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To Dublin and Cities Electoral Area Boundary Committee

Limerick City Boundaries

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A major fault in the past in Limerick City has been the lack of identification of residents with the four wards of the City. Only councillors and political activists are aware of which ward they live in and, indeed, not even all of them are aware of it.

However, there is one exception to this. Ward One is clearly known as it is co-extensive with the Clare side of the River Shannon. (Commonly know as the Northside.)

Under the new boundaries some 5000 residents are to be added to the Clare side. It would be a great pity if, as a result, the new larger Northside were to be split up into two or more anonymous wards.

If the total number of councillors is to be kept at the present 17, this would require 6 or 7 councillors for the Northside Ward.

This would make it difficult to continue the practice of having four separate wards in Limerick City.

The obvious solution, then, would be to have a total of three wards in the City - one on the Northside and two on the Southside. This would respect the natural division of the City created by the River Shannon and increase identification of residents with their wards and councillors.

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