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The Secretary  
Local Government Boundaries Commissioner  
For Northern Ireland  
Forestview  
Purdy's Lane  
Belfast  
BT8 7AR

Dear Ms Benson,

I refer to the earlier consultation document issued by the Commissioner on the proposed boundaries for the new local government areas.

This document was considered by the Council at a recent meeting at which it was agreed to make an interim submission to the Commission and to advise that the Council would seek to make a further oral submission at the meeting to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

The Council's interim view concerned the formation of the wards to be known as Whitespots and Islandhill.

In the first case, Whitespots, the Council believed that the proposed ward would create unnatural boundaries at both constituency and District Electoral Area (DEA) levels as there would be significant parts of Newtownards or Bangor in DEAs centred around the other town.

Equally the Council considered that the proposed Islandhill ward would bring into being an unnatural DEA boundary with both parts of Comber and Newtownards in a DEA which would be centred around the other town.

In making these comments the Council referred to a similar ward which had been proposed in the past and against which it had lodged an objection, given that it appeared unworkable.

In light of the above the Council urged the Commissioner to review these two anomalies with a view to redrafting them to create clearer boundaries.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive.