

A Chairde,

As a Sinn Fein councillor for the Upper Fall's area I have been asked by concerned residents to make representation on their behalf regarding the Boundary Commission's proposed changes in the Upper Fall's DEA.

Their concerns are that Divis Drive, Norbury Street, Norfolk Drive, Norfolk Gardens and Glen Road should be moved from Ballymurphy ward into Falls Park ward. These streets have no community links to the Ballymurphy ward area and are a considerable distance from the Ballymurphy area. These streets are part of the Divis/Norfolk/Arizona Residents Association, which represents the lower Glen Road community, which is part of the Falls Park ward. There is no logic for placing these streets in the Ballymurphy ward.

These streets are part of the lower Glen Road community and I believe they should be included in the Falls Park ward.

Benraw Gardens, Benraw Green, Benraw Road, Dunmisk Walk, Fruithill Court, Fruithill Park, Stockmans Avenue, Stockmans Court, Stockmans Crescent, Stockmans Drive, Stockmans Gardens, Stockmans Lane and Stockmans Park should come out of Falls Park ward into Andersonstown ward using the natural boundary of Kennedy Way. These streets are part of the Andersonstown area in terms of community development, community festivals, and residents associations.

Bingnian Way and Bingnian Drive should come out of Shaws Road ward into Andersonstown ward, as these streets are an integral part of the Andersonstown area. They are also part of the Bingnian/Bearnagh residents association in the Andersonstown area.

Glen Shane Gardens, Slieveban Drive and Slievegallion Drive and Navan Green should come out of Shaws Road ward into Andersonstown ward. These streets are part of the Andersonstown area and are also part of the Slieve Residents Association that is affiliated to the Link community forum, an umbrella group for community associations in Andersonstown.

Finaghy Road North, Trench Avenue, Trench Park, Ladybrook Gardens and Ladybrook Park should come out of Andersonstown ward into Ladybrook ward as these streets are part of the Ladybrook area, in terms of youth provision and community development.

Corrib Avenue, Dungloe Crescent, Lenadoon Avenue and Naroon Park should be moved from the Shaws Road ward to the Collin Glen ward as these streets are a central part of the Lenadoon area and are affiliated to the Upper Lenadoon Residents Association that is part of Lenadoon forum. The natural boundary in this situation is the Shaws Road.

Cois Cluana Park, Conor Close, Conor Rise, Rosgoill Drive, Rosgoill Gardens, Rosgoill Park, Shaws Avenue, Shaws Court, Shaws Park, Shaws Place and Shaws Road should all come out of Stewartstown ward into Shaws Road ward. Rosgoill Community Association works on community development in this area and is part of the Upper Andersonstown Community Forum based in the area of the Shaws Road ward. The residents of these streets are very closely linked to facilities in the Shaws Road ward.

Ladybrook Park should come out of Stewartstown ward into Ladybrook ward because this street is the main thoroughfare in the Ladybrook area and is clearly a part of that area.

Stewartstown Avenue, Stewartstown Park and Stewartstown Road should come out of the Shaws Road ward into the Stewartstown ward, as these streets have no natural affiliation with the area in the Shaws Road ward. These streets are part of the Stewartstown area.

Willowvale Avenue, Suffolk Drive, Suffolk Crescent, Suffolk Avenue, Stewartstown Road should all come out of Ladybrook ward into Stewartstown ward alongside the rest of the streets in the Willowvale estate which is part of the Stewartstown area. Suffolk Residents Association works in all these streets.

I want to echo their concerns and endorse their proposals.

Also I wish to bring to your attention recommendation put forward by Irish language activist who reside in the Upper Fall's area. These are that all ward's situated in this DEA be translated into Irish. There is a vibrant Irish community in the Upper Fall's area and this is in evidence with the Shaws Road Gaeltacht and the many Irish language nursery schools, primary schools and an Irish medium secondary school.

Their recommendations are as follows:

Falls Park should become Pairc na bhFal  
Andersonstown should become Baile Andarsan Shaws Road should become Bothar Seoighe Collin Glen should become Gleann Collan Stewartstown should become Baile Stiobhaird Ladybrook should become Sruthan na Bantiarna

Ard mor  
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