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Subject: Boundary review at Stepps, North Lanarkshire.

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From Ronald Sharp
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Dear Mr Hinds

Many thanks for considering the request to relocate the GCC/NLC boundary so that the Dunlop residencies fall within the same local Authority, viz NLC, as all other residencies within the Marches and Honeywell developments.

I am wholly in favour of such a move for the following reasons:

1. The Dunlop residencies are completely surrounded by residencies that lie within the jurisdiction of North Lanarkshire Council. Large vehicles collecting refuse, garden waste, recyclable materials and glass have to drive several miles through NLC land to service our isolated community. From an environmental point of view this is a carbon footprint that could easily be reduced. From an economic perspective it makes no sense at all. A mere look at the boundary line on a map indicates how incongruous the current situation is.

2. All services used by me are located within the North Lanarkshire area; libraries, GP surgery, pharmacy, leisure facilities, parks, local shops, hairdressers etc. I am certain that this is the case for the majority of Dunlop residents.

It is unfair that we are using North Lanarkshire's facilities but contributing nothing in Council Tax towards them.

3. There is a precedent for a revision of the boundary position. In 2010 the adjacent Honeywell development moved from GCC to NLC for reasons identical to ours. It makes common sense for the Dunlop community, like our Honeywell neighbours, to be part of North Lanarkshire. There is little argument for us to remain in Glasgow.

4. With respect to the provision of health care, there is a disparity in the delineated areas serving Dunlop residents. Community Services, including Stepps GPs and District Nurses, are located within North Lanarkshire and are under the auspices of NHS Lanarkshire. Children and Families Services, including Health Visitors, on the other hand, are located within Glasgow and fall under the control of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Although this has not been problematic to myself, the lack of communication between the two has been of concern to several of my neighbours.

5. Educational provision is of great concern to Dunlop residents. As part of Glasgow, the Dunlop development falls within the catchment areas of Easterhouse and Baillieston. These schools are not within the local area and are indeed in excess of 5 miles away. Travelling to them is difficult and potentially hazardous, especially for Primary aged pupils and those travelling by public services. There are 8 Primary schools within North Lanarkshire that are closer to Dunlop children than the GLC catchment schools. From a risk reduction perspective it would make sense for our children to attend these nearer schools. Health and safety apart, there are other reasons why it is better for children of Dunlop residents to attend more local NLC schools. Schools are an integral part of the community they serve, curricularly, socially and

aspirationally. None of these can be satisfied if the school attended is 5 miles away and in a totally different community. The needs of the children and young people of Dunlop residents, like those of the surrounding developments, are best served by schools within the North Lanarkshire area.

Yours sincerely

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