



Local Government
Boundaries Commissioner
for Northern Ireland

An Coimisinéir um
Theorainneacha Rialtais
Áitiúil do Thuaisceart Éireann

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fer Norlin Airlan

**Office of the Local Government
Boundaries Commissioner**

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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Local Government Boundaries Review in Northern Ireland
Provisional Recommendations**

I am pleased to announce that my Provisional Recommendations have now been published and are open for public consultation at www.lgbc-ni.org.uk/consultation. The closing date for written feedback and suggestions about these proposals will be 21st September 2021.

Today's publication is the outcome of work completed over the last few months by my team, working alongside colleagues in the Electoral Office NI and with mapping and charting officers from Ordnance Survey NI. The review has used the latest mapping technology to increase accessibility and transparency around my proposed changes.

The process undertaken is about independently ensuring electoral equality and fairness across Northern Ireland, with the aim that all the wards within a district should, as far as possible, have a similar number of electors. The Statutory Rules that I must follow are set out in the Local Government Act (Northern) Ireland Act 1972, as amended. There is more information about my Review on the LGBC website at www.lgbc-ni.org.uk.

After the initial consultation period a series of 11 public hearings will be held in each council area facilitated by Assistant Commissioners. The public hearings, which will be subject to public health guidance at that time, will be held in late September and early October. Further details will be shared on the LGBC website in due course. In order to maximise public participation in the hearings, and to mitigate against any public health restrictions that may be in place, my current plan is to deliver events in a hybrid format that will allow for both in person and online participation.

I hope that these Provisional Recommendations will now act as a catalyst for meaningful public engagement and that is why I would encourage you to consider the recommendations and share your views with us.

Full details of how to respond are available at <https://www.lgbc-ni.org.uk/consultation> or alternatively you can submit a response by e-mailing my team on consultation@lgbc-ni.org.uk. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Havlin LLB