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SOME PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY CHANGES

Having considered the Proposed boundary changes, I would like to propose some improvements for consideration. I have tried to respect community cohesion in so far as is possible.

I would like to make the following points

1. Most of the population growth is in Counties Down and Armagh creating the greatest need for changes in that area.
2. Downpatrick has been the heart of South Down constituency for generations and as such should remain in South Down.
3. As a result in my proposals Strangford Constituency has morphed into a new Mid Down Constituency.
4. The removal of Glenravel, Slemish and Glenwhirry from North Antrim doesn’t make any sense, they belong to Ballymena.
5. Ballyclare is close to Larne and Carrickfergus, it fits better with East Antrim than with South Antrim.
6. The extension of South Belfast out to Moneyreagh and Saintfield makes no sense.
7. Holywood is to all extents and purposes an extension of East Belfast and fits comfortably with East Belfast.
8. The ARDS peninsula Fits comfortably with Bangor and North Down.
9. I am proposing a modified Strangford Constituency best to be renamed Mid-Down
10. There are strong objections to an already unwieldy Fermanagh South Tyrone being extended to near Portadown
11. The proposals that I offer are initial proposals and may require further fine tuning.

**Recommended changes to proposed constituencies** Target Average 73,393 (68,314 ) 69,000 --- 77,000

**Constituency Should Gain Should release**

**North Antrim +9355 Lurigethan** **2159** From East Antrim **Kells 2452** to South Antrim **Old 77,156 -7646 Glenravel 2516** From East Antrim  **Grange 2724**  to South Antrim **New 71,165 +1,709 Slemish 2355** From East Antrim **Giants Causeway 2470** to East Derry **ADJ. 72,874** **Glenwhirry 2325** From East Antrim

**South Antrim Kells 2452** From North Antrim **Ballynure 2645** to East Antrim **O 71,915 +11,690 Grange** **2724**  From North Antrim **Ballyclare E.** **2688**  to East Antrim **N 71646 -12,711 Ballinderry 2825** From Laganvalley **Ballyclare W** **2838** to East Antrim. **ADJ. 70,625 -1,021** **Aghagallon3689** From Laganvalley **Ballyduff 2348** to East Antrim. . **Fairview 2192** to N. Belfast

**East Antrim Ballynure 2645** From South Antrim **Lurigethan** **2159** To North Antrim **O 64,907 +10,519** **Ballyclare E.** **2688** From South Antrim **Glenravel 2516** To North Antrim **N 70,947 - 9,355** **Ballyclare W** **2838** From South Antrim **Slemish 2355** To North Antrim **. 72,111 +1164** **Ballyduff** **2348** From South Antrim **Glenwhirry 2325** To North Antrim

**Laganvalley +13,633 Banbridge N 3164** From Upper Bann **Aghagallon 3689** to S. Antrim **O 75,884 -13,695 Banbridge S 3447** From Upper Bann **Ballinderry 2825** to S. Antrim **N 73,564 -62 Banbridge E 3325** From Upper Bann **BallymacBrennan2337** to St’ford/mid Down **ADJ 73,502 Banbridge W.3697** From Upper Bann **Dromara 2461** To St’ford/ mid Down **. Ravernet 2383** To S’t/ford/ mid Down .

**Gains Releases**

**Belfast North +2,198 Fairview2192** from S Antrim **Forthriver 3281** to West Belfast **Old 72,332 -3,281**  **New 70,361 -1,089 ADJ. 69,272**

**Belfast West O 65,761 +3,281 Forthriver 3281** from N Belfast **N 71,921 ADJ. 75,202**

**Belfast South Cregagh 3340** from E. Belfast **Drumbo 2318** To Strangford/ Mid Down **Old 70,134 -7,641 Woodstock 3337** from E. Belfast **Saintfield 3033** To Strangford/ Mid Down  **New 71,978 +10,279 Hillfoot 3602** from E. Belfast **Moneyreagh 2290** To Strangford/ Mid Down  **ADJ. 74,616 +2,638 Hillfoot because of it’s geography and shape should be divided half S. Belfast half E. Belfast**

**Belfast East +9878 LoughView3083** from N. Down **Creagagh 3340** to South Belfast **Old 66,273 -10,279 Holywood 3261** from N. Down **Hillfoot 3602** to South Belfast **New 70,076 -401 Garnerville3534** from N. Down **Woodstock 3337** to South Belfast **ADJ. 69,675 Hillfoot should be divided half S. Belfast half E. Belfast**

**Gains Releases**

**North Down** Ards Pen **Carrowdore2225** from Strangford **LoughView 3083** from E. Belfast **O 67,10 +13809 Ballywalter3260** from Strangford **Holywood 3261** from E. Belfast **N 70,412 -9878 Portavogie2666** from Strangford **Garnerville 3534** from E. Belfast **ADJ. 74,343 +3931 Kircubbin 3113** from Strangford **Portaferry 2545** from Strangford

**Strangford +23,423 Saintfield 3033** from S. Belfast(D’Patrick) **Cathedral 2674** To S. Down **Mid Down -22,683 Moneyreagh2290** from S. Belfast **Knocknashinna 3129** To S. Down **O 66,990 Kilmore 2928** from S. Down **Lecale 3071** To S. Down **N 71,286 +740 Drumbo 2318** from S. Belfast (Ards Pen) **Carrowdore2225** To N. Down **Adj 72,026 Dromara 2461** From Laganvalley **Portavogie2666** To N. Down **. Ravernet 2383** From Laganvalley **Kircubbin 3113** To N. Down **. . BallymacBrennan2337** From Laganvalley  **Ballywalter3260** To N. Down **Ballynahinch3008** from S. Down **Portaferry 2545** To N. Down **. Hillsborough 2665** From Laganvalley

**South Down** (D’Patrick) **Cathedral 2674** from Strangford **Loughbrickland 3967** to U. Bann **O 79,295 -9,864 Knocknashinna 3129** from Strangford **Kilmore 2928** to St’ford/Mid Down **N 72,352 +8,874 Lecale 3071** from Strangford **Ballynahinch3008** to Strangford/mid Down **71,362 -990**

**Gains Releases**

**Newry Armagh No Changes O 79,295 N 72,352**

**UpperBann Loughbrickland 3967** from S.Down **Banbridge E 3325** to LaganValley **O 83,028 +14025 Loughgall 3865** from Fer/S. Tyrone **Banbridge S** **3447** to LaganValley **N 74,979 -13633 Blackwater 3885** from Fer/S. Tyrone **Banbridge W 3697** to LaganValley **ADJ. 73,063 -1,916 Banbridge N 3164** to LaganValley

**Fermanagh/S.Tyrone +8018 Trillick 1886** from W. Tyrone **Blackwater 3885** to U. Bann **O 72,945 -7750 Fintona 1814** from W. Tyrone **Loughgall 3865** to U. Bann **N 71,255 +268 Drumquin 2164** from W. Tyrone **. . 71,523 Newtownsaville 2154** from W. Tyrone

**West Tyrone +7350 Oaklands 2387** from MidUlster **Trillick1886** to Fer/ S. Tyrone **O 66,339 -8018 Park 2576** from East Derry **Fintona 1814** to Fer/ S. Tyrone **N 70,641 -674 Slievekirk 2387** from Foyle **Drumquin 2164** to Fer/ S. Tyrone **Adj. 69,967 Newtownsaville 2154** to Fer/ S. Tyrone

**Gains Releases**

**MidUlster Oaklands 2387** To W. Tyrone **O 70,501 N 73,833 -2387 Adj. 71,446**

**Foyle Slievekirk 2584** To W. Tyrone **O 74431 N 72474 -2584 Adj. 69,890**

**East Derry G. Causeway 2470** From N. Antrim  **Park 2576** To W. Tyrone **O 69,359 +2470 N 72,213 -2576 Adj. 72,107 -106**