

LGD: Belfast
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We believe the people of this community would be better served if the boundary of this ward was to include the electorate bounded by olympia drive, glenmachen st, westlink, the houses south of the railway to boyne bridge, hope st, gt victoria st, bradbury place, moores place, lands north of lisburn rd until dunluce ave until the railway line at donegall ave and olympia drive. this is an area designated a neighbourhood renewal area where a lot of work has already been carried out in setting up a neighbourhood plan with political representation. there has always been a natural affinity within this area in terms of community, family and provision of services. the inclusion of the mid donegall rd as part of the university ward would result in special arrangements being made to allow people to vote. this is an area of low car ownership and people would feel reluctant to travel a distance to vote. the areas including the village sandy row and mid donegall road are already serviced by the same providers, hospitals, doctors, health centres, waste collection, postal deliveries, public transport, economic development community services and many many more. if the existing proposals were implemented the level of recordable deprivation would be completely obscured and hidden by seperating the area into three more affluent areas. to offset the loss of numbers from the proposed university ward, that boundary should be expanded from the proposed line at donnybrook st to rathdrum st. the remaining streets from rathdrum st to lislea drive should be included in the malone ward.