Dear Sirs,

**Draft Recommendations South Ribble Borough Review**

In support of the Council’s recent submission may I make the following comments in reference to the Walton Le Dale wards:

1. Walton Le Dale West

   Whilst I thank the Commission for the decision to re-unite Walton Park under one ward, may I ask that the voters on Highfield Avenue, Highfield Grove, Kensington Gardens, Lyndale Avenue, Lyndale Grove, and Todd Lane North are kept in the Lostock Hall ward. This will result in the transfer of 312 voters.

   The reason is that the roads concerned are in essence part of the of the Lostock Hall community. The close proximity to Lostock Hall High School and the local shops on Brownedge Road underpin the links to that community.

2. Walton Le Dale East

   Again the Council’s submission is intended to strengthen the Walton Le Dale community. By moving the ward boundary north, the intention is to keep more of the Walton Le Dale area together and to keep more of the Bamber Bridge residents together.

   The Walton Le Dale East ward will include both Walton Le Dale primary school and Walton Le Dale High school. Additional some voters are transferred from the West ward (Chorley Road, Hunters Lodge and the solitary house on Duddle Lane) which sit more logically and naturally in the Walton Le Dale East ward.

I have tried to address the most pertinent points in this submission.

I believe that Council wards must reflect the local communities. It is imperative that local residents associate their council ward with the area in which they live. I believe that these measures are logical, meaningful and will be supported by the vast majority of residents.

Yours faithfully,

Graham O’Hare

Councillor – Walton Le Dale