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Mrs Elizabeth Benson 12th November 2008
Secretary to the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner
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Dear Mrs Benson,

Submission to the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner on behalf of Newry & Armagh Ulster Unionist Association.

On behalf of the above named Association I wish to make the following points in relation to the proposed Boundary Preliminary Recommendations in respect of both Newry City & Down and Armagh City & Bann new Council areas. I would hope, along with Party colleagues to have the opportunity to expand on these issues at the forthcoming Public Hearing/s.

In **Armagh City & Bann** we would like to see some further consideration given to arrangements in the Markethill area, as Markethill is to be split between the wards of Hamiltonsbawn and Poyntzpass. We propose that this be revised so that Markethill is united within one ward (the proposed ward of Hamiltonsbawn) and that this ward be renamed Markethill.

We also propose that the village of Killylea be transferred from Navan ward to Blackwater ward and that the new boundary run along the main road to the north of the village.

We further propose that the boundary between the wards of Richhill and Loughgall be re-drawn so that the area at the north west of Richill ward be transferred to Loughgall.

The Newry & Armagh Ulster Unionist Party Constituency Association also recommends that the ward of Newtownhamilton be transferred from Newry City & Down District Council into Armagh City & Bann on the grounds that the local community in that area has significantly more in common with the City of Armagh than the City of Newry in terms of retail and commercial trading and social and sporting ties.

I trust these counter proposals will be given serious consideration. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter, I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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(Newry & Armagh)

On behalf of Newry & Armagh Constituency Ulster Unionist Party