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I do not think that the proposal for the Scotland Road ward is particularly well thought out. This area is made up of several different community groups and identities which have been ignored or misrepresented in putting this large area forward for consideration. Scotland Road is a demarcation line between communities, not a focal point for one whole community. I have friends in South-West Everton and they are adamant that they do not belong to Scotland Road or the Kirkdale area generally. In fact, to anyone who lives within South-West Everton it is common knowledge that there are rival gangs operating on either side of Scotland Road. Conflict between these two areas has led to the death of a local resident at least once this year. It would take much more than a lazily considered boundary line to come anywhere close to uniting these communities. Clumping these people together is not the right move. The council's initial proposal of a small West Everton ward was a far more preferable option for the local people here. Years of neglect and underrepresentation from councillors has plagued this area for a long time. Problems remain unaddressed and residents cannot get hold of their local councillors time and time again. They need one dedicated Councillor who cares for their community and who will listen and make improvements to the area. Only a smaller ward will do this. It isn't fair for these residents to draw the short straw yet again. They need one Councillor just like many other citizens across Liverpool will have. Leaving this area to be badly managed yet again would be a huge failing on the part of the LGBCE and subsequently the local council. It's not an easy area to navigate in terms of geography and elector numbers, granted, but drawing a big lazy line around the whole lot does not constitute effective government, it allows for 'more of the same'. I'm sure that if two councillors are proposed for this Scotland Road ward, that the area (and adjacent wards) could be divided up / tweaked so that all residents can have the benefit of being represented by one individual who they can hold to account and be in no doubt about who can help them when they need assistance. If the electoral tolerance turns out to be not as favourable as the LGBCE would like, I would suggest that this will just have to stand because the greater benefit to residents and the best way for effective governance lies in creating smaller wards in which people will be properly represented by individuals who have nowhere to hide. The Caller Report highlighted failings within the council and mandated smaller wards and longer terms in office so that councillors could get on with the business of improving local areas for public benefit. The LGBCE should understand that this will happen more effectively in a smaller area. I think the LGBCE proposal for this area of West Everton, Kirkdale and Vauxhall needs reconsidering. The reasoning behind it is dubious at best, incorrect at worst.

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