

**Local Authority Boundary Commission**

**Submission re Terenure Village**

I wish to make a submission to have the current Local Electoral Area boundary changed from the present situation. Currently the boundary runs right through the centre of Terenure Village, resulting in one side being in the South East Area and the other side being in South Central Area.

I have lived on Terenure Road East for more than 25 years (South East Area) and worked for this period on Rathfarnham Road (South Central Area). Over all of this time, the boundary as it currently stands has proved to be a very divisive element in the community and causes much frustration to residents' associations, traders' association local families Neighbourhood Watch, etc. all of whom strive to improve facilities and services for the betterment of the whole community. The boundary has in fact impeded our access to certain funding opportunities as conditions attaching to such funding invariably mean that rigid residential boundaries must be enforced – thereby resulting in half of the community being excluded from benefit. I think it is obvious that to divide a village community in this way does not make good sense or in any way promote community stability. Furthermore, come election time in the area, it seems ludicrous to have election candidates' posters from two constituencies vying for attention in our small village; it causes immense confusion for the older members of the community trying to work out who is proposing to represent them and obviously this cannot be helpful to the candidates either.

This matter has been discussed at all levels in the community for many years now and it is the wish of all concerned that the entire village of Terenure and roads immediately surrounding it should be moved to the Rathmines Local Electoral Area as soon as possible. I would earnestly hope that our wishes will be taken on board.

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