

Secretary to the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland,

I wish to submit representations with regards to the Boundary Commission proposals for the new 16 Westminster constituencies. The changes that I wish to propose are indicated in the attached map. This map is the original map released by the Boundary Commission in September 2011. I have altered the boundaries on this map to indicate my proposed changes. I will explain my proposed changes and how they would alter the Boundary Commission's original proposals.

#1 I propose that the Sixmilecross ward be transferred from Fermanagh South Tyrone to Mid Tyrone and that the Coagh ward be transferred from Mid Tyrone to Glenshane.

My reasoning is:

A: The proposed Fermanagh South Tyrone has an electorate of 78,664. This is the only constituency that is more than 5% above the Northern Ireland electoral quota of 74,415. By transferring this ward to Mid Tyrone, Fermanagh South Tyrone would have an electorate of 77,108 which is within the 5% variation of the Northern Ireland electoral quota.

B: Sixmilecross ward is the only ward of the 7 wards of the Omagh Mid Tyrone DEA that is not part of the Mid Tyrone Westminster constituency and should be in Mid Tyrone with the other 6 wards of the DEA.

C: Coagh ward would be transferred to Glenshane so that Mid Tyrone would also be within 5% of the Northern Ireland electoral quota.

With these changes the electorates would be:

Fermanagh South Tyrone	77,108
Mid Tyrone	77,843
Glenshane	74,498

#2 I propose that the Carnlough ward be transferred from North Antrim to Mid Antrim and that the Gortalee, Knockagh and Greenisland wards be transferred from South Antrim to Mid Antrim.

I propose that the Slemish and Broughshane wards be transferred from North Antrim to Mid Antrim.

I propose that the Ahoghill and Galgorm wards be transferred from Mid Antrim to North Antrim.

I propose that the Kells and Grange wards be transferred from Mid Antrim to South Antrim.

My reasoning is:

A: Carnlough ward is the only ward of the 15 Larne District Council wards that is not in Mid Antrim. It is more logical to have all 15 of the Larne wards in the same constituency.

B: Carrickfergus District Council contains 17 wards. 14 of those wards are

within Mid Antrim and 3 of those wards (Gortalee, Knockagh and Greenisland) are within South Antrim. It is more

logical to have all 17 of the Carrickfergus wards in the same constituency.

C: The Slemish and Broughshane wards would be transferred to Mid Antrim so that Mid Antrim would be more geographically compact. If you look at the attached map Mid Antrim would be more geographically compact. The Boundary Commission Mid Antrim is very elongated and extends all the way from Carrickfergus to the border of Magherafelt District Council. The Ahoghill and Galgorm wards would be transferred to North Antrim so that both North Antrim and Mid Antrim would be within 5% of the electoral quota.

D: The Kells and Grange wards would be transferred to South Antrim so that Mid Antrim would be within 5% of the electoral quota.

#3 I propose that the Jordanstown, Monkstown and Rostulla wards be transferred to North Belfast.

I propose that the Ballyhenry, Collinbridge, Glebe, Glengormley and Hightown wards be transferred from North Belfast to South Antrim.

My reasoning is:

A: These ward changes would result in the creation of the old South Antrim constituency. Prior to the 5th review, South Antrim consisted of the Antrim District Council, the Ballyclare DEA, the Antrim Line DEA and the wards of Ballyduff, Carmoney, Hawthorne and Mossley. Thus, these ward changes would recreate the previous South Antrim. The wards transferred to South Antrim are geographically closer to South Antrim District Council, whereas the wards removed ( Jordanstown, Rostulla and Monkstown) are further away. The Kells and Grange wards are also added to South Antrim so it would be within the 5% electoral quota.

B: The 3 wards added to North Belfast would form a geographical continuum along Belfast Lough.

With the ward changes in #2 and #3 above the new constituency electorates would be:

North Antrim	75,151
Mid Antrim	73,532
South Antrim	75,550
North Belfast	73,359

#4 I propose that the Upper Braniel ward be transferred from Strangford to Belfast South East

I propose that the Shaftsbury ward be transferred to Belfast South East and the Stranmillis ward be transferred to Belfast South West

My reasoning is:

A: Upper Braniel ward is geographically part of Belfast East. It is the only ward of the Central DEA that is not in Belfast South East. The other 5 wards of the Central DEA as well as the Hillfoot ward form a geographical continuum with Upper Braniel. To the northeast, Upper Braniel forms a geographical continuum with the Gilnahirk and Tullycarnet wards, which are also part of Belfast South East.

B: Shaftsbury ward is within downtown Belfast and should be within Belfast South East along with the other downtown ward, Botanic, which is already part of Belfast South East. Stranmillis ward is closer geographically to Belfast South West and socioeconomically belongs with the Balmoral DEA wards in Belfast South West.

With these wards changes the new electorates would be:

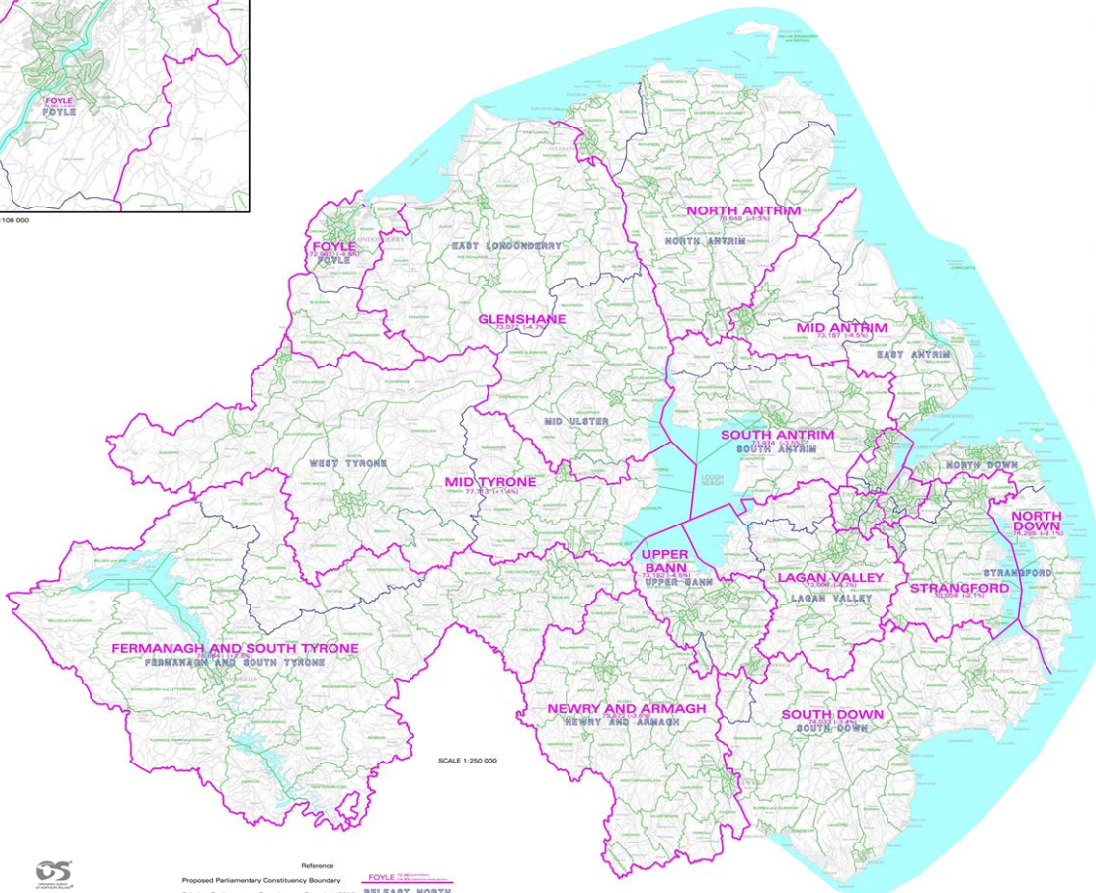
Strangford	73,429
Belfast South East	74,394
Belfast South West	74,408

I hope you will consider these ward changes. I wish to congratulate the Boundary Commission on the fine work it has done in creating the new 16 Northern Ireland constituencies. It was a difficult task to devise 16 new constituencies within the 5% electoral quota and to maintain cohesiveness and compactness of the new constituencies.

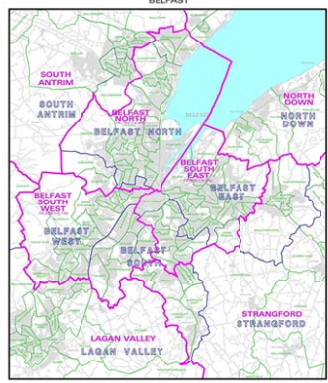
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Constituency	Wards
BELFAST NORTH	...
BELFAST SOUTH WEST	...
FOYLE	...
LAGAN VALLEY	...
MID TYRONE	...
NORTH ANTRIM	...
SOUTH ANTRIM	...
STRANGFORD	...
BELFAST SOUTH EAST	...
FERMANAGH AND SOUTH TYRONE	...
GLENSHANE	...
MID ANTRIM	...
NEWRY AND ARMAGH	...
NORTH DOWN	...
SOUTH DOWN	...
UPPER BANN	...



Ordnance Survey  
 Proposed Parliamentary Constituency Boundary  
 Existing Parliamentary Constituency Boundary 2010  
 Word Boundary  
 Reference: BELFAST NORTH