

Sefton

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Good evening

I write in response to your draft recommendations for Sefton Council. I'm a regular contributor to your reviews with some success in persuading your commissioners to alter proposed ward names, something of a niche interest over many years now.

You've asked for responses to the Liberal Democrats' suggestion that the names of Maghull wards should be altered to reflect more accurately their composition.

I remember your review for Bury touching on whether "Church" was an appropriate name. It was changed during your consultation stage. I'm in agreement with the Southport LDs that both "Sudell" and "Park" should be adjusted and for similar reasons. Indeed Sefton's own "Church" could also be altered using similar arguments.

I believe that in the context of a borough wide review, everything should be considered for potential alterations. As far as I can see, "Sudell" might have been a reflective name in times past but I struggle to find anything concrete which satisfies its retention.

There are many, many parks in Sefton. There is no reason why one ward should be called "Park" in a borough with plenty to go around.

With this in mind, I agree that "Park" needs a more representative, appropriate name. The proposed "Lydiate and Maghull West" does exactly

that. This makes the change from "Sudell" to "Maghull East" all the more logical.

In a separate suggestion, I might be on a mission to persuade the Commission to reduce the number of "Church" wards to a bare minimum. In the case of the Sefton example, and in the context of your comments about uniting communities within the new division's shape, I propose "Waterloo" or "Waterloo Station" as an alternative name.

Attached Documents:

None attached