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Boundary changes My main grievance with these changes, apart from them being an outright tory power grab and an overt attack on our failing democracy, is that Halewood has effectively been cut out of Merseyside and lumped onto Widnes. As a lifelong denizen of Halewood and South Liverpool, this is an absolute outrage. First of all, Widnes has next to no obvious ties to Halewood. The accent & dialect for one thing, is totally different (different is good of course but in this instance it's an indicator of a profound difference between two relatively close but very different areas; one heavily Scouse, the other more overtly derivative of Cheshire and even Greater Manchester). There are also huge demographic differences\* between the two. For one there has long been a greater share of right wing / pro tory votes in a constituency like Halton, in direct contrast to Halewood (as a part of Garston and Halewood), which is infamously one of the largest Labour safe seats by majority in the entire country (\*also, anecdotally, through having spent a great deal of time in Widnes over the years I know for a fact that there are many people in Widnes who feel more of an affinity with Manchester and Cheshire than with Liverpool and Merseyside). Let me clear that I have total respect for the people of Widnes, but it makes absolutely no sense for both Halewood (a huge chunk of South Liverpool) to be forcibly joined up with Widnes, two places with very different temperaments and histories). This aspect of the proposals must be scrapped immediately.

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