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To whom it may concern

As a resident of Trafford (current St Marys Ward mapped to new Manor Ward) I would like to provide some feedback on your proposals for the borough.

I am pleased to see you are addressing projected growth in the north of the borough by redistributing electors from Stretford and Gorse Hill wards into a new Lostock and Barton. This is welcome not only from an electoral equality perspective but also because the Lostock and Davyhulme (Kingsway Park/Canterbury Road areas) share many local services - Lostock Library, George Carnall Leisure Centre, medical services and local shops. Moreover working for a local housing provider I know that many residents of Lostock consider Urmston their main town centre rather than Stretford.

Your proposed boundaries for the four wards covering Urmston are excellent. The Woodsend area has large level of social housing and I know that the area around Woodsend Circle is a cohesive community with many local amenities accessed by residents in the immediate area. It is therefore very positive that you are uniting residents in this area in a single Davyhulme Ward. Moving the part of the current Flixton Ward closest to this area into this Ward reflects community ties such as the Woodsend Library and Medical Centre, and the fact that all of these residents use the large shopping parade at Woodsend Circle. I am also very pleased to see the Urmston Ward more tightly focused on the town centre. Again this reflects the services people use, with Hayeswater Road not only being a sensible Urmston Ward boundary but also enabling those who live within 5 minutes walk of the town centre to be correctly placed in Urmston Ward. This is also the case for residents in the Canterbury Road area closest the town centre, who walk into Urmston to use local services, access public transport, and shop. This is also true of the Railway Road/Granville Road area which is also rightly allocated to Urmston. The major to the ward boundary in terms of what is removed from Urmston Ward is the area east of the M60 however as this unites Bradfield Road and moves Stretford-facing community facilities such as Stretford Cricket Club back into Stretford I think this is positive. This area is more or less equidistant between Urmston and Stretford town centres, in stark contrast to the areas previously mentioned which are just a few moments walk from Urmston Town Centre and therefore should clearly be in this ward. I also think natural community boundaries mean this Humphrey Park area is distinct and given the Bradfield Road point would actually be reunited by this proposal.

As a current resident of the Sale West area I do wish to raise some serious concerns about your plans to amend the northern boundary of St Marys in setting out your Manor Ward. I consider this to be unreasonable in terms of elector equality. It is not acceptable to establish a new ward with a 14% deviation from the average ward size as you have with Western Parishes. I feel strongly that the current Bucklow St Martins boundary should be maintained, as it is more even in electoral equality terms. I think it is unfair that my local councillors would have so significantly more residents to represent than the Western Parishes councillors would have and that the service I receive would be less than for electors in that Ward. I would also add that to enable this change is to ignore the fact that Carrington residents access services in Sale West in the current Bucklow Ward, not least All Saints Primary School. They face Sale West for their access to services unlike Warburton and Dunham which face Altrincham. As such I am strongly opposed to the unification of Partington and Carrington with Warburton and Dunham. They are not only completely different communities that do not generally mix, with areas of high deprivation fused with totally different rural wealthy communities, but Dunham and Warburton are Altrincham facing while Partington and Carrington are not. The size of this ward geographically is also unreasonable and you would be placing all four parish council areas in a single ward.

I do not feel this configuration for Sale West, Partington and Carrington is fair, or that Western Parishes can be easily represented. It certainly brings together communities that are not cohesive. I would therefore favour unchanged boundaries for Bucklow St Martins, Ashton upon Mersey and the northern part of the current St Marys.

Regards,

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