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FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland

Forestview, Purdy's Lane

Belfast BT8 7AR

1<sup>st</sup> December 2011

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to your office to express my views regarding the review and publicised proposed constituencies plans outlined in your paper 'Provisional Proposals Report' and to oppose the plans for the original jurisdiction of the South Belfast area.

Having read this document and writing in my capacity as Manager of the Ormeau Business Park, the Local Enterprise Agency that promotes entrepreneurship within the locality, I am very concerned as to the fragmentation that may occur should the transfer of wards take place.

The delineation of the existing 4 constituencies to 3 with the transfer of adjoining wards shall perhaps on paper show a mapping exercise, however in reality the practicalities and rationale for reviewing 'South Belfast' does not seem clear or indeed offer a sound basis for change.

Within all of the Belfast constituencies it would appear that 'South' has been placed in the weakest position that will no doubt lead to a complete loss of identity and will in the long term damage the very fibre of the heritage of the locality.

As a business we rely heavily on promoting our offering to funding bodies as a company that can deliver within South Belfast as positioned within the heart of the Ormeau Road.

In the review of the constituencies it would appear that the Ormeau Road itself shall become fragmented into a mixed constituency of Belfast South East and Belfast South West.

This segmentation again will disintegrate the base of the existing community and may be detrimental to the small business community wishing to avail of direct financial assistance.

In summary I can conclude that Ormeau Business Park has enjoyed the association with South Belfast and has the interests of the local community in South Belfast at heart.



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I can see no logical reason for South Belfast not to continue in its current status ensuring that the cultural identity of the area lives on enabling the locality to maintain its identity and prosper as one cohesive community.

Yours Faithfully

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Patricia McNeill

Manager Ormeau Business Park