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Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Administrative Area Review - Dunlop Estate, Stepps,**

I write to make my comments on the Proposed Changes to the Administrative Area boundaries at Cardowan, Stepps, between Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire council areas. It is my opinion that the affected houses in the Dunlop Estate be re-zoned as part of North Lanarkshire Council without delay as it has a significant impact on the wellbeing and welfare of residents.

My reasons for this position are as follows:

Examining the map of the estate, the local and surrounding areas, it is clear the houses within the Dunlop Estate are essentially isolated from our assigned local council services and are closer to the NLC services. Indeed, you cannot reach GCC services without travelling and passing through NLC. This has severe implications for those unable to drive to these facilities. This also affects our community, as we are far from the GCC community and lack the connection with our NLC neighbours. This has negative consequences for local community spirit and support from our local area.

There is a precedent for the boundary change as this was carried out on the Honeywell estate across the road/roundabout from ours (a persimmon homes development). The rationale for this changing should be no different from ours.

Education is a real concern to the Dunlop Residents. As we are not regarded as North Lanarkshire – we do not have access to local nurseries, Primary Schools and High Schools. Instead, our “catchment area” is Easterhouse – which is around 5 miles away. This is not accessible for those without a car, and for those with a car it is extremely inconvenient, particularly as we require to drive past local schools to get there. While NLC state that the local schools are nearing capacity, this was the case already with the numerous housing estates impacting on the schools. They will need to address the capacity issue anyway to include the areas which are deemed to be in the NLC boundary and so could also fairly include the small number of houses within the Dunlop Estate. In our particular circumstances it was impractical to use the GCC Primary School designated as our catchment school, so we had to make a placing request for a NLC school for our daughter last year.

We use local services, including Healthcare, Libraries etc – all of which are in North Lanarkshire. We therefore only use the Waste Collection services supplied by Glasgow City Council. This requires a separate collection by the GCC services when it could be undertaken by NLC when they are collecting in the other estates immediately beside the Dunlop Estate. We are getting very little benefit from the Council Tax we pay compared to the services we can make use of easily or practically.

We urge you to look favourably on this proposed change to the boundary.

Yours faithfully

Brian & Lisa Madden