

Submission to the Dublin and Cities Electoral Area Boundary Committee Consultation

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Electoral Area No. 1 – North & East Ward

Galway City Number 1, (known as the North & East Ward) is a very distinct ward through its boundary. It is within the tolerance level of +/-10%, therefore it should remain the same and have no changes.

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

Galway City No. 2 (the West Ward) and Galway City No. 3 (the South Ward) require some change.

The South Ward is under represented by 14%. The logical solution would be to provide an extra seat in the South Ward. As this is not part of the brief, the alternative would be to move part of the South Ward to the West Ward as this Ward is currently over represented.

The most geographically suitable area would be the area known as the Claddagh. This links directly to the West Ward and is a well defined community within the city. As there are 1932 voters in this District Electoral Area, the transfer of this area to the West Ward would result in a much more balanced representation on Galway City Council.