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Dublin and Cities Electoral Area Boundary Committee,

electoralareacommittee@environ.ie

Re: South Dublin Council

Re: Terenure/Rathfarham Ward

At the last election, there were 7 Councillors elected from this area to the South Dublin Council.

Areas such as Rathfarnham, Ballyboden and Knocklyon have different and distinct problems that require addressing as compared to the rest of the electoral area and it is my understanding that the area as arranged has proved completely unwieldy and unworkable for Councillors who represent it. It has also created difficulties in people identifying who their local Councillors are due to the scale of the area concerned.

I am suggesting to the Commission that it would be more appropriate to create two separate electoral areas - one being a four seater constituency and the second a three seater. The first should include the Rathfarnham/Scholarstown/Knocklyon area and parts of Ballyboden, the second to cover the rest of what is the current electoral area. It is appreciated that within the terms of reference only in very exceptional circumstances are three seat local electoral areas to be created. I believe that in this case, there is an exceptional circumstance that the size of the current area has rendered it virtually impossible for Councillors elected to address all issues that arise within their area and for local people to identify with and know their local Councillors.

Yours faithfully,

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