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I think I understand the difficulty of what you are trying to do, because some "natural boundaries" are in a state of constant flux, but I have lived in Liverpool for over seventy years and know the city fairly well, and in many ways your proposals seem designed to make local accountability harder not easier! Although I want to comment on the specifics of the small neighbourhood in which I live, several of the points apply more generally. I live in what will on your proposals be within Mossley Hill ward. Neither of our two small local shopping areas will be in the ward. Our local commuter train station will be outside the ward. The two doctors' surgeries which most of my neighbours use will be outside the ward. The local junior school will be in the ward but its related infants school will not. The major road where the traffic is a constant issue for residents will be the ward boundary, a few yards from my house. The crucial point is that most of the voters to whom our single Mossley Hill councillor will be responsible will not have any particular reason to share any concerns of my neighbours and myself on these issues. Because of natural boundaries (Sudley field, Holt's Field, Mossley Hill Athletics Club, and the I M Marsh campus which may be built on or may remain clear) the great majority of the voters in Mossley Hill will use different shopping areas, different schools, different medical facilities to my neighbours and have different concerns about traffic and other local issues. How then can the same councillor adequately represent us both? My specific suggestion would be that North Sudley Road is a natural boundary and that (even though some of the house types are different) the quadrilateral area bounded by Aigburth Road/Dundonald Road/North Sudley Road/Barkhill Road fits much better into "Aigburth" than into "Mossley Hill." I suspect that the residents of the Chequers Gardens and Cheyne Gardens cul-de-sacs would also think of themselves as Aigburth. Conversely, the area around Beechwood Road is probably not "Aigburth" because Liverpool Cricket Club creates a natural boundary. I don't envy you trying to cope with detailed comments and if what I have written is sufficiently relevant to require amplification or clarification, please get in touch. I have no political affiliations or other interests, even though I do know many local political and community activists!

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