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Office of the Local Boundaries Commissioner
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Dear Ms Benson

Re: Review of NI Local Government Boundaries – Revised Recommendations

We have looked at your consultation document and are totally opposed to the transfer of part of Killyman to the new Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council.

This would have a serious impact on our current rates which are already excessive but a move like this would make it worse with Councils like Armagh having such a high rate burden.

We have been closely associated throughout the life time of Dungannon Council which began in 1972. We are closely tied into a wide range of activities in Dungannon including the farming abattoirs, government bodies, schools, leisure and shopping with little ties to the new proposed area.

We would be concerned as residents facing a major rate increase. Why should residents and businesses be affected because of government change. There is enough uncertainty with the present climate without adding to it.

A river cannot be viewed as a natural boundary. This river is the life blood of our local community and natural feature and would divide many agricultural lands and businesses between 2 different council areas.

We believe that very few of the people affected know about these changes and have not had the opportunity to be properly made aware and given an opportunity to respond.

We would urge you to give serious consideration to leaving the boundaries as they are.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Greenaway