

Submission on Local Electoral Review

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The new boundary extension to Limerick City, now gives us a population of 60, 249 residents. Therefore, all 17 Councillors will be required to represent approx. 3544 people.

For the City to be divided into four wards, we must first divide it into two halves and looking at the map, (attached), the most natural division (north and south) is using the River Shannon and the Park Canal.

The north side would then have a population of 28,888 and the south side 31,361

This natural division would then support 8 Councillors in the north of the city and 9 Councillors in the south side.

We recommend that,

- **Ward 1**, supporting 4 Councillors, would take in all the area North of the Shannon and West of the Killeely Road and the Shelbourne Road, from Watch House Cross, through Hasset's Cross, through Union Cross and down to the Condell Road. (Some of Ballynanty may have to go to Ward 2 to balance the figures)
- **Ward 2** supporting 4 Councillors, should start at the above boundary of Ward 1 and continue over to the Park Canal and down the Abbey River to Mathew Bridge

- **Ward 3**, supporting 5 Councillors would start at the Park Canal and continue up John St, Broad St, Cathedral Place, crossing Mulgrave St, going up the Roxboro Road, and taking in the remainder of the old Ward 3.
- **Ward 4**, supporting 4 Councillors, should remain unchanged, except for a small number being removed to Ward 3 consisting of the triangle made up from Cathedral Place up the Garryowen/ Greenhills Road and down Mulgrave St.

In keeping with the terms of reference of the Committee, we believe that we have used the most natural boundaries where possible. Also, we believe that communities/parishes should be used as a focal point.

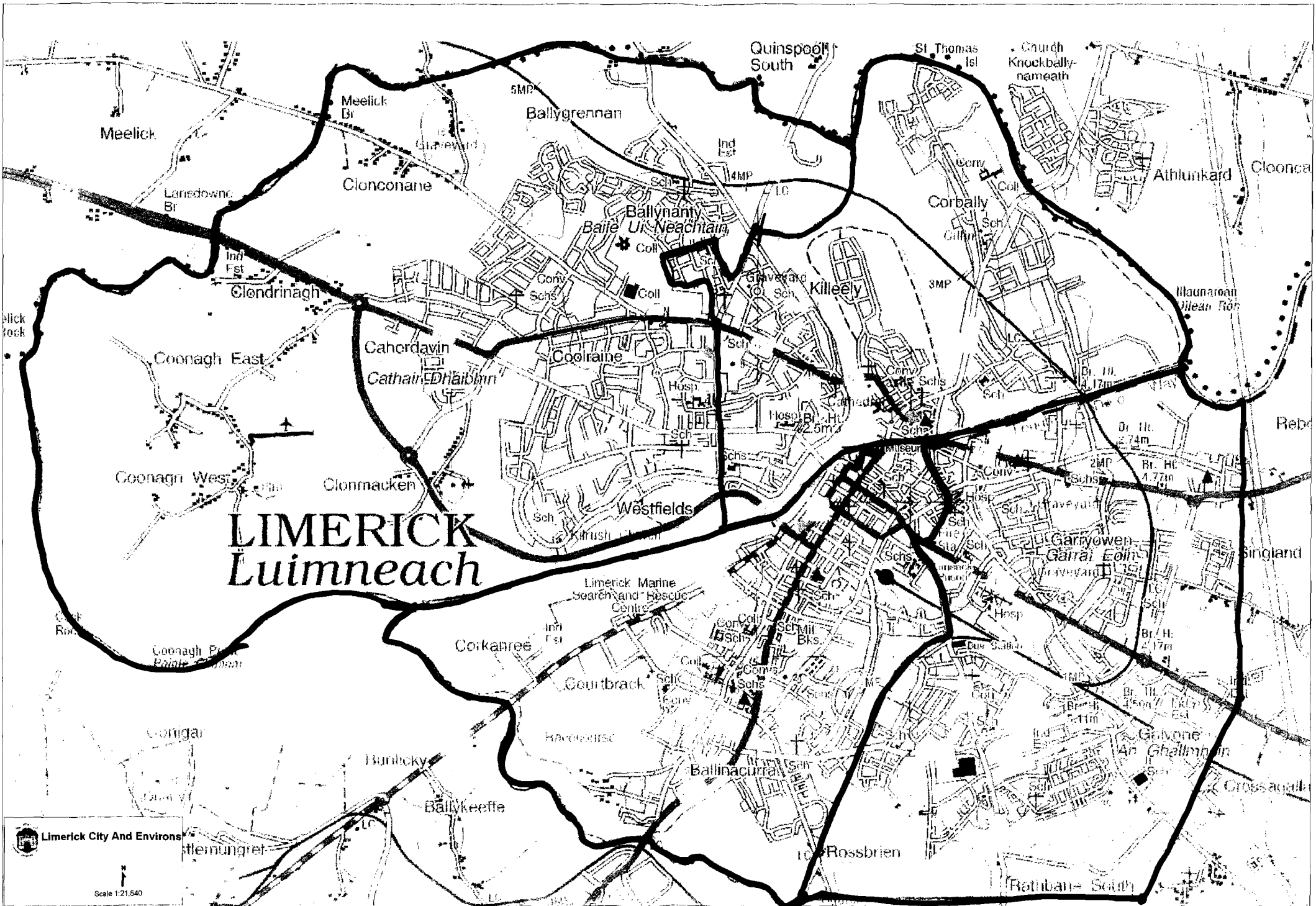
One clear example of this is the Abbey B area (Rhebogue/Dublin Rd), is south of the Park Canal and is part of St. Patrick's/ St. Brigid's Parish. The Sporting Clubs of Richmond Rugby Club and St. Patrick's G.A.A., are both located there and their natural catchment area is south of the Canal and we are strongly of the view that this area should not be separated from the parish and all its associated activities, .

Taking all the above points into consideration, we believe that the attached table gives a fair distribution of the population /per councillor throughout the city and recommend acceptance of this submission.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Ward 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 Seats</p> <p>New target population per Councillor 3544</p> <p>New number $3544 \times 4 = 14,176$</p> <p>New population in Ward = 14,700</p> <p>New population per Councillor w</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3675</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ward 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 Seats</p> <p>New target population per Councillor 3544</p> <p>New number $3544 \times 4 = 14,176$</p> <p>New population in Ward = 14,188</p> <p>New population per Councillor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3547</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Ward 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 Seats</p> <p>New target population per Councillor 3544</p> <p>New number $3544 \times 5 = 17720$</p> <p>New population in Ward = 16,918</p> <p>New population per Councillor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3383</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ward 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 Seats</p> <p>New target population per Councillor 3455</p> <p>New number $3544 \times 4 = 14,176$</p> <p>New population in Ward = 14,527</p> <p>New Population per Councillor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3631</p>



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