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Dear Sirs

**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW, RAVENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007
APPROVED 30 OCTOBER 2019**

In respect of the above, this letter comprises Bramley Parish Council's formal response to Rotherham MBC's consultation:

- 1) Ravenfield PC's only motivation to have the boundary moved is financial gain, a review of consultation responses received by Bramley PC recognise this as an audacious and avaricious manoeuvre by Ravenfield PC.
- 2) Ravenfield PC's proposed boundaries do not comply with the Boundary Commission's definitions of what constitutes a parish boundary
- 3) The existing historic and strategic boundaries i.e. a busy main road and a natural brook, present firm ground detail and are perfectly in keeping with the Boundary Commission's definitions, nor are they in any way illogical or anomalous.
- 4) There are no actual residents of the area of land concerned and therefore "popular support" cannot be ascertained or quantified.
- 5) Ravenfield PC claims the development land concerned is located in the "middle" of their village – this claim is factually incorrect.
- 6) A substantial part of the Parish of Bramley had previously been given over to Ravenfield Parish, in 1994. However, considering the small size and 'dormitory' nature of Ravenfield Common, perhaps it would be more strategic for that neighbourhood to be transferred into the Parish of Bramley.
- 7) Ravenfield PC claims that the residents of the new development will use the 'facilities' of Ravenfield; the reality is that there are virtually no facilities serving the residents of that parish.

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8) The residents of the proposed developments will inevitably gravitate to Bramley where the facilities are numerous - employment centres, many shops, several takeaways and eating out venues, supermarkets, the newspaper shop, schools, dentist, hair and beauty salons, hotel and pubs, petrol stations, allotments, village halls, gym, bus routes and motorway access.

Bramley has emerged in recent decades to become economically vibrant and sustainable, and able to deliver good quality local services.

9) The proposed residential development along Moor Lane South will generate significant commuter traffic made up of private cars, the vast majority of which will pass through Bramley centre. It will also generate traffic accessing local facilities that are located in Bramley, it therefore follows that the 'eventual' residents of the development will identify their 'sense of place' as with Bramley and their interests therein

10) Regrettably, any sense of community cohesion or cross-boundary collaboration with Ravenfield has been destroyed by Ravenfield Parish Council's divisiveness and aggressive misuse of the CGR procedure.

This situation is in direct contrast to the mutual respect and constructive cooperation that exists between Bramley and Wickersley parish councils.

11) Bramley Parish Council is steadfastly non-political and any external political forces are resolutely resisted - all decision and policy making is only ever considered in the light of the well-being of residents of the parish and BPC always acts assertively in their best interests.

Could you please advise if YLCA has been involved with RMBC during the formation and consultation period of this current CGR.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Foulds', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape. A horizontal line extends from the bottom right of the signature.

Robert Foulds
Clerk to the Parish Council