

Colin Community Council Submission

Cloona Park, Cloona Avenue, Cloona Crescent should all come out of Ladybrook ward into Twinbrook ward. These streets are part of the upper Dunmurry Lane which identifies itself with the streets contained in the Twinbrook ward. The Colinglen River is a natural boundary in this situation.

Margaretta Park, Margaretta Crescent, Margaretta Court, Helens Wood and Helens Wood Court should all be moved out of Ladybrook ward into Twinbrook ward. These streets also identify with the Twinbrook area and the Colinglen River is a natural boundary. It is the logical decision to move these streets into the Twinbrook ward.

Glengoland Avenue, Glengoland Crescent, Glengoland Gardens, Glengoland Parade and Glengoland Park should all be moved out of Stewartstown ward into Poleglass ward. The Glengoland area identities with the Poleglass ward and there is a natural boundary across the Colinglen Forest Park and the Colinglen River. It would be the correct decision to keep the Glengoland estate together in the Poleglass ward.

Colinvale and Merrion Park should be moved out of the Stewartstown ward into the Poleglass ward. These estates are in Poleglass, identify completely with Poleglass and it is illogical to have these estates in any other ward.

Glenbawn estate, comprising Glenbawn Avenue, Close, Court, Crescent, Drive, Link, Park, Place, Square and Walk and Ardcaoin Avenue, Drive and Gardens should come out of Lagmore ward into Poleglass ward. These estates are again, geographically, and to all intents and purposes, a part of the Poleglass area. These estates are not part of the Lagmore community. The natural boundary in this situation is the Lagmore Valley.

I would like to express our complete support for the decision of the Boundary Commission to include the Poleglass, Lagmore, Twinbrook and Dunmurry wards in the new Belfast council boundaries. This decision has the support of the overwhelming majority of the community represented in these wards.

I would recommend the following;

- That the name of the Poleglass ward is changed to its Irish language name which is An Poll Glas.
- That the name of the Twinbrook ward is changed to Cill Uaighe
- That the name of the Dunmurry ward is changed to Dun Muirigh
- That the name of the Lagmore ward is changed to An Lag Mor

These changes to ward names would reflect the vibrant and growing Irish language community in these wards. There is an Irish language nursery school and an Irish language primary school in the area. There are a large amount of bilingual street signs in the area and many of the children in the area attend Irish medium schools. These changes would be widely welcomed by the communities who live in these wards.

In conjunction with this the vast majority of Colin residents originally came from the West of the city and their loyalty is with that area. The majority of the residents also access their health needs in this part of the city. Many of our young people attend school there and many are employed there.

This would also do away with the identity crisis in relation the confusion in relation to parliamentary and council boundaries.