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Please find submission below,

Drogheda Borough Council.

- Retain 6- seat ward in Duleek Gate Area.
- Create new 6- seat ward on north side to replace existing two 3-seat wards. (West Gate & St. Laurence's Gate).

Louth County Council

- Retain existing electoral areas of Drogheda West and Drogheda East. The present dividing line of R132 (regional road) is a good natural boundary.
- Population growth in Drogheda East necessitates an extra seat for this electoral area. The simplest way of dealing with this would be to transfer a seat from Dundalk / Carlingford which is significantly over-represented.
- However if it were decided to alter the electoral area of Drogheda East to reduce its population it would be vital to ensure that it retains its urban aspect both on the north side and south side of Drogheda. This would ensure a proper balance in representation of both rural and urban communities.
- I would be opposed to 'urban only' electoral areas for Louth County Council. There must be a balance between urban and rural representation, otherwise it will contribute to an urban / rural divide.

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- Clarity is required regarding the boundaries of both Drogheda Borough Council and Louth County Council with Meath County Council in the southern environs of Drogheda. The county boundary runs through a number of housing estates (e.g. Rosevale, Beaubec, Bryanstown Village), and this caused considerable confusion at the last local elections.

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