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Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland
Level 7 Erskine House
20-32 Chichester Street
Belfast BT1 4GF

Dear Sir/Madam

As MP for the Lagan Valley constituency, I have been asked to submit the enclosed Petition to you on behalf of a large number of constituents who reside primarily in the Gransha ward in my constituency.

These constituents are objecting to the proposal to transfer part of the Gransha ward currently within the Lagan Valley constituency to the neighbouring constituency of South Down. This part of the ward includes the villages of Kinallen and Waringsford and their rural hinterlands, all of which, have strong local ties with the nearby towns of Dromore and Dromara, both situated in Lagan Valley.

My constituents believe strongly that the Commission should recognise the strong social, cultural and educational links between the communities in Kinallen and Waringsford and these two towns. The majority of the population of the area look primarily towards Dromore and Dromara for access to retail and public services, including GP surgeries and Council facilities. They also gravitate mainly towards Dromore and Lisburn for post-primary education for their children.

In geographical terms, the River Lagan flows right through this part of the Gransha ward and the Dromara Hills rise away to the south of the Lagan valley, offering a natural boundary that separates these communities from South Down. The ward is part of the Lagan River DEA, forming a natural grouping around the town of Dromore and is physically linked to several other Lagan Valley wards.

In conclusion, for all of the aforementioned reasons, the petitioners are calling on the Commission to retain at least the northern part of the Gransha ward in the Lagan Valley constituency. I trust that you will give this submission your favourable consideration.

With kind regards,

Your faithfully

Rt Hon Sir Jeffrey Donaldson MP
Lagan Valley

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