

# **Petition to remove the Fairham development from Barton in Fabis Parish and create a new Parish to represent the population of Fairham.**

Barton in Fabis is an ancient settlement, of circa 210 people, dating back to the 11th century. It lies in the rural Trent Valley floodplain. As part of the 2014 Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 1, a large sustainable urban extension was allocated within the parish boundary of Barton in Fabis. This new settlement known as “Fairham” is suburban in nature and with a final anticipated population in excess of 6000 adults and 100,000m<sup>2</sup> of commercial space will overwhelm the interests of the existing residents in the village.

The Parish Council is petitioning residents of Barton as part of a formal request to Rushcliffe Borough Council to consider the creation of a new parish in a process termed “Community Governance Review”

The proposal is seeking to create a new Parish of Fairham so that the existing Parish Council can remain focussed on the interests of the Barton in Fabis population and the residents of Fairham will have their own representation.

## **Reasons:**

1. Fairham will be an extension of Clifton which, when fully developed, will include 3000 new homes. Barton in Fabis as a small rural parish with currently circa 100 houses in a separate and remote location.
2. Barton in Fabis village and surrounding land is protected by green belt designation. The land allocated for the Fairham development was removed from the green belt in the last review so development and planning issues will be very different.
3. Barton in Fabis Parish has no assets and as a result charges a modest precept. The needs of Fairham are unknown and the parish precept may need to differ markedly as a result.

4. The streets and parks in Fairham will be managed by a “management company” on behalf of the residents. Barton in Fabis will rely on the County and Borough Councils.
5. The settlement in Fairham will be served by a local school, a GP surgery, have access to local playing fields as well as a substantial commercial and industrial footprint. Barton in Fabis lies a mile away with a village hall and church as the only public amenities.
6. Residents of Barton in Fabis have longstanding ties with neighbouring rural settlements of Thrumpton, Ratcliffe on Soar, Gotham and Kingston on Soar with mutual interests focussed on rural and environmental matters. As an extension to Clifton, Fairham will have issues more closely aligned to Clifton and the rest of the City.

### Proposed Parish Boundary:

The existing boundary is marked in a pink outline, The proposed alteration to the boundary follows the blue line. The northern boundary of the new parish lying along the A453, the southwestern boundary along Barton lane and southeastern boundary along the line of pylons following the greenbelt boundary. There is only one property lying close to the revised boundary - Top Farm Cottage - which would remain in the parish of Barton in Fabis.

