

Elizabeth Benson.

Dear Secretary,

As chairman of Blackstaff Community Development Association, I intend to respond to the Provisional Recommendations Report by letter. I should however point out at this stage that we would be in favour of keeping the Sandy Row area together instead of dividing it up. I believe in 2007, the recommendation was to include most of Sandy Row in a new City Hall Ward. I see that this has been changed to include all the Sandy Row area into the Blackstaff Ward and the proposed name of City Hall Ward is changed to Central Ward. We would like some time to study the recommendations but I don't imagine any real changes in our position. We strongly support the retention of the Blackstaff name. The Blackstaff Community Development would like to attend the public hearings at Malone House on 20-21 November 2008.

With kind regards,

William Dickson

Chairman

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**BLACKSTAFF COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

15<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Elizabeth Benson  
Secretary Local Government Boundaries Commission  
Forestview  
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Belfast  
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Dear Elizabeth,

**Re: Blackstaff Ward.**

You have already received our views by email and now wish to confirm our views in letter form regarding the Provisional Recommendations Report. As stated in our email, Blackstaff Community Development favour keeping the Sandy Row area together instead of dividing it between wards, as was proposed in the 2007 recommendations. We support the extension of Blackstaff Ward, taking in the greater Sandy Row area, as proposed in the recommendations. We also support the retention of the Blackstaff name as it has historical links to all the communities in the Donegall Road and Sandy Row area. I have enclosed an 1884 Marcus Ward map of the area showing Blackstaff Road / Blackstaff Lane (now Donegall Road) and Blackstaff River.

The Blackstaff Community Development would like to attend the public hearings at Malone House on 20-21 November 2008.

Yours sincerely,

William Dickson  
Chairman

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