

Sefton

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Please see the attached letter from Maghull Town Council

Attached Documents:

- 2023.10.02 Response.docx

Dear Sir,

Re: Maghull Town Council's Response To The Local Government Boundary Review Of Sefton MBC.

Maghull Town Council is the largest Parish Council within Sefton MBC's borders in terms of responsibilities and budget, although not in terms of population which is Formby PC. The borders of the Town Council fall within Park and Molyneux Wards and completely within Sudell Ward. This means that Maghull TC area is served by 9 ward councillors as well as 16 Town Councillors.

Maghull Town Council has considered the borders of the 3 wards and its border with Melling Parish Council in submitting this response.

Maghull TC would like to propose that:

1. Maghull is split between Park and Sudell Ward only with the boundary between the 2 being the A59. The area of Maghull which is currently in Molyneux Ward is split between Park and Sudell, again with the A59 being the boundary.
2. The M58 becomes the border for Maghull TC and Melling PC from Switch Island to the border with Knowsley Council (East) and West Lancs Council (North). Maghull TC would gain everything north of the M58 and Melling PC would gain everything south of the motorway.
3. Maghull TC continues to have 16 councillors representing the community but that they are equally split between the 4 wards (North, South, East and West).

The reasons for these proposals are as follows:

1. Maghull TC would be represented by 6 ward councillors rather than 9 which is in line with every other parish council within Sefton.
2. The A59 is the natural boundary line between the 2 wards and easily understood.
3. The boundaries for the 2 parishes follow old civic parish lines from 1894 when they were created. However, the landscape has changed significantly, and the old boundaries no longer follow recognised routes. The boundaries also split Ashworth Hospital (a major employer in the area) between the 2 parishes but the hospital's

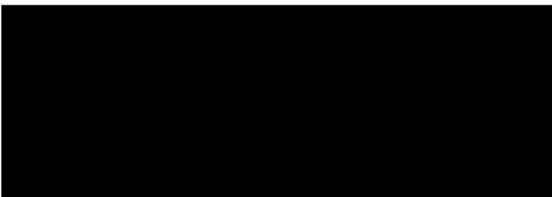
policies of integration for service users affect Maghull TC far more than they do Melling PC. Therefore, the hospital tends to consult with Maghull TC far more than Melling PC. The motorway is an established border which has designated crossing points. Again, the boundary would be easy to understand for residents.

4. Maghull TC has 16 councillors representing 4 wards, North, South, East and West. The number of councillors in each ward is North (5), South (2) East (5) and West (4). It is proposed that all of the wards have 4 councillors in each. However, it must be noted that a large housing development, Land East of Maghull, falls mostly within polling district A2 which is in East Ward. The land allocation is for a minimum of 1700 units with 2 retirement complexes adding to the electorate. This would need to be taken into consideration when determining the new ward boundaries should the proposal be accepted.

The Town Council hopes that the proposals outlined above will be considered by the Boundary Review team and looked upon favourably. The Council would like to be kept informed about the progress of the review and to take part in any further consultation exercises.

If you have any queries regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



A. McIntyre (Miss)

Town Clerk to Maghull Town Council

