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**Sent:** 11 August 2017 14:54  
**To:** Local Govt Boundary Comm Scot  
**Cc:** Alex Codona  
**Subject:** Boundary Review between Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire Council area's - Resident Response to public consultation.

**Importance:** High

### **Resident Response to Public Consultation Notice - Proposed Boundary Change from Glasgow City Council to North Lanarkshire Council at Cardowan, Stepps.**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you our response to the issued Public Consultation Notice that we received in respect to the proposed boundary change from Glasgow City Council to North Lanarkshire Council dated 13 June 2017.

Our address falls within this remit, which is as follows:



First and foremost, we would like to put forward that all residents at this address **STRONGLY AGREE** to the proposed boundary change into North Lanarkshire Council area. The reasons towards this I have listed as follows:

1. **EDUCATION.** We have been grossly DISADVANTAGED with respect to schools, school bus services and child's education in general. We have in our care, and resident at our address, a 13 year old child. This child's nearest high school to this address is Chryston High School which is 1.9 miles from our house and falls under North Lanarkshire Council. According to catchment area guidelines we were told the nearest high school in our "catchment area" was not Chryston, and is in fact Smithycroft High School which is 4.0 miles away in the Glasgow City Council area. We had to apply for a position at Chryston High School via means of a placement request submitted to North Lanarkshire Council. This request was granted thankfully, however we now have a problem in that our child is being REFUSED access to the free school bus service to take her to Chryston High School, that is ON OUR DOORSTEP! The free bus pick up/drop off point is literally across the road from our house at the bus stand on entry/exit to this estate. You literally cannot get out of this housing estate without passing by the free school bus. All other kids from this surrounding area, even our neighbours across the street (that fall under North Lanarkshire Council), are allowed onto the bus, but our 13yr old child is NOT! All because our house comes under Glasgow City Council and not North Lanarkshire Council area. It is grossly discriminatory and very unfair for a start, seeing as kids that are in the same class as our child are allowed on the bus, but our child cannot get on it. As a result, our child has to walk to and from school IN ALL WEATHERS, having the free school bus pass them by, totaling almost 2 hours each day. She needs to leave for school much earlier than the other kids from this area, and arrives home much later than all the other kids from

this area, and it is having a detrimental effect on her ability to study compared to her classmates who have access to this free school bus service that is on our doorstep.

2. **GEOGRAPHY.** You literally cannot exit our house to go anywhere without driving through NORTH LANARKSHIRE area, in any direction. We are an isolated few streets out of a much larger estate that have somehow been singled out and placed under Glasgow City Council remit, for absolutely no reason whatsoever. When we bought our house almost 4 years ago we were told by the house builder (Miller Homes) that our area boundary would 100% get changed over to North Lanarkshire Council area and that even they did not know why we were selected to come under Glasgow City Council, immediately before we even moved in there was a lot of confusion surrounding this topic. Further frustration and anger has grown when we now see more new houses being built in the same estate (by Bellway) that are coming under North Lanarkshire Council area, even though our house was built first! It is extremely unfair and unjust any reasoning behind why we are not already part of North Lanarkshire area. This should have been addressed some time ago but for some reason has been neglected, and should be a priority to get this sorted now.
3. **COUNCIL SERVICES.** We have bin collections on a different day of the week to the rest of the estate, this seems absolutely crazy why only a handful of streets are being treated differently to the rest of the estate. Absolutely none of the grounds, roads or lighting in our street are being maintained by Glasgow City Council, all of the maintenance and repairs are done by North Lanarkshire Council, therefore we have absolutely no affiliation whatsoever with Glasgow City Council at all. Even the local and nearest recycling centre/waste disposal site, is in Westfield Industrial Estate which is only 4.8 miles away, compared to the Glasgow City Council run centre in Queenslie Ind Est which is almost twice the distance away at 7.7 miles, therefore we never even use the Glasgow City Council Services whatsoever. We have more of an affiliation with North Lanarkshire Council.
4. **COUNCIL TAX.** On average we are paying approx £70 per month MORE than our neighbours in the same estate, for absolutely no extra services, but are at a huge disadvantage as we are unable to use the free school bus service provided by North Lanarkshire Council on our doorstep even though we are paying more council tax than our neighbours who are allowed to use this service.
5. **PUBLIC TRANSPORT.** If we were to use a taxi to go anywhere to or from our house, we are having to pay an extra "boundary charge" to the taxi firm. This is because all taxi companies from the Glasgow City Council area believe that our address is currently WITHIN the North Lanarkshire Council Area. and because they have NO CHOICE but to drive THROUGH North Lanarkshire to get to our house that lies in the Glasgow City Council area (from any direction), then they must put this charge over to us. Therefore we are greatly at a disadvantage compared to other Glasgow City Council residents and we are paying the charge for being more a part of North Lanarkshire in the eyes of public transport companies.

### **IN ADDITION**

Having also read the response letter from Glasgow City Council regarding these proposed changes (dated 18 January 2017), I read that Glasgow City Council are also proposing to build a road from Easterhouse right through into our estate, right next to our house, as part of the "Easterhouse regeneration project". I can tell you that we greatly **OPPOSE** that proposal and can say we have had no information given to us on this matter from Glasgow City Council whatsoever. The proposed road would be cutting right through the centre of known conservation area which is a part of the Seven Lochs Wetlands Park. We have seen for ourselves the wildlife from that area that visit here (deer, Foxes, Geese, rare birds etc), and so from a conservation aspect we do not want any road being built whatsoever. We also do not want any increase in through traffic using our estate as a route to get to and from Easterhouse as it greatly increases the carbon gases in our environment from increased vehicle pollution, not to mention noise pollution, and the impact of the greenbelt conservation area that we wish to maintain. We see no benefit whatsoever to any such road being built and greatly oppose that idea.

The response from North Lanarkshire Council (dated 30 January 2017) stated an issue with school and teaching capacity in the North Lanarkshire area. However, it is from my view and understanding, that there has been many more new houses that have been built very recently (below 4 years ago) in the north lanarkshire area, and that there are more new housing being planned in the local North Lanarkshire area, that ARE falling into the North Lanarkshire catchment school area. In that respect, i believe it to be extremely unfair then, to exclude our house in the plans as our house was built before those others. It goes against what North Lanarkshire Council are saying therefore, that if there is not a teaching capacity within their schools, then why are North Lanarkshire accepting plans from new house builders to build more houses within their catchment area, they must surely have the funds available to provide education for the new houses in their plans, we are only a few streets and so should be accepted by North Lanarkshire Council immediately, considering our child is ALREADY attending one of their school's then there would be no increase required from this household for further education requirements in their area.

And so to conclude, that all parties that are resident at this address of [REDACTED], GREATLY AGREE to the change in boundary from Glasgow City Council over to North Lanarkshire Council area.

Should you require further information or clarification on any matter, please do not hesitate to contact either myself (Mrs Avril Codona) or my husband Mr Alex Codona immediately.

I look forward to the outcome and should expect to see this long overdue change to take place.

Kind Regards

Mr and Mrs Codona ([REDACTED]).

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