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To: Local Govt Boundary Comm Scot
Subject: Review of Boundary in Stepps, Glasgow from GCC to North Lanarkshire Council

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to add my comments to the review of the boundary within the Stepps area of Glasgow from Glasgow City Council to North Lanarkshire Council.

I have been a resident at Dunlop Crescent for 3 years now. It seems ridiculous that this small area of Stepps is covered under Glasgow City Council.

I became pregnant in 2014 and my midwife was based in Muirhead which is covered under North Lanarkshire however when my son was born in 2015 I was told that I would now need to attend a new surgery for my son to get his immunisations as I lived in a Glasgow postcode. This resulted in appointments being double booked or not being booked at all which resulted in my son's immunisations being late on a number of occasions. These are obviously critical to my son's health and I felt as though I was continually fighting with the health professions for my son's care because there was a bun fight over who wanted to pay for the treatments. This added extra stress to myself and as a new mother, that was the last thing that I needed. The basic healthcare that all new babies in Scotland receive should be a stress free process and had I not been a mother with my head screwed on properly my son could have missed out on some very important immunisations. The change in surgery also resulted in me having to travel nearly 7 miles to get to the surgery at Lightburn Medical Centre. Had I not been in a position to drive, this would have been very expensive in taxis or very time consuming if using public transport. The distance may not seem much but public transport isn't excellent in Stepps as only 1 bus route runs along Cumbernauld Road and is not a direct bus route, so I would have needed multiple buses to get to my destination. Whereas Jamieson Medical Centre is only around 3 miles for my house and if needs be I could have walked to it.

My son also will not qualify to attend the local primary school in Stepps. I will need to travel a number of miles in order to get him to school. Even if the school puts on a bus for the children is it ludicrous that money needs to be wasted on this service when children could easily walk to the local primary school saving both money and promoting healthy living, not to mention reducing our carbon footprint and congestion on the roads.

There is a precedent for the boundary in Stepps to be changed as this was done previously in the estate which is across the road from where I live.

I also believe that there is factored land within my estate which falls under both councils. Surely this could raise some serious implications to persons in the future if planning permission is sought for further developments.

Can my points please be considered when making the decision whether to change the boundary or not.

Regards

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