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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a local resident I would like to express my opposition to the LGBCE (further draft) proposed boundaries for the Fairfield and Grangefield Wards, and I would like to give my backing to the Plan B proposal.

I know many residents were perplexed by the decisions made during the previous boundary review. These changes created a situation in which neighbourhoods thought by residents to be in Hartburn or Fairfield were moved into Grangefield Ward, and areas self-identifying as being within Grangefield were not included in the Ward at all.

Community self-identification is surely important if we are aiming for effective local government with minimal confusion, and a certainty regarding who your local representatives are. It simply makes no sense that self-identifying residents of Fairfield, who go to Fairfield pubs, use Fairfield shops and services, go to Fairfield churches and whose children go to Fairfield schools should be placed into Grangefield Ward.

I would like to add my support to the Plan B idea of a Grangefield and Newham Grange Ward, rather than parts of Grangefield being confusingly placed into Newtown Ward. This Plan B alternative makes sense as neither Grangefield nor Newham Grange have much in common with Newtown but share much in common with each other. Residents of Grangefield and Newham Grange are far more likely to use the same schools, churches, shops and services.

As such, I add my backing to the Plan B proposals.

Kind regards,

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