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Hello,

I am a resident in the Longford Ward of the Trafford electoral area. I live on Kenwood Road. I would like to provide my opinion regarding the proposed changes to the Longford Ward. I have read your recommendations and the proposals submitted by Trafford Council and each political party.

You are proposing that Kenwood Road remains in Longford Ward, I am very glad to hear this and I agree.

I am of the opinion that Chester Road , A56, represents the most logical boundary for the Longford ward, alongside the Stretford Ward, so I welcome this.

Generally, I think the new boundaries proposed for the Longford Ward, and the wider Stretford area, make sense.

Referring more specifically to the points made within your draft recommendations document:-

Stretford

42. Having carefully considered all the evidence, we are of the view that the proposals from the Council and Labour Group offer the best balance of our statutory criteria. We agree that the M60 offers a clear and identifiable boundary and unites a community along Bradfield Road.

I agree with this.

Longford Ward

59. The Council and Labour Group also proposed to shrink the current Longford ward by running the western boundary along the Metrolink line from Trafford Bar tram stop before deviating along Milton Road, Talbot Road and Chester Road. The Labour Group argued that Chester Road would provide for a robust boundary between Longford and Stretford, and that this configuration would result in good electoral equality.

I agree with this

61. We have been persuaded to adopt the proposed Old Trafford ward submitted by the Council, Labour Group and local resident. We consider that this arrangement provides for clearer boundaries and better reflects the local community

We are therefore adopting the Council's and Labour Group's proposed Longford ward as part of our draft recommendations. We consider that this ward provides for the best balance of our statutory criteria.

I agree with this

Labour Party comments:

We would propose a successor Longford Ward consisting of the following geographic areas (please see the accompanying .GEOJSON file for a detailed illustration of the proposed ward boundary which can be uploaded and viewed on the Trafford Data Lab plotter at Trafford Data Lab: Plotter): Existing Trafford polling districts of LOD, LOB (with an amended north-western boundary of the Metrolink Line/Elsinore Road), LOA (with an amended northern boundary moved to the south side of Milton Road) from the Longford Ward; and part of the STA polling district from Stretford on the eastern side of the A56. Projected ward size as at 2027: 9161 (+5.06% over average) This arrangement establishes an extremely robust boundary using the A56 to divide Longford and Stretford wards at the south-western part of our proposed Longford Ward. This boundary to the west of Longford Ward would then move eastwards and around the back of Lancashire County Cricket Club upwards to the junction of Talbot Road and Seymour Grove in order to reduce the number of electors and achieve greater electoral equality. This also has the added advantage of utilising Seymour Grove as a natural north-eastern boundary of the Ward, which is not the case with the current Longford Ward. It allows for a ward containing the eastern part of Stretford and Firwood, without encroaching into Old Trafford itself. The River Mersey provides an obvious natural boundary for the Ward east of the A56, which is an improvement on the current configuration of Longford Ward.

I agree with this.

I hope this provides useful feedback on your recommendations

Thank you

Regards

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