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Mr Richard H Mackenzie CB
Local Government Boundaries Commissioner
Forestview
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Dear Mr Mackenzie

We wish to submit an objection to one proposed ward boundary contained in the Provisional Recommendations Report as part of the Review of Northern Ireland Local Government Boundaries.

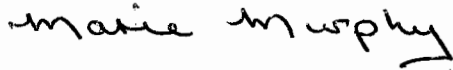
The objection refers to the boundary between the proposed wards of Rostrevor and Warrenpoint in what is currently Newry and Mourne District Council. If the proposed boundary is adhered to it will cut off the townlands of Kilbroney, Kilbroney Upper and Levallyclanone from Rostrevor village. Most of the inhabitants in this area live along what is known as the Kilbroney Road and the general area is referred to as the Kilbroney Valley. Although it would require a more detailed map to make an accurate judgement, the proposed boundary would appear to divide the townland of Kilbroney.

Kilbroney is synonymous with Rostrevor. The village parish is the Parish of Kilbroney and its main attraction is Kilbroney Park. The townland of Kilbroney contains the ancient monastic site of St Bronagh in Kilbroney cemetery (hence *Cill Bronaigh* meaning Church of Bronagh). The traditional glebe lands of this monastery extended into Levallyclanone. The present Benedictine monastery is in Kilbroney and the entire valley forms an integral part of the history, culture and economy of Rostrevor.

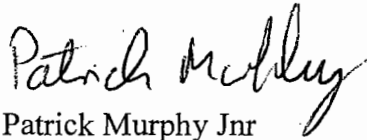
The location of the proposed boundary along the course of the Kilbroney River effectively partitions the valley. It is therefore proposed that the boundary should be moved westwards from the river to the upland divide between it and the neighbouring Drumreagh Valley. Thus the new boundary would run roughly northwards from Thunders Hill through the highest points of Leacan Mor and Slieve Roosley to meet the boundary with the proposed Hilltown ward about 1 km to the west of the main Rostrevor-Hilltown road.

The resultant transfer of electors from Warrenpoint ward to Rostrevor ward is unlikely to significantly alter the relative size of either. We trust that the Commission will give our submission serious consideration.

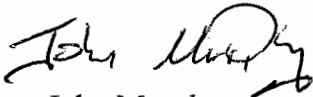
Yours sincerely



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