



2018 REVIEW – SECONDARY CONSULTATION RESPONSE

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**Mr Eamonn McConville
(Secretary to the Commission)
Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland
The Bungalow,
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Dear Eamonn,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident in Newtownbreda regarding the proposed boundary Commission proposals. The Commission proposes Newtownbreda and Carryduff would be divided between new constituencies of South West Belfast, Strangford and West Down. So what is presently within one constituency would end up spread across three.

This concerns me, as I believe, that the town of Carryduff and the area of Newtownbreda are existing communities and should not be divided in such a haphazard manner. Newtownbreda and Carryduff are in the commuter belt of Belfast, many of the people who live in this town work or study in Belfast. We have greater cultural affinity with Belfast than other suggestions e.g. Lurgan or Bangor.

I am also concerned as the people in this area would not have the same quality of representation from their MP and MLAs that they have now. This is because the elected representatives would not be able to appreciate the wider context of the town of Carryduff and the Newtownbreda area. The representation would also be weaker as our area would be permanently on the boarder of three constituencies.

I want to express my opposition to the area being divided across three different and two non-Belfast constituencies.

I want to rather, express support for a four seat solution to the division of Belfast and highlight this was a conclusion of that last major review in the 1990s.

In terms of alternative proposals, I express support for the proposals of the DUP and SDLP for these areas not to be divided and kept within a Belfast constituency.

I would very much appreciate my representation being included as part of the 2018 Review: Secondary Consultation to the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland. In advance of the deadline Monday 2nd October.

Yours Sincerely



My address is listed below.



