

# **BALALLY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.**

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To: The Secretary,  
The Electoral Boundary Commission,  
Room 203,  
Custom House,  
Dublin 1.

***Submission by Balally Residents Association regarding the redrawing of local electoral boundaries .The purpose of this submission is to seek changes to the Dundrum Electoral Ward so as to give a more balanced representation to the Ward.***

Dear Sir/Madam,

The following submission is made on behalf of the Balally Residents Association.

As part of your deliberations in relation to the re-drawing of the electoral boundaries for the forthcoming local elections we would be grateful for your consideration of the following observations and proposals.

The Dundrum local electoral area currently stretches from Milltown Road south of Milltown Bridge to north of Ballinteer Avenue and from Grange Road west of Dundrum to Goatstown Road east of Dundrum. This area is represented by six councillors. Four of these councillors reside west of Ballinteer Road, one lives east of Ballinteer Road and one lives outside the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County area.

We propose that the electoral boundaries of this local constituency be redefined in the following manner:

1. That the existing southern boundary indicated in brown on the attached **Map 1** be extended to include the areas bounded by the green line on the same map. This would have the effect of moving Sandyford village, Bearna Park, Sandyford Park, Sandyford Downs, Coolkill, Kilcross, Clonard, Wesley Lawns, Wesley Heights and Ballawley into Dundrum electoral area from Glencullen electoral area. These areas are more naturally the hinterland of the expanded Dundrum village than Glencullen. Indeed we believe this would restore the situation which existed prior to the last boundary review and eliminate the unnatural zig zag boundary line linking Ballinteer Road and Sandyford Road through Ballawley Park.

2. A further improvement in local representation could be achieved by dividing this expanded electoral area into two separate electoral areas of Dundrum East and Dundrum West as indicated on *Map 2*. The natural dividing line between Dundrum East and Dundrum West could be drawn by extending the line of Dundrum Road/Dundrum by-pass, effectively running from Blackglan Road/Hillcrest Road at the southern end to the River Dodder at the northern end.

We would ask that these proposals be given serious consideration in your Commission's deliberations. They appear to us, residents of the area, to represent the demographic changes brought about by development activity in our area over the past number of years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Brennan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F' and 'B'.

Frank Brennan.  
Hon. Secretary.