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Hi

I am emailing a submission on behalf of Cllr Lena Simic & myself in regards to proposed boundary changes To Anfield ward in Liverpool.

Anfield ward has its boundary lines drawn around Rocky lane Belmont road Oakfield road Blessinton road Vanburgh road.

We have 9,280 voters in this ward eligible to vote & many more in over 100 HMO's who are not registered.

Parts of Anfield have become very transient area's due to the amount of rented accommodation now available.

When I became a local Councillor in 2018 Anfield ward was fractured in many areas this was apparent by the differing views

Of residents living in the ward.

Some area's had been neglected whilst others had prospered under previous councillors.

Cllr Ros Groves who is sadly no longer with us since August this year had 40yrs experience of working with local community

Groups & agencies within the city council to fight for all residents in Anfield.

We sat down together & drew up a plan of action to try & get Anfield back on its feet so to say where all residents were made to

Feel equal & valued.

We looked at certain parts of the ward that had been neglected & gone into decline & decided to involve all agencies in LCC that

Could assist.

Firstly we defined Rawdon & Cobra areas which are both just inside the boundary of Belmont road & Oakfield road area of Anfield.

We got the proposed alleyway roll out programme into these 2 areas.

All 4ft alleyways were dug up baited & new ducts & channels fitted & then tarmac was laid down.

This helped with the issues of rats in the sewers & rubbish just discarded by landlords etc that was never placed in bins provided but

Just dumped in alleyways.

They now use large communal bins for their rubbish & separate communal bins for their recycling.

Cllr Simic got elected as this was being introduced in these areas & the difference is fantastic.

Residents feel involved & part of the community again.

We then set about road infrastructures & another initiative that was around regarding micro-surfacing the roads.

This worked well to a point until we found certain roads failed the quality control test required.

But residents thought we are part of the community again we have not been forgotten hence these efforts were much appreciated.

We are still in the process of rolling out these plans across the ward as we speak.

Residents in other areas have witnessed what a difference it has made & are making representations in regards to their areas.

We also in one of the worst streets in Anfield which is Sunlight street paid out quite a chunk of our MNF money to get a site behind

The houses there cleared of couches fridges etc cleared away.

We then got LSSL to level the ground up & put down grass seed.

We added the odd bench & swing etc for the local children & it has transformed this area for the better.

Anfield is a very community based ward families living here for 40-50 years everywhere you go.

Then they pass those properties onto their sons & daughters to live in.

Sadly the amount of private landlords & the amount of HMO's & Airbnb's are causing issues in this ward & even more so since the government  
Took away Landlord licensing unit which was a godsend to areas such as Anfield.  
Anfield as I say has always relied on its community background & we have 5 residents associations active in our ward which before COVID met  
On a regular basis with local Cllr's.  
We have 2 fine churches one of which is the base of our local food pantry each week in the ward.  
We have 3 excellent schools that we as local councillors work very closely with & especially at this time of year when children & families need  
Help the most.  
Obviously the teachers working at the coal face see these needy people & can report what is required.  
We as local Cllr's then donate as much as is required to help with these hardship cases along with a local children's centre that sees these families  
In hardship from a very young age & directs them to other agencies of assistance they may need.  
Finally over the past 3 years we have started having talks with LFC over issues in the ward regards to football match days.  
This dialogue was essential to make them aware of the issues local residents experience on a match day.  
It took us to reject one of their applications for events on top of football to make them realise there was no consultation on any aspect of their proposed  
Plans.  
Hence we now have regular resident drop in sessions were we as local Councillors along with members of LFC explain plans they might have in the  
Pipeline no matter how big or small.  
This has been very much welcomed by local residents who had no say previously in plans LFC were proposing to implement.  
That is just some of the plans we as local councillors have implemented in the last 3-4 years but our job is far from being complete.  
Regeneration needs to spread to areas promised this 20 years ago.  
Housing stock needs to be reviewed thoroughly in the ward.  
We are working with the different agencies who can make this happen but it will all take time & investment.  
The first shoots of recovery are starting to come through residents can see our progress & feel involved again.  
So please if you are looking to restructure the boundaries of Anfield ward just for the sake of making boundary changes please think  
Long & hard about fracturing this proud community yet again.  
For the first time in 20 years they are united & can see what us as local councillors & the city council in general working in their interests  
To make the future better for today's generation & future generations.

Yours sincerely

Anfield ward councillors Lena Simic & Billy Marrat

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