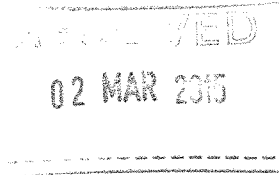


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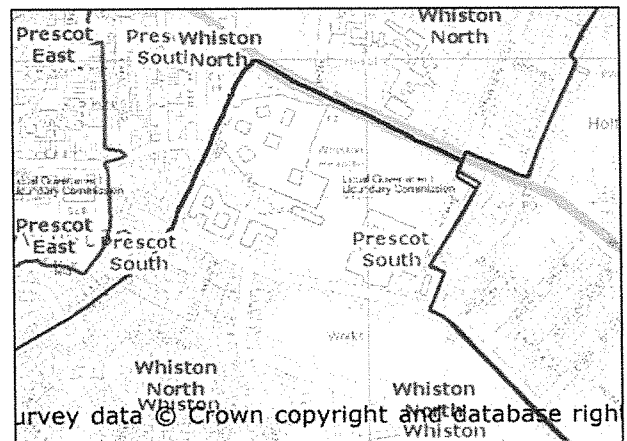
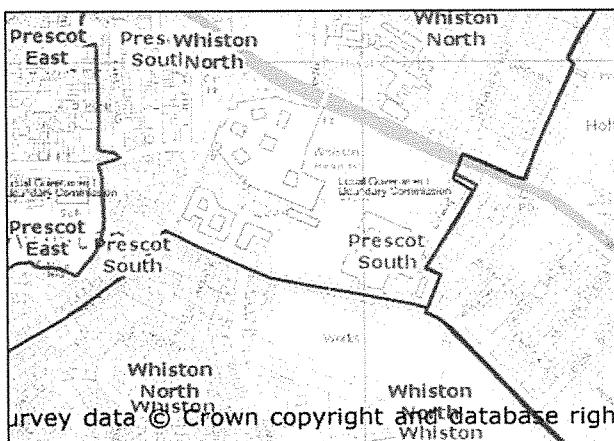
Dear Mark

Re: Draft recommendations for the new electoral arrangements for Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council

I write on behalf of the St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in respect of the above consultation exercise. The Trust runs two hospitals, one of which, Whiston Hospital, is sited within the area under review by the Boundary Commission.

Whiston Hospital has a long history dating back to the mid 1800's and has carried its current name since shortly following the establishment of the National Health Service. The main hospital building is within the Whiston boundary, and we would very much wish for that to continue.

Whilst we understand the need for boundary reform, and the ideology of ensuring that each Borough Councillor represents a similar number of voters, the route of the current boundary proposals would appear irrelevant to those aims. We have strong connections with the Whiston community and we would therefore suggest that a minor change to the boundary line would seem sensible. I have captured our proposal in the following "before" and "after" plans, and you will note that no other buildings are affected.



I am aware that the local resident group has considered this issue and has also reached a similar conclusion, although their suggestions are focused on alternative name changes whereby the proposed "Prescot South" is renamed "Whiston North". Whilst this would at least ensure that Whiston Hospital remained within Whiston, we believe that the inclusion of the minor change to the boundary line would be beneficial.

Yours sincerely



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