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**Subject:** TALLAGHT AREA COMMITTEE - SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary, Dublin and Cities Electoral Area Boundary Committee  
Room 2.03, Custom House, Dublin 1

Dear Secretary

I am writing to you concerning the need to reconfigure the two Tallaght Wards that make up the Tallaght Area Committee of South Dublin County Council.

The Tallaght Area Committee in itself is proportionately represented in relation to the remainder of South Dublin County electing 10 members out of 26. However the division of Tallaght Central and Tallaght South Wards is fundamentally illogical. The Tallaght Central electoral area is cohesive, however the Tallaght South electoral area is geographically dispersed and incoherent lumping together the Rathcoole-Saggart-Jobstown area with Firhouse-Ballycullen and the Killinarden-Aylesbury area in the middle.

There will be a need due to demographic changes to either change Tallaght Central from a 5 seat ward to a 4 seater and Tallaght South from a 5 seat ward to a 6 seater. A more equitable solution would be to adjust the boundary and continue to divide Tallaght into two electoral areas.

One possible solution would be to divide the Tallaght Area Committee along the N81, however this would result in a sprawling ward from Rathcoole to Balrothery. A more cohesive alignment would be to divide the Tallaght Area Committee into two electoral areas on an East-West basis.

The boundary Committee should investigate dividing the Tallaght Area Committee into two electoral areas on an East-West basis as follows:

**TALLAGHT-FIRHOUSE** This would comprise East Tallaght and the section of Tallaght South Ward south of the Dodder. North of the Dodder the western boundary of the ward could run along (going northwards) Kiltipper Road-Kiltipper Way-Cookstown Way-Cookstown Road-Belgard Road to Newlands Cross. This would unite Firhouse-Ballycullen & Aylesbury with nearby Oldbawn and East Tallaght, which is a more natural hinterland than Rathcoole-Saggart-Jobstown

**TALLAGHT-RATHCOOLE** would contain all of Tallaght South North of the Dodder and include the Springfield area of Tallaght Central uniting it with its hinterland of Jobstown-Fettercairn.

Local elections should be "local" and the current Tallaght South Ward is at least two totally separate areas and in the main local authority members either focus on the Rathcoole-Saggart-Jobstown part of the ward or the Firhouse-Ballycullen-Aylesbury area. In the interests of more cohesive representation and better local authority wards I urge that your committee reconfigure the Tallaght Wards on an East-West basis.

Sincerely

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