

Submission on Local Government Boundary Review

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The following table outlines the current seat allocation to population ratio for Galway City Wards No. 1, 2 and 3.

Galway City Council Seats to population

	Seats (of 15)/%	% of Galway City Population (2006)
1 North and East:	7 (47%)	48% (35,000 people)
2 West Ward:	4 (26.5%)	21% (15,000 people)
3 South Ward:	4 (26.5%)	31% (22,000 people)

The figures above evoke the following conclusions:

1. The North and East Ward, naturally created through its western boundary of the river Corrib is an identifiable and developed electoral area. The Ward's allocation of seats is almost exactly proportional to its population. The electoral boundary therefore, should not change.
2. To be representational, there needs to be a transfer of approx 3,500 people from the South Ward to the West Ward, and a new boundary between the two wards should reflect that.