

A Chairde,

As a Sinn Fein Councilor elected in the Lower Falls area I would like to make the following submission regarding the proposed changes set out in your report of September 2008.

In your Report it is proposed that the Shankill ward will go beyond the peace line at Cupar Way into the Clonard area. I would request that any homes in the Clonard area affected by this to be brought into the Clonard ward as these homes would clearly be part of the Clonard community.

I would also like you to clarify which ward Shanvis Court, a street located in the fall's area, is being placed in as there is no reference to this street in the list of street names released by the Boundary Commission.

I would recommend that Shanvis Court is placed in the Falls ward as that is the area in which it is situated.

Mica Drive, a street situated in the Beechmount area, should be transferred from the Clonard ward into the Beechmount ward. Mica Drive is in the centre of Beechmount and the residents of Mica Drive identify with the area. It is the only street in the 'old' Beechmount area that the boundary commission has moved into Clonard ward.

Beechmount Gardens, Beechmount Close and Beechmount Grove also should be moved out of the Clonard ward into the Beechmount ward in order to keep the Beechmount area together in the same ward, thereby avoiding the division of the Beechmount area. All of these streets are represented by the Beechmount Residents Association and are not part of the Clonard area.

Iris Close, Iris Grove, Iris Mews, Iris Walk and Iris Court should be transferred from the Beechmount ward to the Clonard ward. This area, known locally as 'new Iris', is part of the wider Iris/Cavendish and Cluain Mor areas, all of which are in the Clonard ward. This area is part of the area represented by Clonard Residents Association.

Beechmount Avenue, Braemar Street, Brighton Street, Broadway, Irwell Court, Islandbawn Drive, Islandbawn Street, Shiels Street, Thames Court, Thames Street and the houses along the front of the Falls Road (Mulholland Terrace) between St Mary's University College and St Dominic's Grammar School should all be moved from the Falls ward into the Beechmount ward.

Beechmount Avenue is the main thoroughfare in the Beechmount area and many of the streets in the Beechmount ward run off Beechmount Avenue. There is no logic in Beechmount Avenue being placed in the Falls ward.

Braemar Street, Brighton Street, Broadway, Irwell Court, Islandbawn Drive, Islandbawn Street, Shiels Street, Thames Court, Thames Street and the houses along the front of the Falls Road between St Mary's University College and St Dominic's Grammar School are all part of the Beechmount/Iveagh community.

This part of the mid-Falls area is represented by the Beechmount Residents Association and the Iveagh Residents Association, two groups that work in tandem with each other on issues affecting the Beechmount and Iveagh areas.

The area of the Falls ward should begin at the corner of the Springfield Road as the Springfield Road is, in effect, a boundary.

New Barnsley Drive, New Barnsley Gardens, New Barnsley Park and the odd numbers on the Springfield Road should be moved from the Ballymurphy ward into the Turf Lodge ward. The Springfield Road is a natural boundary for these changes. The whole of the New Barnsley area should be kept together as one community as the New Barnsley Residents Association represents it and it is clearly part of the New Barnsley area, which is in the Turf Lodge ward.

I wish also to recommend that the following ward names in the Lower Falls be changed into Irish, as there are numerous Irish language groups, businesses, and a large percentage of residents in this area are Irish language speakers. The wards are:

- * Falls should become Ceantar na bhFalls
- * Clonard should become Cluain Ard
- * Beechmount should become Ard na bhFea
- * Ballymurphy should become Baile Uí Mhurchu
- * Turf Lodge should become Gort na Mona

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