

**Administrative area review of local government area boundary between  
Fife council area and Perth & Kinross council area at  
Keltybridge and at Fife Environmental Energy Park, Westfield**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland is responsible for reviews of:

- boundaries of local authority areas; and
- electoral wards for local authorities.

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### **Introduction**

We are conducting an Administrative area review of the local government area boundary between Fife council area and Perth & Kinross council area at Keltybridge and at Fife Environmental Energy Park, Westfield.

### **Background**

We decided to undertake this review when Fife Council officers approached us noting that the administrative area boundary at Keltybridge follows a convoluted line which we believe to be the former course of the Kelty Burn. Fife Council has been asked to consider land to the south of the Kelty Burn in this vicinity as a candidate site for housing development for the next local plan. A single property on the north side of the Kelty Burn is divided by the current council boundary: we understand that for administrative purposes this property is currently treated as being in Perth and Kinross council area.

The main discrepancies between the council area boundary and Kelty Burn at Keltybridge are:

- to the west of Keltybridge the M90 has been built and the burn culverted;
- further west, there was a Mill Pond by Glen Wood and the boundary follows the old watercourse, not the current one;
- to the east of Main Street a section has been canalised and the boundary follows the old course. This is the area queried by Fife Council; and
- minor misalignments between burn and boundary further east of the B996, Great North Road.

The boundary under review at Keltybridge lies between Ordnance Survey grid reference NT132952 and Ordnance Survey grid reference NT149957.

We are aware of another nearby section of the boundary, between Fife council area and Perth and Kinross council area which would benefit from realignment. This is an area that forms the western boundary of the Fife Environmental Energy Park at Westfield, north-east of Balingry in Fife. This boundary currently cuts across the site of the Energy Park and the Commission believes it would make sense to realign the boundary to follow the ditch adjacent to the western boundary of the site. We believe the ditch was realigned when the site was developed. No electors would be affected at Westfield. Fife Environmental Energy Park is situated by Ordnance Survey grid reference NT189981.

As a consequence of the administrative boundary review, council wards within the affected area will also change. The affected wards are: Fife –The Lochs (ward 7) and Glenrothes West and Kinglassie (ward 14): Perth & Kinross – Kinross-shire (ward 8). The Commission

proposes to alter the boundary between these wards to reflect the change to the administrative boundary.

A map of the area under review is attached for reference.

### Stages of an Administration Area Review

A review can take up to 40 weeks to complete. We expect to follow the timetable laid out below:

Expected Keltybridge Review timetable			
Stage	What happens?	Duration	Timescales
Stage 1	Review commences		
Stage 2	We develop our Initial Proposals	6-8 weeks	Summer 2014
Stage 3	We consult with local authorities on our Initial Proposals, and as a result prepare our Provisional Proposals	12 weeks	October 2014 to December 2014
Stage 4	We publish our Provisional Proposals for public consultation	12 weeks	January 2015 to April 2015
Stage 5	We consider all representations on our Provisional Proposals. We decide whether to publish Revised Recommendations for further public consultation, conduct a Local Inquiry, or make our Final Recommendations.	Typically 10-14 weeks, but longer if a Local Inquiry is held	Summer 2015
Stage 6	We develop and publish our Final Recommendations and report to Scottish Ministers	6-8 weeks	Late 2015
Stage 7	Ministerial consideration and approval by Scottish Parliament.	Outside our control, but the Minister must wait 6 weeks before acting on our recommendations	

### Further information

Information on the proposals, with illustrative maps, is available on our website <http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/reviews/administrative/keltybridge> and is being made available at locations in each of the council areas for the duration of the public consultation as follows:

- Cowdenbeath Library, 41 High Street, Cowdenbeath, Fife, KY4 9QA
- Benarty Community Centre, Flockhouse Avenue, Ballingry, Lochgelly, Fife, KY5 8JH
- Kelty Local Office, Fife Council, 51-53 Main Street, Kelty, KY4 0AA
- Glenrothes Local Office, Fife Council, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes, KY7 5LT
- Loch Leven Community Library, Loch Leven Community Campus, The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

### Comments

Representations regarding the proposals should be made to us by 9 April 2015. These can be made by:

- email to: [comments@scottishboundaries.gov.uk](mailto:comments@scottishboundaries.gov.uk); or
- writing to: Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, Keltybridge Review, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD.

All comments will be published later this year.