1,517	-33%	<p><u>Equality of representation</u></p> <p>The new Coulby Newham North Grange Ward would have a -33% variance less than the optimum elector/ Member ratio.</p> <p><u>Community identity and interests</u></p> <p>The ward will have a strong community identity, as it mainly comprises the original Coulby Newham development. Whilst built as an integrated housing scheme (ie social housing and owner occupier housing side by side), many residents have since exercised their right to buy.</p> <p>As noted above, the ward will have major retail, sports and leisure facilities that serve the whole of south Middlesbrough. There is a primary school and an academy in the ward. There is a doctor's surgery, dentist and pharmacy in the ward.</p> <p><u>Effective and convenient local government</u></p> <p>The ward has good road links, and excellent pedestrian and cycleway access, between most parts of the ward. There are regular bus services into Middlesbrough.</p>

Coulby Newham South Ward

Physical Characteristics

The Coulby Newham ward presently covers the whole of the Coulby Newham area, north and south of Stainton Way, and is presently a three Member ward.

The area to the north of Stainton Way was built with large proportion of social housing and has a large number of major facilities that serve the whole of the south Middlesbrough area, such as a large supermarket, leisure facilities and health facilities.

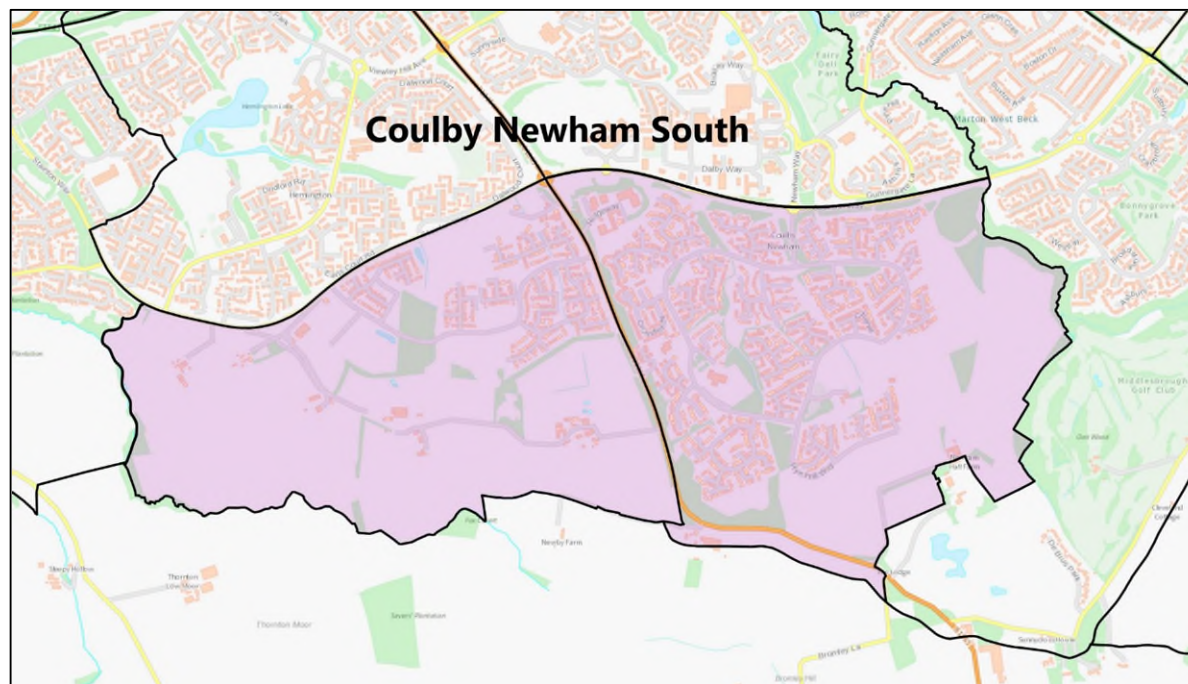
By contrast, the newer part of Coulby Newham, to the south of Stainton Way, is primarily housing, and was mainly built as owner occupier properties with some smaller areas of social housing.

As part of Middlesbrough's Local Plan (2014) large sections of southeastern the current Coulby Newham Ward have been identified for housing development. This will consist of approximately 1,000 three, four and five bedroom houses with a percentage of affordable housing included.

Community Characteristics

There are stronger community ties between residents in the south of the current Coulby Newham Ward and those in the southeastern quarter of Stainton and Thornton Ward (also referred, locally, as Newham Grange).

The proposal is to create a new two Member ward, *Coulby Newham South*. East to West this will comprise the area between the existing Coulby Newham/ Marton West boundaries and Stainton Beck. North/ South the proposed Ward will encompass the area between Stainton Way and boundaries of the existing Coulby Newham and Stainton and Thornton Wards.



The area of Stainton and Thornton Ward between Stainton Beck in the West to Coulby Newham Ward in the east is locally referred to as Newham Grange (which was a proposal during the previous boundary review of 2013). Large parts of this area have been identified for housing development with approximately 1,000 houses of a similar nature to those in Coulby Newham described above.

Transport infrastructure in that area (both current and proposed) lends itself to those living in the Newham Grange area travelling east to amenities in Coulby Newham ward rather than travelling west to Stainton and Thornton ward.

Proposal

It is proposed that land from the current Stainton and Thornton Ward namely the land east of Stainton Beck and up to the western boundary of the current Coulby Newham Ward (south of Stainton Way). It is also proposed that it becomes a two Member ward as the proposed Coulby North Ward detailed above will also become a 2 member ward.

Proposed ward name	Proposed number of Councillors	Electorate forecast 2029	Variance	Evidence and rationale
Coulby Newham South	2	2,477	9%	<p><u>Equality of representation</u></p> <p>The new Coulby Newham South Ward would have a 9% variance greater than the optimum elector/ Member ratio. This considers the future development in the area.</p> <p><u>Community identity and interests</u></p> <p>The ward will have a strong community identity. It has local shops and a post office. There is a primary school in the ward. The major Parkway shopping centre and Rainbow sports / leisure provision that serve the whole of south Middlesbrough are close by in the proposed adjoining ward of Coulby Newham North.</p> <p><u>Effective and convenient local government</u></p> <p>The ward has good road links between most parts of the ward. , There are excellent pedestrian and cycleway links across the whole of the ward. There are regular bus services into Middlesbrough.</p>

Easterside Ward

Physical Characteristics

The current Ladgate ward comprises the older social housing of Easterside estate to the north of Ladgate Lane, and a more modern residential development to the south of Ladgate Lane (Marton Manor). It has strong boundaries with Marton Road to the east, the A174 trunk road to the south, Marton West Beck to the west and playing fields to the north.

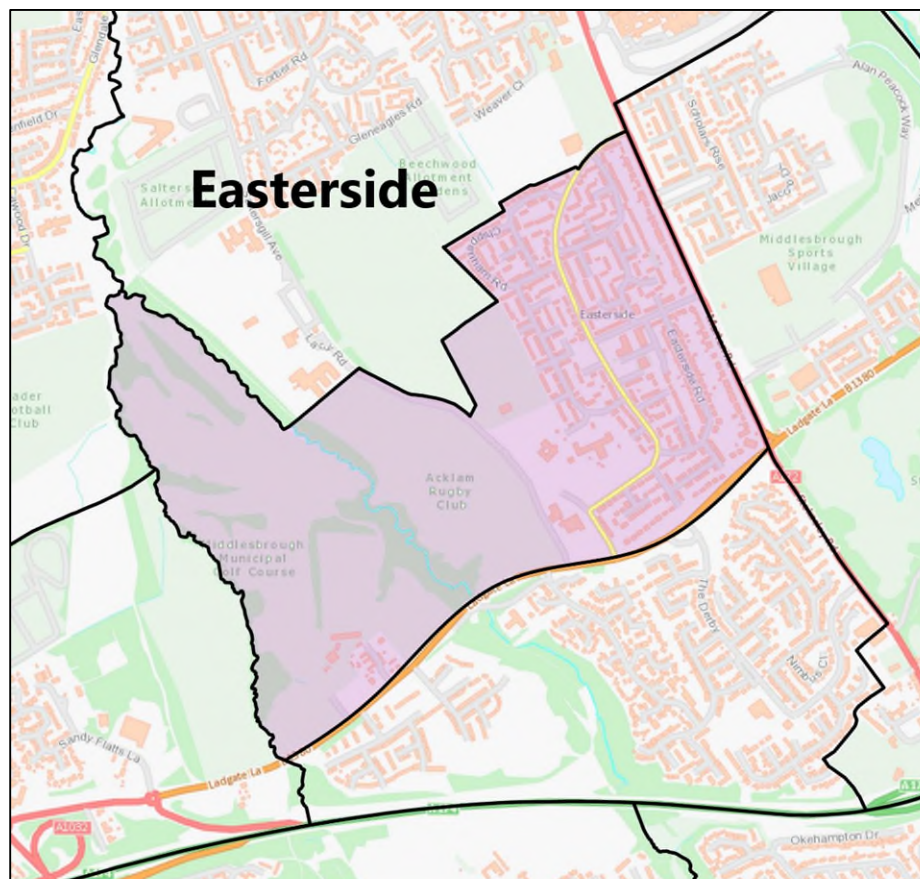
Community Characteristics

It is recognised that there are two distinct communities within the current Ladgate Ward namely those within the Easterside Estate and those in Marton Manor. While Ladgate Lane could be viewed as a barrier there are pedestrian crossing points however residents of both Easterside and Marton Manor see Ladgate Lane as a barrier. Residents in Easterside tend to use the facilities in the North of the Ward i.e., within the confines of the Easterside Estate whereas those of Marton Manor tend to access facilities in the Marton area of the town which can be several miles from their home such as the shopping parade at Marton shops and the Community Centre in Marton. Although the A174 is a main road the facilities in Marton can be accessed from Marton Manor via car or walking through the subway or across the bridge on the A174.

Proposal

The proposal is for the development to the south of Ladgate Lane (Marton Manor) to become part of the Marton West Ward and the area north of Ladgate Lane and the Easterside Estate become Easterside Ward.

If Marton Manor does become part of Marton West Ward the number of Councillors in this ward would decrease to 1, the proposed elector/Councillor ratio would be 1,980.



Proposed ward name	Proposed number of Councillors	Electorate forecast 2029	Variance	Evidence and rationale
Easterside Ward	1	1,980	-13%	<p><u>Equality of representation</u></p> <p>The new Easterside Ward will have a -13% variance less than the optimum elector/Member ratio.</p> <p><u>Community identity and interests</u></p> <p>There is a currently strong sense of community identity in the area with residents of the Easterside Estate rarely utilising facilities outside of the area. Broughton Avenue has several shops and has one of the Council's Community Hubs, which provides a number of community facilities and a range of community services.</p> <p>There is a library, two primary schools and a school for children with special needs.</p> <p><u>Effective and convenient local government</u></p> <p>Vehicle and pedestrian access across the ward is good. There are bus services through the ward and into the town centre.</p>

EAST MIDDLESBROUGH - CONTEXT

Physical Characteristics

The East Middlesbrough area is currently made up of the wards of Park End and Beckfield, Brambles and Thorntree, Berwick Hills and Pallister.

The area also contains a number of housing estates, built incrementally in several phases over a 30 - 40 year period between the 1930s and the 1960s. These estates include Brambles Farm, Thorntree, Pallister Park, Park End, Overdale, Netherfields, Beckfields, Town Farm and Thorntree. There is also a very small community to the far south of the area sometimes referred to as Little Ormesby: this is a small area of private housing which has been surrounded by what was then municipal housing.

East Middlesbrough has extremely strong boundaries. To the east and south is the neighbouring authority of Redcar & Cleveland. To the west is a railway line and beck, with no road crossings other than at the northernmost and southernmost boundaries. To the north is the A1085 trunk road.

Community Characteristics

Each of these estates has a strong sense of community, a strong sense as to where each of their boundaries lie, and their own social and cultural identity. However, as the development of East Middlesbrough was phased, the distribution of facilities was not even across each of these estates, although most included neighbourhood shops, many of which still survive. This uneven pattern of development has further been distorted by a number of locally and nationally funded regeneration schemes over the years which concentrated new resources on the areas of highest social disadvantage within the area.

Proposal

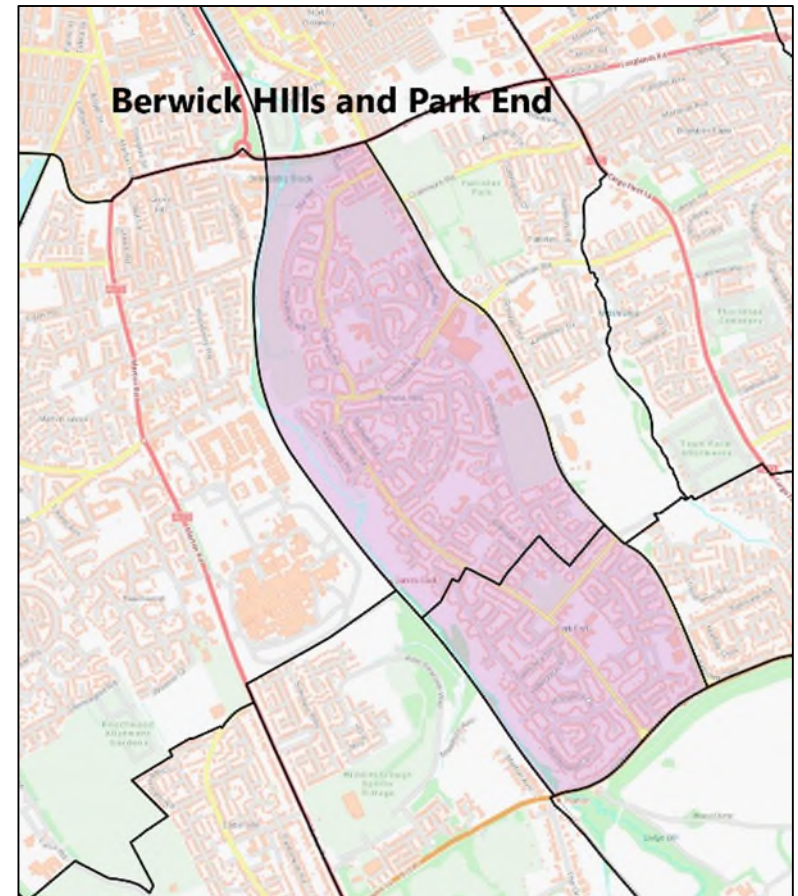
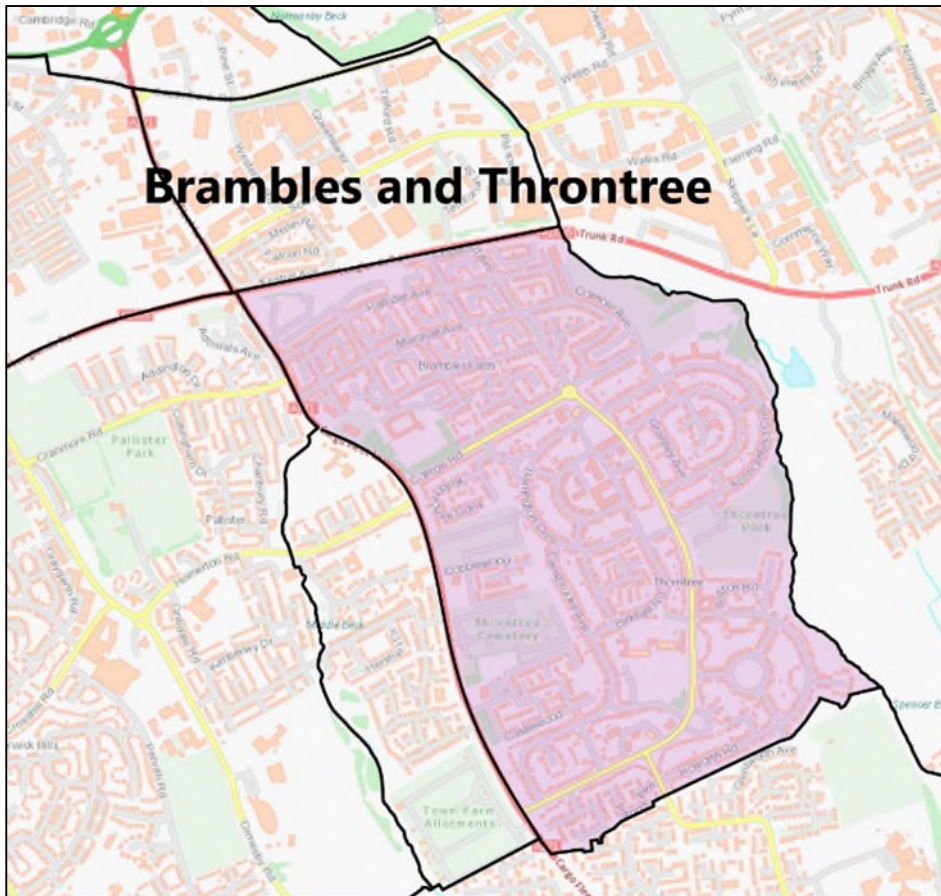
The number of electors forecast to be living in this area by 2029 is 17,214. Taking into consideration the optimum elector / Councillor ratio this equates to 8 elected Members representing the entire East Middlesbrough area.

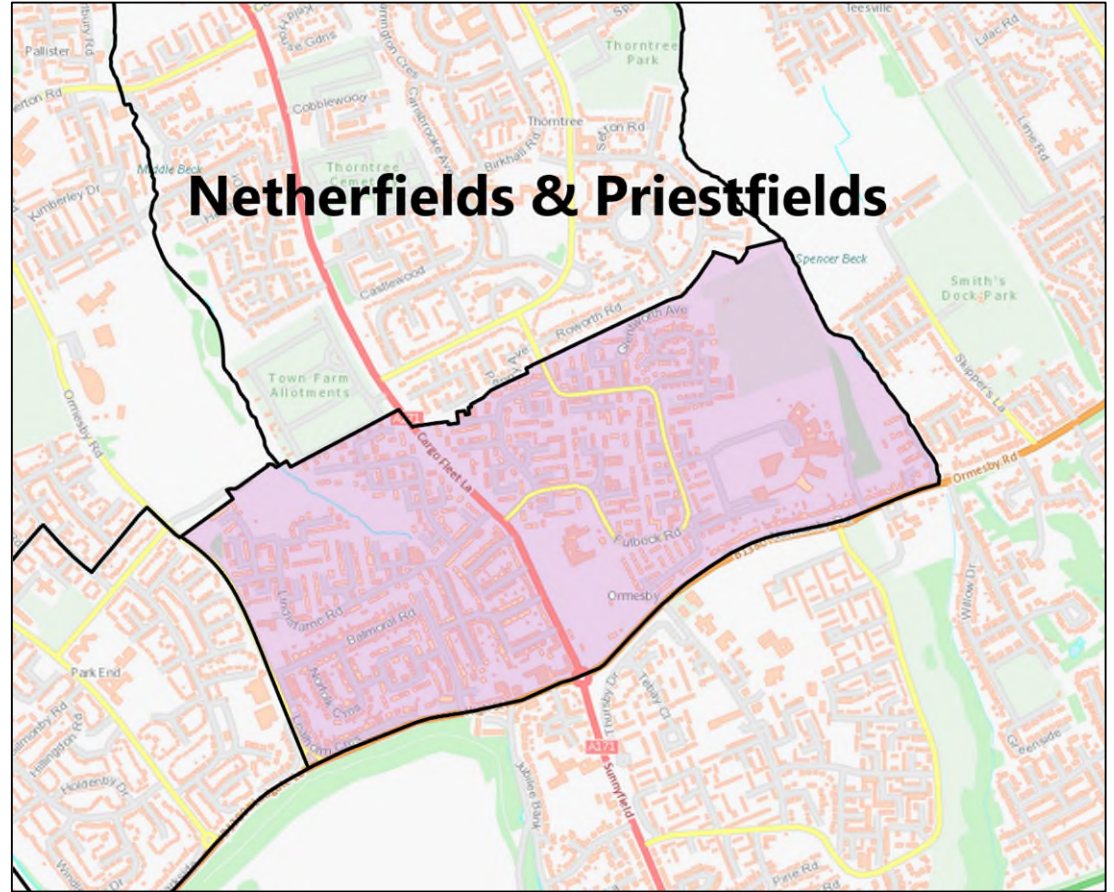
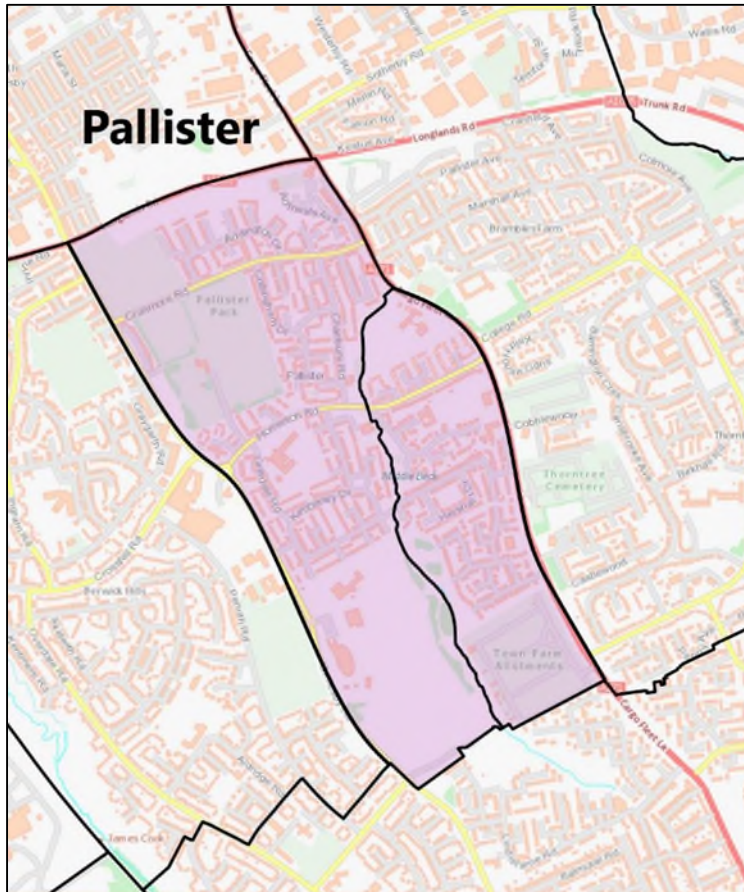
The Council has therefore taken the view that four two-Member wards will meet the requirements with regard to equality of representation and, in the view of the Council, offer the best option in terms of accessibility by the electorate to their elected representatives, and the accountability of Councillors to the electorate. The proposed wards will be:

- Brambles and Thorntree
- Berwick Hills and Park End
- Pallister
- Priestfields and Netherfields.

The approach taken by the Council has therefore been to look at the best possible fit in terms of equality of representation based on four wards each returning two Members, whilst at the same time identifying boundaries that will achieve a reasoned and reasonable clustering of the individual communities in the East Middlesbrough area as a whole.

Not only will the proposals achieve the desired outcomes for East Middlesbrough it will also allow the council to maintain 46 Councillors and fulfil electoral equality to the South of the town namely the proposed creation of the new Coulby Newham South Ward.





Brambles and Thorntree Ward

Proposed ward name	Proposed number of Councillors	Electorate forecast 2029	Variance	Evidence and rationale
Brambles and Thorntree	2	4,747	5%	<p><u>Equality of representation</u></p> <p>The new Brambles and Thorntree Ward will have a 5% variance greater than the optimum elector/ Member ratio.</p> <p><u>Community identity and interests</u></p> <p>The changes to Brambles and Thorntree Ward will enhance the community identities already present in the ward. For example, while Brambles and Thorntree have their own community identities they are neighbouring estates to each other with no physical boundaries between them. To achieve this the Boyds Estate will move to the proposed North Ormesby and Boyds Ward (as describe above) and the area of Town Farm (to the west of the Ward will become part of the proposed Pallister Ward (discussed below). Both areas have strong community identities in their own right, but have a better community fit to other areas of east Middlesbrough. Both areas have access to local shopping facilities, primary schools, and community centres.</p> <p>There is an active Community Council in this ward, but it is not anticipated the proposal will affect its activities.</p> <p><u>Effective and convenient local government</u></p> <p>There is generally good vehicle and pedestrian access across the ward, and there are bus services running through the ward.</p>

Berwick Hills & Park End Ward

Proposed ward name	Proposed number of Councillors	Electorate forecast 2029	Variance	Evidence and rationale
Berwick Hills & Park End Ward	2	6,095	34%	<p><u>Equality of representation</u></p> <p>The new Berwick Hills & Park End Ward will have a 34% variance greater than the optimum elector/ Member ratio.</p> <p><u>Community identity and interests</u></p> <p>The ward will have a strong community identity, bringing together both estates of Berwick Hills and Park End.</p> <p>Within the ward are two primary schools and a City Academy, several playing fields and places of worship. There are small shops in the ward, and a major supermarket and shopping area in the eastern central area of the ward. There is also a library and a major sports and activities facility including a swimming pool, the Neptune Centre.</p> <p>There are medical and dental facilities in the ward, and one of the Council's Community Hubs, which provides several community facilities and a range of community services, is sited at the Berwick Hills centre.</p> <p><u>Effective and convenient local government</u></p> <p>There is generally vehicle and pedestrian access across the ward, and there are bus services running through the ward and to the town centre.</p>

Netherfields and Priestfields Ward

Proposed ward name	Proposed number of Councillors	Electorate forecast 2029	Variance	Evidence and rationale
Netherfields & Priestfields Ward	2	3,255	-28%	<p><u>Equality of representation</u></p> <p>The new Netherfields & Priestfields Ward will have a 28% variance below than the optimum elector/ Member ratio.</p> <p><u>Community identity and interests</u></p> <p>The ward will have a strong community identity, bringing together the Netherfields and Priestfields housing estates into one ward. Both of these areas have strong and established communities identities with each have a physical indicator of their own estate (e.g. Welcome To signs...)</p> <p>There are small local shops in both estates including a post office, and a larger parade of shops on Ormesby Road. There is a primary school and a health centre in the ward. There are no major community facilities.</p> <p><u>Effective and convenient local government</u></p> <p>There is generally vehicle and pedestrian access across the ward, and there is a bus services running through the ward and to the town centre.</p>

Pallister Ward

Proposed ward name	Proposed number of Councillors	Electorate forecast 2029	Variance	Evidence and rationale
Pallister Ward	2	3,117	-31%	<p><u>Equality of representation</u></p> <p>The Pallister Ward will have a -31% variance than the average optimum elector/ Member ratio.</p> <p><u>Community identity and interests</u></p> <p>The Pallister area of the town has a strong community identity that has never identified with Berwick Hills or Brambles Farm (to the West and East respectively). The ward has its own Primary School and has a community centre located in Pallister Park itself. This acts as a hub to the wider are. The area also has the East Middlesbrough Events Centre, which holds well attended community events that act as a community focal point.</p> <p>While it does not have its own shopping facilities it well served by the supermarket close by. There are medical and dental facilities, and one of the Council's Community Hubs, which provides several community facilities and a wide range of community services, situated on the opposite side of Ormesby Road</p> <p><u>Effective and convenient local government</u></p> <p>There are good transport and pedestrian links throughout the ward, and bus services through the ward and to the town centre.</p>

Marlon West Ward

Physical Characteristics

Marlon West ward lies mainly to the west of Marlon Road, with Brass castle Lane at the southern boundary, Marlon West Beck on the western boundary and the A174 Parkway to the north.

The current ward of Marlon West has a projected 3% variance greater than the optimum Councillor / elector ratio by 2029.

Community Characteristics

Marlon – the area, as opposed to the electoral ward(s) – is an area of Middlesbrough with a strong sense of community and community identity. It is one of the more affluent areas of Middlesbrough and comprises almost exclusively owner-occupied housing.

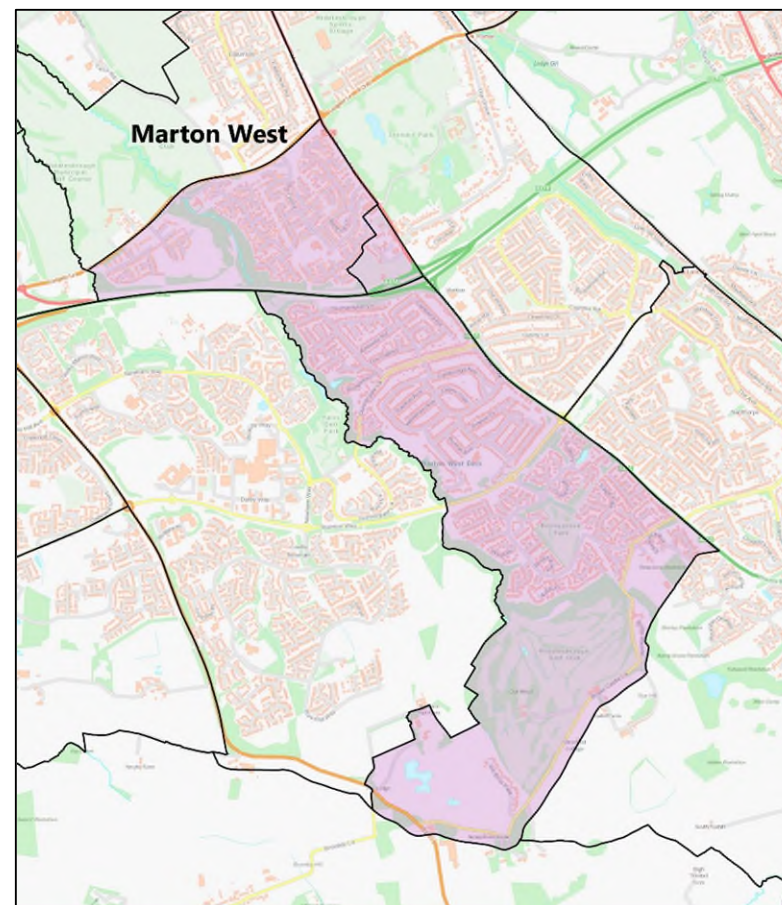
Proposal

The proposal is to combine the southern part of the current Ladgate Ward ie, South of Ladgate Lane.

It would provide a greater strength of community identity, brought together by the Stokesley Road which runs through the middle of the ward, and which has many of the shops and other facilities common to both parts of the new ward. Residents who reside in the southern part of the current Ladgate ward identify as living in Marlon, they also use facilities in the Marlon West Ward such as the shopping parade on Stokesley Road, community centers and public houses.

It is also proposed that the row of cottages on Marlon Road close to St Cuthberts Church and the apartments at The Wickets move to Marlon West Ward from Marlon East as they are situated to the West of Marlon Road.

The proposed Marlon West Ward will be a three Member ward and will have a Councillor / elector ratio 0% variance against the optimum by 2029.



Proposed ward name	Proposed number of Councillors	Electorate forecast 2029	Variance	Evidence and rationale
Marton West	3	6,811	0%	<p><u>Equality of representation</u></p> <p>The new Marton West Ward will have a 0% variance against the optimum elector/ Member ratio.</p> <p><u>Community identity and interests</u></p> <p>The ward will have a strong community identity.</p> <p>There is a large shopping parade in the centre of the ward, the Marton Road shops, which has a good variety of local shops and other facilities. There is a library and a post office in the same location, and the ward has a pharmacy. In addition, there are also some local shops in Woodrow Avenue. The ward has two schools, places of worship and an active community centre with a strong local management committee. In addition to the Community Council there is a Friends of Stewart park, which is in the ward, and a Friends of Marton Library, which is run with the involvement of local volunteers.</p> <p>There is an active Community Council in this ward, but it is not anticipated the proposal will affect its activities.</p> <p><u>Effective and convenient local government</u></p> <p>There is good vehicle and pedestrian access across the ward, and there are bus services along Marton Road and into the town centre.</p>

Stainton & Thornton Ward

Physical Characteristics

Stainton and Thornton villages are unique in Middlesbrough, being almost rural villages, with several working farms in an otherwise densely populated urban town. There has been some more recent housing development in the ward.

Comprising large areas of rural space to the west the ward also includes parts of the A19.

Community Characteristics

Stainton and Thornton villages are unique in Middlesbrough as being almost rural villages on the edge of the town albeit with some more recent housing development.

There is a very strong sense of community identity and community pride. There is a primary school, an active village hall, and Stainton & Thornton Parish Council is one of two Parish Councils within the Middlesbrough area. It also has an active Community Council.

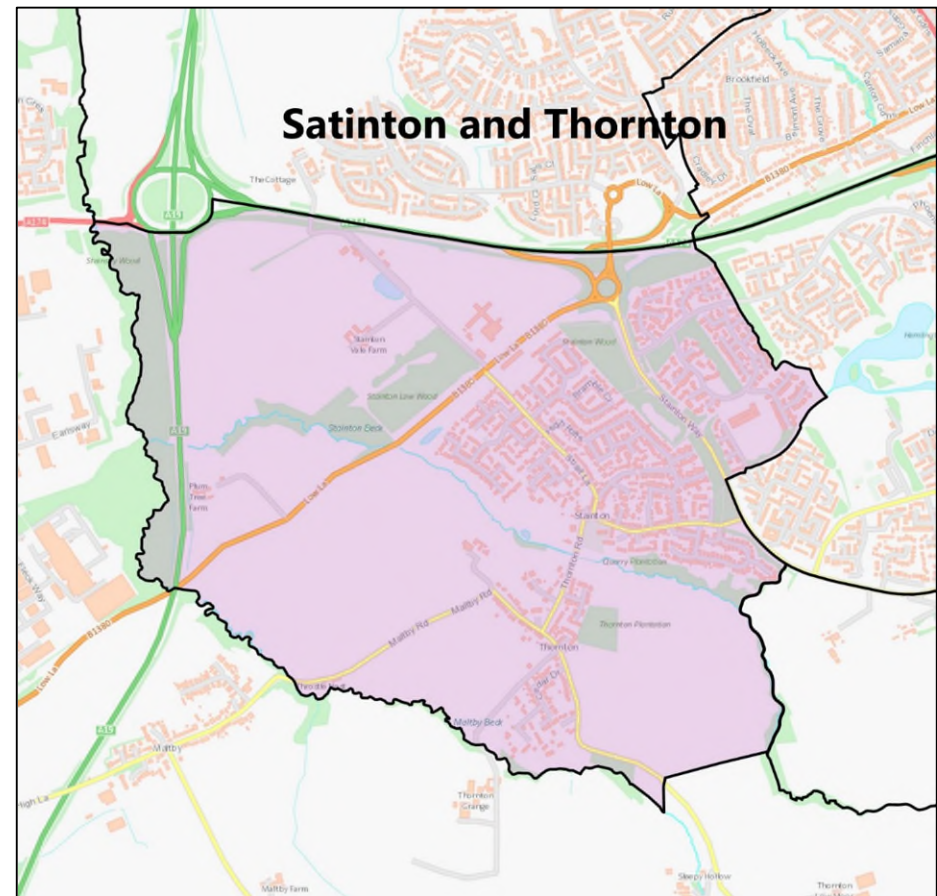
Stainton no longer has a village shop and post office but it has a village pub, a hotel, a health club, a barber, hairdressers and beauty bar and a parish church as well as other small businesses.

The new proposed housing developments within the area known as Hemlington Grange (land to the east of Stainton Beck) does not currently have any shops or a community centre. There is no direct path between Hemlington Grange and Stainton and so there are difficulties in sharing events that take place in Stainton in The Memorial Village Hall.

The villages are well served with a road network including Stainton Way, A174 and the A19. There is a good bus service that serves both Stainton and the Hemlington part of the ward.

Proposal

The only change proposed to this ward will be land to the east of Stainton Beck and up to the Western boundary of the current Coulby Newham ward will be adopted by the proposed Coulby South ward as detailed below. This change will have minimal effect on current electorate ratio's however an extensive programme of housing is programmed for this area up to and beyond 2029.



Proposed ward name	Proposed number of Councillors	Electorate forecast 2029	Variance	Evidence and rationale
Stainton & Thornton Villages Ward	1	2,373	5%	<p><u>Equality of representation</u></p> <p>Stainton & Thornton Villages Ward would have a 5% variance greater than the optimum elector/ Member ratio.</p> <p><u>Community identity and interests</u></p> <p>There is a very strong sense of community identity and community pride. There is a primary school, an active village hall, and Stainton & Thornton Parish Council is one of two Parish Councils within the Middlesbrough area. It has also has an active Community Council.</p> <p>Stainton no longer has a village shop and post office, but it has a village pub, a hotel, a health club, hairdressers and nail bar and a parish church.</p> <p>The new proposed housing developments within the area known as Hemlington Grange (land to the east of Stainton Beck) does not currently have any shops or a community centre. There is no direct path between Hemlington Grange and Stainton and so there are difficulties in sharing events that take place in Stainton in The Memorial Village Hall.</p> <p><u>Effective and convenient local government</u></p> <p>The ward has good road links, and easy pedestrian access, between all the residential parts of the proposed ward. There are bus services into Middlesbrough.</p>

North Ormesby & Boyds 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.

The east of Cargo Fleet Lane is largely industrial units. The proposed ward would also contain the Boyds Estate, currently within the boundary of Brambles and Thorntree ward. Despite its small size, the Boyds estate has an equally strong community identity as North Ormesby. However, the Boyds Estate does not identify with Brambles and Thorntree Ward partially due to the Trunk Road separating it from the remaining population of the ward.

Community Characteristics

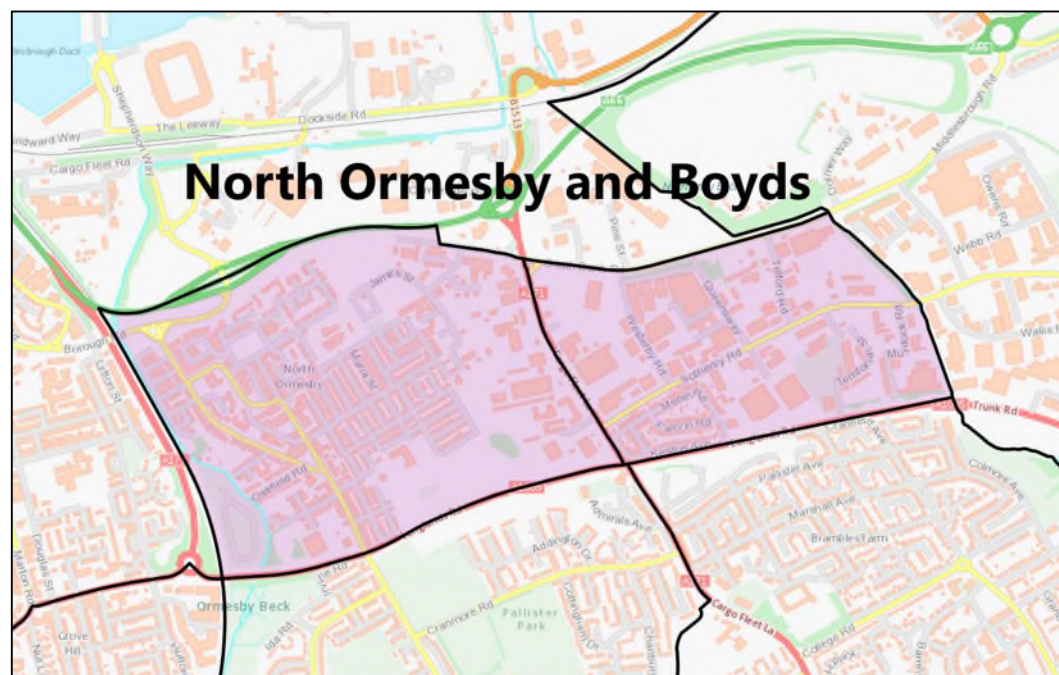
North Ormesby has a defined community identity and has many characteristics of a small township with a high street, a shopping area, and several commercial and public buildings. It is one of Middlesbrough's older, most readily identifiable communities.

Since the last Ward Boundary Review a new Lidl supermarket has been built on the border of the current North Ormesby Ward and the Boyd Estate which residents from both areas access.

Proposal

The proposal would be to extend the boundaries of the current North Ormesby Ward to the east using Trunk Road (A1085) as the southern boundary and the existing boundaries of Brambles and Thorntree Ward to the north and east. North Ormesby Ward would then encompass the industrial estate adjacent to Cargo Fleet Lane and the Boyds Estate. It is also proposed that the expanded North Ormesby Ward would remain a single member ward as there is only a small increase in electors.

It is accepted the expansion of the current North Ormesby Ward offers the opportunity for other changes in east Middlesbrough which in turn allows for changes in the south of the town. However, given the geography of the area, the self-contained nature of North Ormesby, and the lack of community connection of the Boyds Estate to Brambles and Thorntree Ward it is considered that this solution is the 'best fit' that can be achieved.



Given the access points from all boundaries and the strong community identities of both North Ormesby and the Boyds Estate the new ward would provide effective and convenient local government.

The proposed North Ormesby & Boyds Ward will have a Councillor / elector ratio of 4% less than the optimum Councillor ratio by 2029.

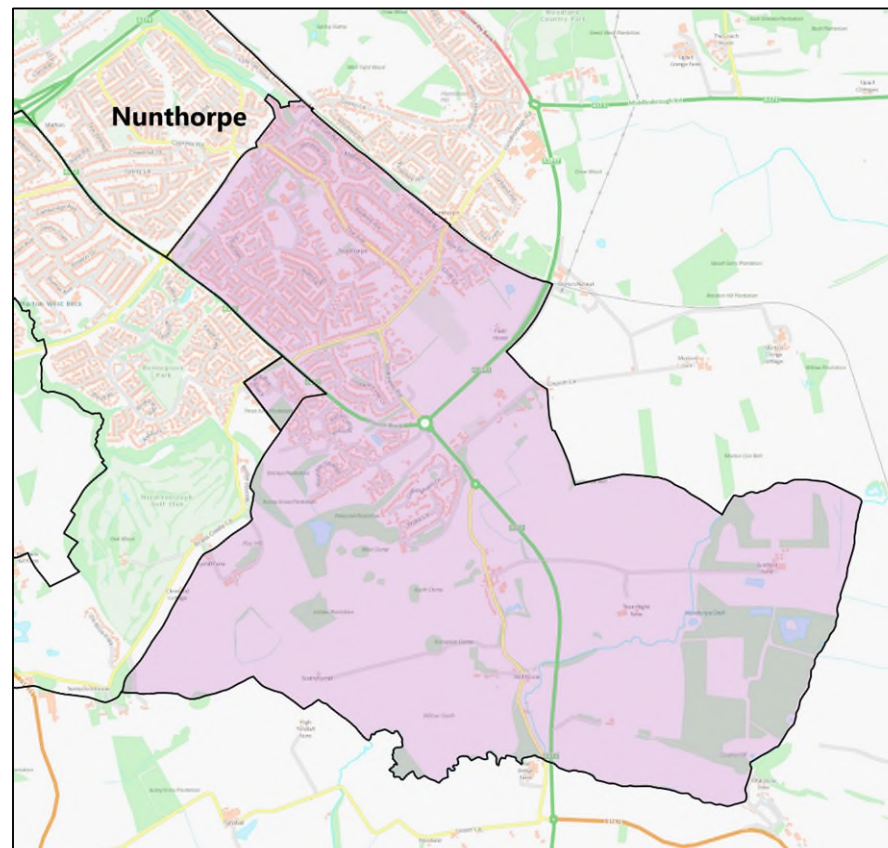
Proposed ward name	Proposed number of Councillors	Electorate forecast 2029	Variance	Evidence and rationale
North Ormesby & Boyds Ward		2,180	-4%	<p><u>Equality of representation</u></p> <p>The new North Ormesby & Boyds Ward will have a -4% variance against the optimum elector/ Member ratio. This will 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Boyd Estate is a much smaller area with some xxx electors. While there are physical boundaries to the east and south of the estate, these are both main roads offering improved access to the facilities of North Ormesby arguably greater than its current ward of Brambles and Thorntree.</p> <p><u>Effective and convenient local government</u></p> <p>Both the North Ormesby part of the ward and the Boyds Estate part of the ward have good vehicle access to other parts of the ward. The Council acknowledges that access between the North Ormesby area of the ward and the Boyd Estate is not ideal..</p>

Nunthorpe Ward

There is an active Parish Council (just one of two in Middlesbrough), which has led on the development of the Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Plan. The Governance Review of 2022 confirmed community support for the Parish Council, with continuing local interest evidenced by the contested Parish elections of May 2023. A new community hub at the centre of Nunthorpe is emerging on Stokesley Road, with a Medical Centre already opened, a Community Centre underway, and a large restaurant nearby.

To the north of this hub, the ward is fairly well developed in terms of housing. To the west, the new development of Grey Towers Village is almost complete. The southern part of the ward is mainly farmland, but also includes the original village of Nunthorpe. To the east is Nunthorpe Grange, zoned in the 2014 Local Plan for the construction of 250 dwellings, some of which are planned to be built by 2029. The draft 2024 Local Plan proposes no further construction of houses in Nunthorpe.

The proposal is for Nunthorpe to remain as at present, with one change. The residents of Borrowby Rise and Plantation View at the northern part of Grey Towers Village feel strongly that they are part of Nunthorpe, because they are an integral part of Grey Towers Village. Their only access is through Grey Towers Village, directly via Dixon's Bank and Ellerbeck (as distinct from the Marton West developments accessible via Brass Castle Lane). Their address is "Nunthorpe", and until this review most of the residents assumed that they are part of Nunthorpe Ward. A recent survey has evidenced the overwhelming desire of the residents to be confirmed as belonging to the Nunthorpe community. The proposed Nunthorpe Ward will have a Councillor / elector ratio 8% more than the optimum by 2029, which is felt to be exceptionally justified by the strength of community support for the proposal.



Proposed ward name	Proposed number of Councillors	Electorate forecast 2029	Variance	Evidence and rationale
Nunthorpe Ward	2	4,887	8%	<p><u>Equality of representation</u> The new Nunthorpe will have a 8% variance greater than the optimum elector/ Member ratio.</p> <p><u>Community identity and interests</u> The ward has a strong community identity. It has an active Parish Council and there is a residents group active in the Grey Towers area. There is an active Community Council in the area.</p> <p>There are three primary schools in the ward, and shops next to Nunthorpe railway station, although they are, in fact, just over the border in Redcar & Cleveland. There is also a newly opened doctors surgery.</p> <p>There is an active Community Council in this ward, but it is not anticipated the proposal will affect its activities.</p> <p><u>Effective and convenient local government</u> The ward has good road and pedestrian links between all parts of the ward. There is a railway station on the Middlesbrough to Whitby line. There is also a bus services into Middlesbrough.</p>