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COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF TWYFORD AND STENSON

(UNPARISHED AREA), STENSON FIELDS (PARISHED AREA) AND

BARROW ON TRENT (PARISHED AREA)

I am a long-term resident of the village of Barrow on Trent and I am responding to the call for consultation regarding the community governance review of the parish.

Barrow on Trent is fortunate in having a Parish Council which reflects the feeling of the local residents.

The Parish Council have been proposing to transfer the land in question to Stenson Fields Parish over a number of years

Changes within the parish over the last 20 years have resulted in the parish becoming isolated from the north-eastern portion of the parish.

This followed directly from the construction of the A50 road which cut across the parish and isolated the portion of the land which is contiguous to the parishes of Stenson Fields and the City of Derby.

Adoption of South Derbyshire District Council Local Plan Part 1 means that this land will be developed over the next 20 years as residential accommodation comprising some 2000 units.

This would place an unreasonable change on the character of the Parish of Barrow on Trent which currently has a population of only some 500 souls.

The new residential accommodation will be contiguous to both Stenson Fields and the City of Derby and will have no connection with the parish of Barrow on Trent and will be physically separated from the remainder of the parish by both the A50 road and the Trent and Mersey Canal.

The proposed new development is separated by road from the built environment of the village of Barrow on Trent by a distance of 1.5 kilometres

It will also look for its services towards the existing centre established within the Sinfin District Centre

These proposals have been discussed repeatedly at Parish Council meetings in Barrow on Trent and the Parish Council have established a clear view that they wish the land indicated on map <http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk/Images/Area%20map_tcm21-281679.pdf> to be transferred from the Parish of Barrow on Trent to the Parish of Stenson Fields

It is also my understanding from attending Parish Council meetings that both the Parish Councils of Barrow on Trent and Stenson Fields support this proposal.

I fully support the proposal for the Parish of Barrow upon Trent to divest around 153.5 acres of land in the north-west area, with Stenson Fields to incorporate this into its area.