

Whispering Pines, Old Whitechurch Road, Cork

Dublin & Cities Electoral Area
Boundary Committee,
Room 2.03,
Custom House,
Dublin 1.
06/03/2008

Re: Cork City Council Boundary Review

Dear Sir,

I wish to make a submission in relation to the proposed revision of the electoral boundaries in the city of Cork and in particular to draw your attention to some issues which I believe are of relevance in the context of your decisions. The current allocation of seats in Cork City is split between six different wards, three on the Northside and three on the Southside of the city. Each of these wards have a good social mix being made up of voters from different social backgrounds and I believe that it is important that this social mix should be maintained in an effort to maintain the current social balance in all the wards where no single ward is confined to individuals of one social class.

I have noted the terms of reference of the committee and in particular the aligning of local electoral area boundaries with Dail constituency boundaries where possible. I can understand the desirability of this approach but if the committee are to proceed along this line in Cork City it is likely to lead to the loss of a seat from the Northside to the Southside of the city. This would be detrimental to the work that Cork City Council, the Cork Chamber of Commerce and the various educational institutions and business organisations in the city have done over many years in an effort to improve the Northside and deal with the perceived imbalance that exists between the north and south side of the city. In my opinion it would be a major mistake to transfer a seat from the Northside of Cork to the Southside wards. It would be far more appropriate to maintain the portion of the Southside constituency in the Northside ward in order to achieve the aim of balancing the allocation of seats across the City and avoid the perception that once again the Southside is benefiting at the expense of the Northside of the City..

Many thanks for taking the time to consider my submission.

Yours sincerely,



William O'Sullivan