

**Submission to the Local Area Boundary Committees
regarding Dublin City Council**

13th March 2008



On behalf of:

**Progressive Democrats
Dublin South East**

Introduction

This submission is in regard to Dublin City area only.

This submission is made on behalf of the Dublin South East Constituency Organisation of the Progressive Democrats.

Summary

The 13 local area constituencies vary between 3, 4 and 5 seats. In accordance with the terms of reference the five 3-seater constituencies should be changed. We believe that the constituencies should be standardised at 5 seats each. This will leave 2 additional seats to be distributed into two 6-seaters.

In accordance with the terms of reference we believe that the River Liffey should act as the primary Geographic boundary within Dublin City and that the boundaries of current Dail Constituencies should serve as electoral boundaries where applicable.

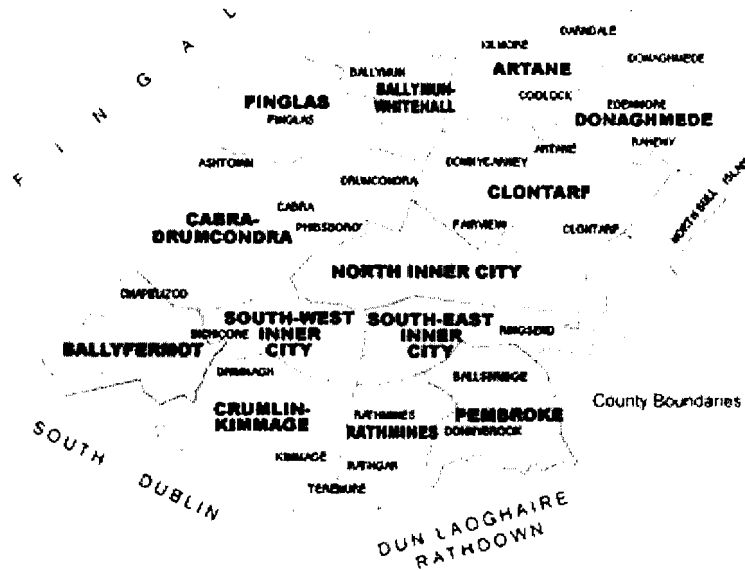
Suggested changes:

1. Ballyfermot and South West Inner City to be amalgamated into a 6-seater.
2. Artane and part of Ballymun-Whitehall to be amalgamated into a 5-seater.
3. Finglas and part of Ballymun-Whitehall to be amalgamated into a 6-seater.
4. Pembroke and part of South East Inner City to be amalgamated and increased to a 5-seater.
5. Rathmines and part of South East Inner City to be amalgamated and increased to a 5-seater.

This will establish 10 Local area constituencies of 5 or 6 seats throughout Dublin. Each electoral 5-seat area should have near equal electorates. The same holds for the 2 6-seat constituencies. This will have the benefit of making the constituencies more uniform.

Background

Current Electoral Map



2004 results

	Electoral Area	Seats	Electorate	Turnout	% Turnout
1	<u>Artane</u>	4	26,316	14,006	53.22
2	<u>Ballyfermot</u>	3	19,463	9,306	47.81
3	<u>Ballymun Whitehall</u>	3	19,188	9,380	48.88
4	<u>Cabra Glasnevin</u>	5	32,485	18,157	55.89
5	<u>Clontarf</u>	5	35,703	20,588	57.66
6	<u>Crumlin Kimmage</u>	5	38,646	20,149	52.14
7	<u>Donaghmede</u>	5	36,800	20,459	55.6
8	<u>Finglas</u>	4	27,146	14,408	53.08
9	<u>North Inner City</u>	5	31,067	12,642	40.69
10	<u>Pembroke</u>	3	18,914	9,518	50.32
11	<u>Rathmines</u>	4	24,594	11,024	44.82
12	<u>South East Inner City</u>	3	18,360	7,966	43.39
13	<u>South West Inner City</u>	3	20,603	8,704	42.25
	Total	52	349,285	181,191	51.87

1999 results

Electoral Area	Seats	Electorate	Turnout	% Turnout
<u>Artane</u>	4	27,407	8,945	33%
<u>Ballyfermot</u>	3	19,539	5,581	29%
<u>Ballymun</u>				
<u>Whitehall</u>	3	19,425	6,408	33%
<u>Cabra</u>				
<u>Glasnevin</u>	5	33,842	13,992	41%
<u>Clontarf</u>	5	37,394	15,380	41%
<u>Crumlin</u>				
<u>Kimmage</u>	5	40,588	13,890	34%
<u>Donaghmede</u>	5	37,794	13,024	34%
<u>Finglas</u>	4	28,140	10,900	39%
<u>North Inner City</u>	5	31,134	9,555	31%
<u>Pembroke</u>	3	20,535	7,457	36%
<u>Rathmines</u>	4	25,743	8,436	33%
<u>South East Inner City</u>	3	18,557	5,930	32%
<u>South West Inner City</u>	3	20,542	6,394	31%
Total	52	360,640	125,892	35%

As the population of Dublin City has risen only marginally over the last number of years it is reasonable to expect that the populations of the electoral areas will not have changed substantially.

Between 1999 and 2004 the population went down by 11,355. However the number of voters in 2004 went up by 55,299.

Therefore the key determinant of the size of electoral areas should be the size of the electorate.

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