



The Secretary
Dublin & Cities Electoral Area Boundary Committee
Room 203
Custom House
Dublin 1

6th March 08

A chara,

I wish to make the following brief points, with particular reference to my own electoral area, Mulhuddart/Fingal.

- It is unfortunate that you are unable to bring about an increase in the membership of Fingal Council. Fingal is one of the fastest growing areas in the country and the number of councillors should be increased from 24 to at least 32.
- The Mulhuddart Ward now has the highest ratio of people per councillor of any ward in the country. The number of councillors should be increased from four to five.
- The turnout figures for the 1999 local elections were very disappointing. The figures for 2004 were much better and this reflected the work done by local councillors and by Fingal Council management in getting people to believe their vote would make a difference. People were, I think, beginning to identify with the idea of Fingal Council and with a sense of their local electoral ward and its representatives. I recommend then, that the Ward boundary not be changed.
- I particularly recommend against bringing in any areas from the Swords Ward into the Dublin 15 wards or vice versa. The boundary changes for the Dail Constituency of Dublin West were not a good idea.
- The simplest way of evening out the inequality would be to increase the number of seats in the existing Mulhuddart Ward from four to five.

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Cllr Michael O'Donovan

