

Submission to the Dublin and Cities Electoral Area Boundary Committee

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To Whom It May Concern

I would like to make the following submission.

Electoral Area No. 1 – North & East Ward

This Electoral Area would appear to be within the tolerance level of +/-10%. This is a very distinct ward within Galway city as a result of its natural boundary and it is adequately represented on Galway City Council.

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

Some change is required in both of these wards. The South Ward is presently under represented by 14% and the West Ward is currently over represented by 22%. There is a difficulty in trying to balance both wards to be equally representative because of the make up of the particular wards.

The most likely area to be transferred from the South Ward to the West Ward without disrupting a community is The Claddagh area which has 1932 voters. This is geographically linked to the West Ward and is a defined community within the city which would then result in a more balanced representation in both of these wards.

I trust that you will take these views on board when examining the current position regarding representation on Galway City Council.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Donal Lyons