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I wish to make the following submission relating to the Lissan Ward:

The ward of Lissan should be included in the new Mid Tyrone Constituency rather than in the newly proposed Glenshane Constituency.

Lissan is more integrated with Cookstown, than the other two Cookstown wards, (Moneymore and The Loup) which are also to be included in Glenshane, and shares with it the BT80 postcode.

This would ensure that the urban centre of Cookstown is not cut off from its immediate hinterland, and would also slightly ameliorate the considerable problem of internal accessibility in the Glenshane constituency. The Lissan Ward itself actually extends right up to the 30 mph limit in Cookstown town itself.

With Lissan, the new Mid Tyrone seat will have 79,169 electors, within the acceptable range of variation from the quota.

Without Lissan, Glenshane will have 71,616 electors, which is within the range of discretion allowed to the Boundary Commission by Rule 7. This is clearly a case where that discretion should be applied in line with the principles of Rule 5.

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