[TC - West Tyrone Constituency Unionist Association (UUP)]

Comments on the Commission's revised proposal for the constituency of West Tyrone

While the revised proposals from the Boundary Commission in relation to the West Tyrone Constituency represent a marginal improvement on the initial proposals. The West Tyrone Constituency Unionist Association (Ulster Unionist Party) objects to the revised proposals for the constituency.  
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1. Pomeroy Ward  
• The inclusion of the Pomeroy Ward within the constituency adds an area to the constituency with little direct connection to the rest of the constituency.  
• Pomeroy Ward has little direct synergy with either the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council or derry and Strabane District Council given that it has always been part of the Cookstown District Council, now superseded by Mid Ulster District Council  
• Thus, Pomeroy Ward will be the only part of West Tyrone covered by the Mid Ulster Council while the remainder of the constituency is covered by either Fermanagh and Omagh District Council or Derry and Strabane District Council. Leaving the Pomeroy ward isolated.  
• The residents of Pomeroy Ward in general have little direct connection with the rest of the West Tyrone Constituency with their natural geographic hinterland in terms of services etc. focused on Cookstown/Dungannon. Specifically in terms of schools, youth clubs/services and further education colleges.  
• the natural economic and business hinterland for the Pomeroy Ward is Cookstown and Dungannon rather than the towns within the West Tyrone Constituency  
  
  
2. We would argue for the inclusion of the Park Ward from the East Londonderry Constituency instead of the Pomeroy Ward.  
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• It shares synergy with the adjacent Slievekirk Ward.  
• Part of the same council area  
• Similar population make up to Pomeroy Ward  
• Comparable to the rest of the West Tyrone Constituency  
• Same economic and related social hinterland and focus.