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From: Johnnymullen [REDACTED]  
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To: johnnymullen [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Campbell - [lgbcscottishboundaries.gov.uk](mailto:lgbcscottishboundaries.gov.uk)

**Re: Administrative area review between Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council .**

I am writing in response to your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> June in which you have requested responses to the proposed transfer of the Glasgow City Council area within Cardowan, Stepps (Belway and Miller Estates) to North Lanarkshire Council District.

I am strongly in favour of the transfer for the following reasons:-

**LOGIC & COMMON SENSE** – What reason would you decide that it was sensible to have a 'landlocked and isolated' residential area, miles from the council's other residential responsibilities and sited adjacent to another council's properties and boundary? A glance at the map is enough to realise that this development should always have sat within the North Lanarkshire District. There is no sensible reason to have excluded it and this should probably have been addressed at the planning approval stage of the two developments by Belway Homes and Miller Homes.

**THERE IS A PRECEDENT** – The Persimmon Estate (Honeywell Drive etc) -adjacent to the boundary being challenged - was in a similar predicament a few years ago and successfully challenged the boundary. This was then assigned to North Lanarkshire from Glasgow City Council despite similar representations being made. On this basis why would this application be treated any differently - all the same arguments apply.

**INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE BUILDER (MILLER HOMES)** – We previously lived in Reynolds Drive Stepps a short distance from the new development and we were anxious to stay in the North Lanarkshire District. When we discussed this with Miller Homes we were "unofficially" shown plans and maps of the area delineating our new development as North Lanarkshire land. We were assured that this would be transferred within a few years. This was a major factor in us buying this property.

**ROAD DEVELOPMENT CONNECTING GARTCOSH (The Easterhouse Regeneration Route)**. – Part of the Glasgow City Council argument to retain these properties has been in relation to the Regeneration Route which has been mooted, though unfunded, since I believe 2008. There are so many reasons why a connecting road should not be made from Easterhouse and effectively providing a "Short-Cut" to the M80 motorway:-

- The Road would cut through Greenbelt Land with a number of protected species including Water Voles and Pine Martens.
- The estate roads are unsuitable for anything more than residential traffic. If a road connection was a consideration then planning for these developments should never have been approved.
- Safety – This is a residential area and traffic and lorries diverting through this area would be a risk to Children, Vulnerable Adults and Pets.
- The current road bridge over the railway line has (I know as I have lived here for 15 years) failed to successfully deal with the volume of traffic and is continually subsiding and requiring remedial activity – all of which fail to resolve the issue which probably relates to mining subsidence. Any increase in traffic would significantly increase the risk of more severe subsidence.

**FACTORED LAND** – Why would you have one Factor looking after the estate which report to 2 separate councils? How will this support complementary approaches to maintenance and the look and feel of shared amenities. The proposed plan would also need to be tweaked slightly as it does not mirror the factored land as delineated in the attached photographs. These were provided by the builders at purchase and show protected areas overseen by the factoring agents.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES** – We were burgled in 2015 and waited a significant amount of time to get police support. The officers who attended explained that this was because they had to travel from the Shettleston Police station (even though there is a local North Lanarkshire Police Station in Muirhead within a couple of miles). Ongoing support and further liaison meant time consuming and costly travel for both us as residents and for the police officers/forensics etc. This is illogical. Criminals aware of this “delay” will know that they have better opportunity and time to escape before police are likely to arrive at a scene of a crime. This delay could easily cost lives! Equally, there are the same arguments for fire and ambulance support.

**HEALTH CARE** – GCC Midwifery, District Nursing etc. services all need to travel unnecessary distances to support residents on this estate when it would be more logical that these could be incorporated and coordinated with Patients in the North Lanarkshire District. Health professionals need to drive circa 4 -5 miles in one direction which does not seem a sensible use of their time or resources when our care costs are spiralling. Doctors (NLC) and health care professionals (GCC) have commented about the challenges they constantly face and coordinating services. Support for young mothers is available in Muirhead a reasonable walk from the estate however they must arrange transport in order to attend inconvenient services in Easterhouse. As a young mum this is the last thing they would need!

#### **REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY GCC AND NLC.-**

**Schooling** - I feel that the responses provided by the two councils are weak and one dimensional – primarily relating to schooling. I am sure you will have received significant feedback on the distance we are asking children to travel to get to the nearest GCC school. Never mind the environmental cost of all the cars and buses undertaking a circuitous route to get to Easterhouse. I am reliably informed that there are schools in North Lanarkshire who are able to support any children from these developments which are much nearer to any GCC schools. This should have been considered as part of the many proposals for new housing developments at the time. If there is insufficient schools available then additional funding should be collected through council tax. As an observation I just think it is poor that children who will grow up and play with each other as infants will not be able to continue that relationship and helping their confidence when they start school. Incidentally the demographic for this “enclave” is actually relatively old and many residents do not have kids so the increased burden is most likely exaggerated by the councils.

**Robroyston Development and Train Station** – I cannot understand the logic of making a connection between this small enclave of houses and the proposed railway and development in

Robroyston/Millerston. I would question if the person concerned had consulted a map or was even aware of the boundary we are asking to be moved. We are so far away from this area that any representations in this regard are 'red herrings' and should be disregarded.

**Refuse Collection** – Why would anyone think it was a sensible idea to send refuse lorries al the way around a circuitous route – likely many several miles – just to collect the waste from our small group of houses. This is not resourceful and it is particularly poor from an environmental perspective. How much more sensible would it be for the North Lanarkshire lorries collect our rubbish at the same time that

**TAXI SERVICES** – It may be a moot point but as residents of Glasgow City Council should we be forced to pay a boundary charge when we take a hackney carriage (Taxi) from for example the city centre or the airport? We might as well be living in North Lanarkshire as we do not derive the benefits of living in Glasgow City Council.

I implore you to support this request and would be happy to make further representations if required. I am happy for my representations to be published.

Yours sincerely

Neill Brown

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