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Subject: Swords Electoral Ward of Fingal County Council

Dear Electoral Area Review Committee,
With regard to the Dublin and Cities Electoral Area Boundary Committee review 2008 and with specific reference to the Swords Electoral Ward of Fingal County Council, I would like to make the following submission:

- The Boundary Committee should ignore and not take into account the crazy (and hopefully short-term) proposal to divide Swords between Dublin North and Dublin West. This review should totally ignore this artificial division and keeps all of Swords within the one electoral ward for local elections.
- With the arrival of the Metro and the preparation (Your Swords consultation) underway to support a possible increase in population in the greater Swords area to 100,000 over the next 20 years, Swords must remain together and must remain at least a five seat constituency. With the ever increasing population and issues and problems that require public representation that has resulted from past development and will continue to arise from future development, the Swords ward should not have less than 5 county councillors.
- That to protect the identity of Swords and to prevent the alienation of some out lying estates and residents, the boundary between the Swords and Malahide electoral wards should be the M1 motorway. The M1 would be an effective division in allowing residents on both sides establish and re-enforce their identity with the appropriate ward. Such a major piece of infrastructure offers an effective "natural" boundary and removes any confusion from outlying estates.
- On the Western side, the outlying communities of Rolestown and St. Margarets should remain part of the Swords ward. That these communities have already been alienated by their inclusion on the Dublin West general electoral district and they should not be alienated further from their natural linkage to the town and electoral ward of Swords.

Thank you & best regards,

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