

# Sefton

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## Comment text:

Southport became part of Sefton in 1974 WITHOUT a vote by the people of the town. Given the choice we would have overwhelmingly voted to go into Lancashire.  
Fifty years of Southport being in Sefton has been an absolute disaster for our town.

In the 1990s the Boundary Commission held a review of Sefton based on the dissatisfaction within Southport at Bootle's biased council mis-managing Southport.  
The Southport out of Sefton campaign was rejected. When the decision was announced by the then chairman Professor Sir Malcolm Grant, he made it clear that the South Sefton / Bootle bias must not continue.  
Southport is now in a position where, due to the undemocratic constitution of Sefton, our 22 councillors on Sefton council have NO CONTROL WHATSOEVER of what happens in our town.  
If the Boundary commission are reviewing the boundaries of Sefton you need to find out why there is widespread dissatisfaction in Southport with the management of Southport's affairs by biased politicians based in Bootle.

Southport with a population of over 90000 is by a long way the biggest town in Sefton with one third of the total population. It should, as a minimum, have a "Parish" council. Preferably with the right to veto some of the really bad decisions made by Bootle councillors.

Referring to the removing the Ainsdale ward from Southport to combine it with a ward in Formby. Ainsdale is and always has been a part of our town. Splitting it from the town is a very bad idea indeed. The people who live in Ainsdale should be given the right to vote on what is done to

there ward.

If you want suggestion as how Sefton should be re-organised. Move Bootle, Netherton and Crosby into where they belong, in Liverpool. Move Southport, Formby and Maghull into West Lancashire where they should have been in 1974.

The commissions record of rearranging the boundaries of Southport have contributed to a 50-year decline in what was, prior to the 1974 re-organisation, a well-run authority with the lowest rates in the UK.

Our councillors were local, lived in the town and made decision for the benefit and improvement of the town.

The Sefton Bootle control does NOT do that. YOU NEED TO FIX IT!



Southport LANCASHIRE

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*