

**LGD: North East**  
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**Organisation: Ballymena Borough Council**  
**Ref to: Ward, Name**

Comment on an issue in North East Region (ward name)

I believe you will be receiving an opinion from Ballymena Borough Council that the ward named as "Braid" should be named "Ballykeel". I would oppose that very strongly. Ballykeel is only one part of the ward, would not be regarded as naturally referring to any larger area, and unfortunately, being the name of a large, almost entirely Protestant, Housing Executive estate, would not sit well with the entire ward.

"Braid" is not ideal; certainly if someone says "I live in the Braid", they will actually live in a country area between Broughshane and Carnlough. "Braidwater" would be better, and a further name that might do nicely would be "Showgrounds".

I would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt by e-mail.

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