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Secretary, A Chara,

I would like to make the following submission for consideration by the Dublin and Cities Electoral Area Boundary Committee in respect of the Terenure / Rathfarnham and Crumlin / Kimmage areas in their general relationship to South Dublin and Dublin City local authorities.

The present boundary of the Terenure / Rathfarnham electoral area is defined by county boundaries and the M50 motorway. This is as strong and valid a boundary definition as is possible.

Running the numbers: The population of 60,796 and 7 council members gives an average representation of 8,685 which is 10.29% above the averages for the 5 electoral areas of South Dublin (9,681). While this is marginally outside the range in your terms of reference of +/-10%, I submit that this is justified given the number of dwellings, the large geographic spread and the high turnout at elections. Reducing the number of council members in Terenure / Rathfarnham would radically disrupt the Area Committee structure on South Dublin County Council and be inconsistent with item 5 in your Terms of Reference.

Regarding the Crumlin / Kimmage EA in Dublin City, I submit that there is a strong case to merge the south eastern electoral divisions, including Harold's Cross, Kimmage and Terenure Villages, with Rathmines. There are obvious demographic and historic synergies in these urban villages and re-uniting them in a single Electoral Area restores and preserves a natural community. The rivers Dodder and Poddle present a natural boundary.

Yours sincerely

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