**Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland**

**2023 Parliamentary Boundary Review, Secondary Consultation**

**Public Hearing, City Hotel, Derry-Londonderry**

**8th March 2022**

**District Judge Peter King (Chair of the Public Hearing):**

It is now shortly after 11am in the morning and I want to formally declare this public hearing open. We don’t have any live participants in the room and I understand there is nobody on the Zoom link. So instead of opening the hearing with the remarks that have been prepared for me, I will formally adjourn this morning’s hearing until we have either a live presenter or anybody online. I’m available to come back at any stage during the morning.

In any event, if nobody appears either online or in person, we’ll reconvene again at 2pm for the afternoon slot and again, we will revisit anybody who wants to be heard and facilitate them either online or in person. So if there’s still nobody online and there’s nobody at the door we’ll formally adjourn. I will come back as soon as anybody wants to say anything and in any event, will be here again at 2pm. Thank you very much.

**[Hearing Adjourned]**

**District Judge Peter King (Chair of the Public Hearing):**

Well, as with the 11 o’clock session, I’d just like to formally open our afternoon session now. The session runs from 2pm to 4pm. Is there anybody online who wishes to join us? I can confirm there’s no live attendees, and nobody has indicated to the Secretariat they want to attend. What I propose to do then is as we did at 11am, I’ll formally adjourn this session until we have anybody that wishes to present. If there’s nobody to present, we’ll reconvene for the evening’s session at 5pm. Thank you very much.

**[Hearing Adjourned]**

**District Judge Peter King (Chair of the Public Hearing):**

It’s now 5pm and I’d like to formally open the third and final session of today’s hearing. Can I just confirm, do we have anybody joining us remotely? No. And there’s nobody in the room who wants to present in person? No. What I propose to do then, as at 11 o’clock and 2pm, I’ll formally adjourn this session until anybody who wishes to present between now and 7 o’clock attends. If nobody attends I’ll come back at 7pm and formally close the session. Thank you very much.

**[Hearing Adjourned]**

**District Judge Peter King (Chair of the Public Hearing):**

It’s now 7pm and I want to bring today’s proceedings to a close. Before I do so, can I just confirm there is nobody online who wishes to contribute? And again, I can confirm that nobody has presented themselves in person.

Before I close, I just want to make a few remarks. First of all, had there been anybody here today, either in person or remotely, I would have been satisfied that the requirements under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, as amended by the 2011 Act, Schedule 2A, Paragraph 5 - arrangements were in place. I had an opportunity to review the pack that I was provided with as Chairman before we started, and I’m absolutely satisfied that arrangements were in place for an explanation of the proposals and equally, arrangements were in place about how written representations about the proposals could have been made. As I say, had there been any participants today, that would have been made explicit.

Secondly, I’d like to thank the hotel staff who looked after us today. And finally, I’d just like to thank the Boundary Commission Secretariat and the AV staff who have made today possible. Thank you very much everybody. And I think with that said, we can bring today’s proceedings to a close. Thank you very much everybody.

**HEARING CLOSED**