

Submission to the Dublin and Cities Electoral Area Boundary Committee Consultation

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Electoral Area No. 1 – North & East Ward

This Electoral Area should not change as it is within the tolerance level of +/-10%. This is a very distinct ward within Galway city as a result of its natural boundary and it is adequately represented on Galway City Council.

Electoral Areas No. 2 and 3 – West Ward and South Ward

Some change is required in both of these wards. As Galway City No. 2 is considerably over represented and Galway City No. 3 is under represented, a movement of some portion of the vote should be moved to the West Ward.

The most geographically suitable area is the Claddagh, which has 1932 voters. This is geographically linked to the West Ward and is a defined community within the city, therefore moving this DED is less likely to disrupt a natural community within the city. This will then result in a more balanced representation in both of these wards.