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Dear Sir/Madam

St John's Ward Residents Association would like to submit the following response to the boundary changes to St John's Ward in Workington:-

- We **DO NOT** support moving Gray Street, John Street and Islay Place Electoral Districts from St John's Ward (where they have been since 1884) into St Michael's Ward. The only possible reason for this move is to follow the artificial boundaries they created in 2010/11 for the County Divisions. St John's Ward, as it stands, still justifies three seats. St Michael's Ward now only justifies two seats (it was three) as this has shrunk in population and lost Northside.
- This is contrary to community identity - everybody in Workington knows the difference between an Uppie and a Downie. Although the Commission say community links are important to them – they are clearly NOT in this case.
- There is no need to do this for electoral arithmetic either. The area has an electorate of 1535 (quota per councillor across Allerdale is 1588).
- Gray Street, John Street and Islay Place could be left in St John's Ward which would stay with 3 seats; (1527 per councillor), leaving St Michael's Ward with 2 seats (1589 per councillor).
- Another option would be to make it a single member ward on its own (1535 electors). It is already its own Ward for Town Council elections. The rest of St John's Ward would then have two seats.

Apologies for being late with our response but we hope you will take our comments into consideration.

Yours faithfully

Kath Goodwin

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