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16 Waterside Crescent  
Swords Road  
Malahide  
Co. Dublin

LEA Boundary Committees Secretariat  
Department of the Environment  
Custom House  
Dublin 1

Dear Sirs,

**Review of Official Swords / Malahide Boundary**

The residents of Waterside, which is on the Swords Road, in Malahide, would like to petition you for consideration of the official moving of the Swords / Malahide boundary.

Presently, the residents of Waterside find themselves with a postal address of "Waterside, Swords Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin", as dictated by An Post, whereas, Fingal County Council see the estate with an address of "Waterside, Malahide Road, Swords, Co. Dublin.

This confusion leaves the residents in a number of grey areas:

**Schooling:** Neither Swords or Malahide, see the estate as falling into their catchment area. Fortunately, the schools within Malahide tend to look positively on the residents and where possible, do make concessions. However, its not uncommon for our local TD's to be involved in making representations on behalf of concerned parents.

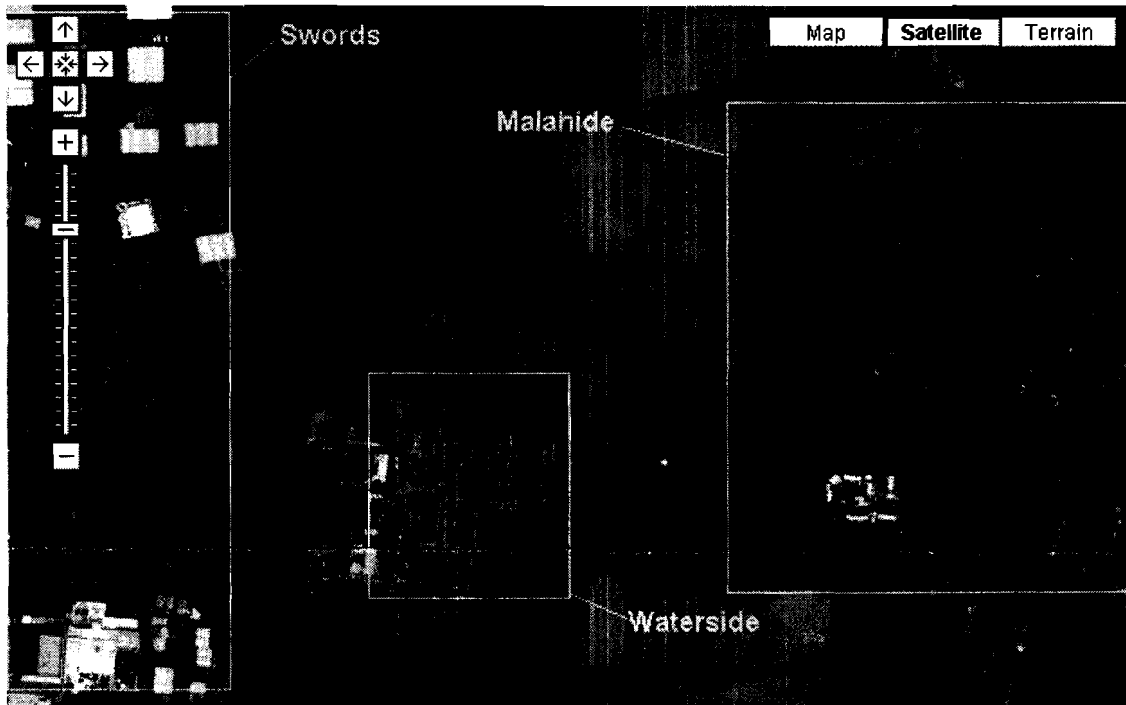
**Postal confusion:** It's not uncommon for communications to residents to go missing or at the very least be delayed. This is because of the insistence by the County Council to specify the address as Swords and not Malahide.

**Community:** As we feel we are members of the Malahide Community, we feel that we should have an input into the running of the local area. Presently, as the County Council consider us to be part of Swords, we are voting in elections as residents of an area we do not feel connected too.

**Roads:** The main road outside the estate has a speed limit of 60kph. If the boundary were adjusted, this could be adjusted to 50kph, thereby improving the road safety, especially for the young and elderly in the area.

**Financial:** The houses have been sold and priced based on residency within the Malahide area. If this was unconfirmed, residents would see a substantial re-evaluation of their property values, which would likely lead to financial hardship.

**Natural Boundary:** The Waterside Estate resides on the Malahide side of the M1 Motorway . In my opinion, this acts as a natural boundary between the 2 areas. See below



I would be grateful if you could give this close consideration when reviewing the boundaries within the Fingal Area.

If you would like clarification on any matter, please feel free to getting contact with me.

Yours faithfully

Ken O'Brien  
Tara Shortall.

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Residents.