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FINGAL COUNTY and DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL (Part) LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA BOUNDARY PROPOSAL

SCOPE:

I wish to present a Boundary Submission proposal to the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 2 in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference

SUMMARY:

- I propose that the Local Electoral Areas (LEA's) within 2016 Dublin West, Dublin Fingal, Dublin Central and Dublin North West Dail Constituencies do not breach the Dail Constituency Boundaries, in so far as practicable within representation percentage variance.
- I propose an increase in the Fingal County LEA's from five to six, creating a new Donabate-Rush LEA.
- I propose a minor change to Castleknock and Mulhuddert LEA's in order to achieve a more proportionate population distribution and to rename Castleknock LEA to Blanchardstown-Castleknock.
- I propose changes to the Cabra-Finglas and Ballymun LEA's to align, in so far as practicable, with the 2017 revision to the Dublin Central and Dublin North West Dail Constituencies and to rename the LEA's accordingly.

BACKGROUND:

The Boundary Committee No. 2 Terms of Reference state that the number of councillors assigned to any Local Authority will not change. LEA's shall be not less than 5 seats and not more than 7 seats. It is also stated that the Committee shall endeavour as far as practicable, to achieve variance from individual average local authority representation within the range of plus or minus 10%.

OVERALL APPROACH TO REVISION:

FINGAL COUNTY and DUBLIN WEST

Taking into account the 2016 Census Figures, the population of Fingal County is 296,020 On the basis of 40no. seats, this equates to 7,401 per seat. As the current Fingal County Seat breakdown was 3no. 8 seaters, 1no. 7 seater and 1no. 9 seater, it was necessary to reduce the number of seats per LEA where applicable and increase the number of LEA's. Options in the Dublin West constituency to redraw the existing LEA Boundaries were extremely limited due to Blakestown ED (population 38,924). This ED covers a relatively small geographical area and is the highest populated ED in the State.

Options were considered to adjust the existing LEA's in Dublin West or to create a third LEA in Dublin West and therefore have 3no. 5 seaters. However this draft option resulted in the focal point of Blanchardstown being split into 3, and was not deemed acceptable to be put forward as a proposal.

The Mulhuddert (7 seats) and Blanchardstown-Castleknock (7 seats) LEA's are proposed with minimal change and 1no. ED transferred between the two LEA's.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL (PART)

Part of the Cabra-Finglas LEA is and will remain part of the Dublin West Dail Constituency for the next General Election.

Taking into account the 2016 Figures, the population of Dublin City Council area is 553,165. On the basis of 63no. seats, this equates to 8,780 per seat. The population of Dublin City North is 308,988, which equates to 35no. seats.

The Cabra-Finglas and Ballymun LEA are both 7 seaters. I propose realigning and renaming both LEA's, as closely as possible to the new Dublin Central and Dublin North West Dail constituency boundaries.

Using previous LEA Boundary Committee Reviews as a guide, I propose to transfer parts of Drumcondra to the Cabra-Finglas LEA ED's south of the Tolka River to form a 6 seat LEA, similar to the old Cabra-Glasnevin LEA in situ from 1998 to 2014.

I propose to transfer parts of Ballymun, Ballygall and Whitehall to the northern part of the existing Cabra-Finglas LEA to form a 7 seat Ballymun-Finglas LEA. This proposal allows the River Tolka to form a defined boundary between the two revised LEA's.

Overall Summary of Dublin West, Dublin Fingal and Dublin north city LEA's Proposal:

LEA	Current no. of Seats	Proposed No. of Seats	Proposed Population	Variance from Average Representation	Proposed Change
Castleknock	7	7	53,783	+3.6%	Change name and 1no. Additional ED
Mulhuddert	8	7	56,749	+9.4%	1no. less ED
Swords	9	7	48,580	-6.4%	Nett reduction of 1no. ED
Howth - Malahide	8	7	55,669	+7.3%	Nett reduction of 1no. ED
Balbriggan	8	6	41,069	-7.7%	Nett reduction of 3no. ED's
Donabate-Rush		6	40,456	-9.1%	New LEA
TOTAL	40	40			

LEA	Current no. of Seats	Proposed No. of Seats	Proposed Population	Variance from Average Representation	Proposed Change
Cabra-Finglas	7	6	51,557	-2.2%	Change name. Nett loss of 2no. ED's
Ballymun	7	7	66,233	+7.8%	Change name. Nett Gain of 2no. ED's.

The proposed boundary changes are mapped in the Appendices attached.

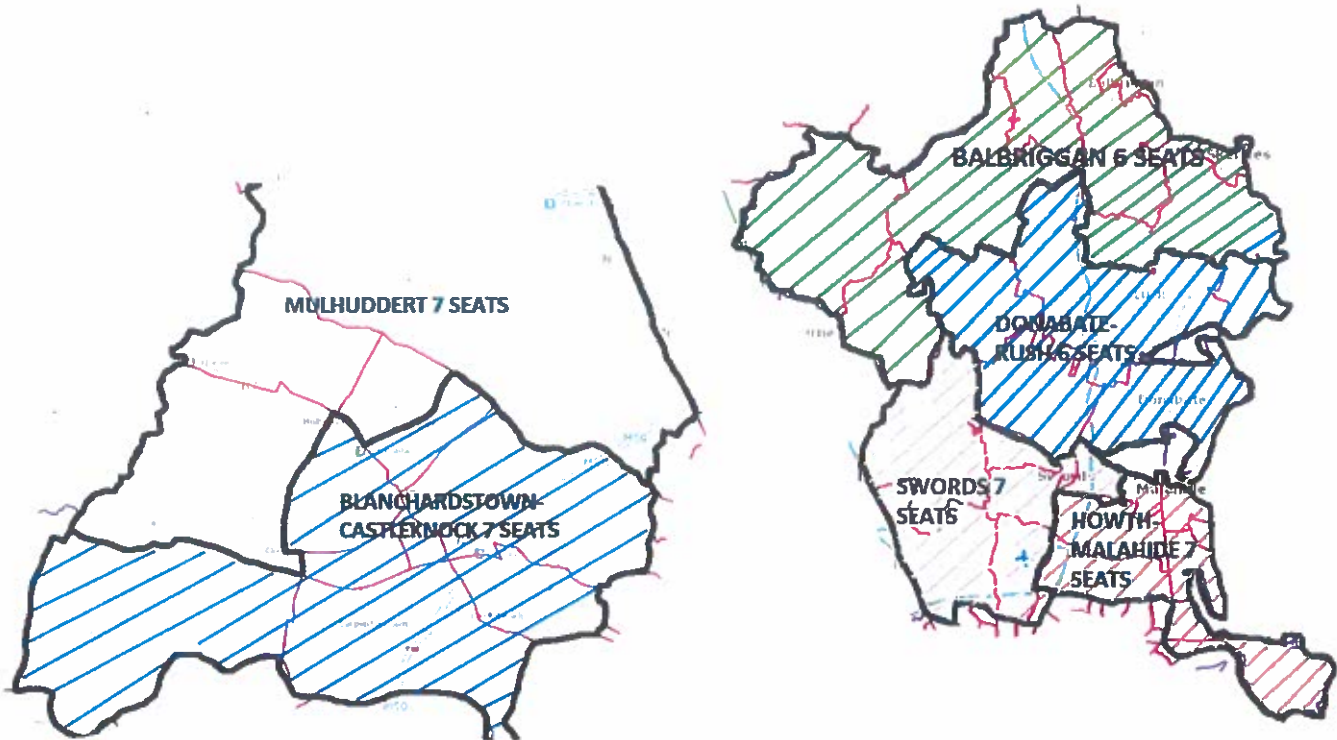
Please consider these proposals as part of the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee's work.

Yours sincerely



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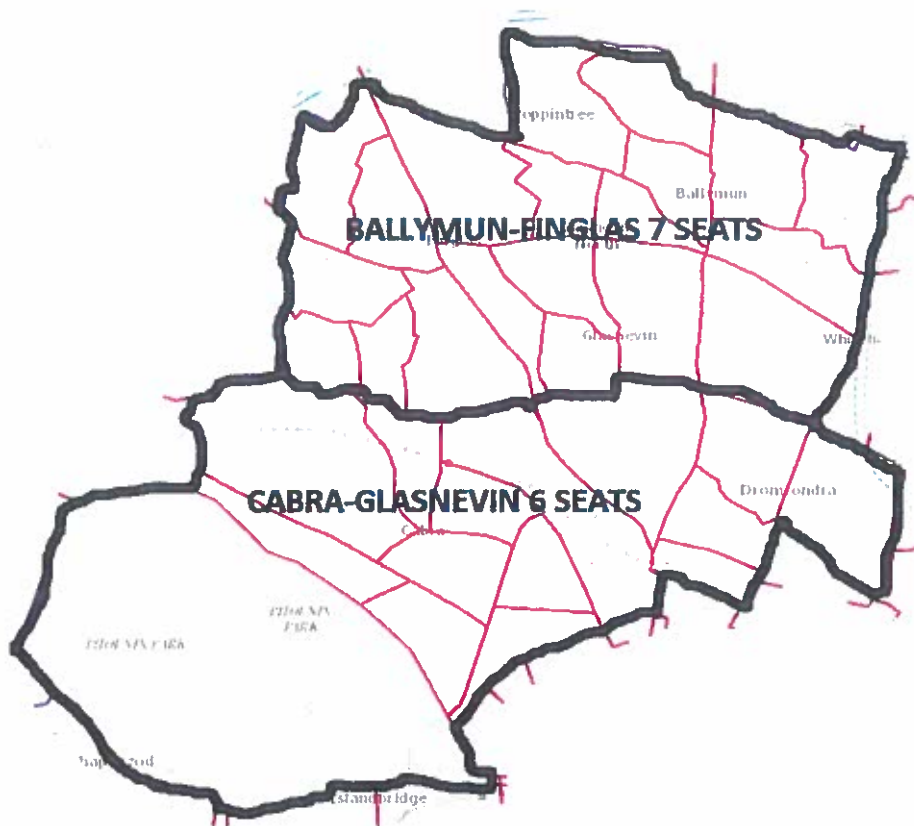
APPENDIX A: PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES TO DUBLIN WEST AND FINGAL COUNTY LEA'S



BLANCHARDSTOWN-CASTLEKNOCK 7 SEATS 53,783 (variance +3.6%)	MULLHUDDERT 7 SEATS 56,749 (variance +9.4%)
Lucan North 1,479	Blakestown 38,924
Castleknock Knockmaroon 18,795	The Ward 10,470
Blanchardstown Roselawn 1,676	Blanchardstown Tyrrellstown 3,229
Blanchardstown Delwood 5,126	Blanchardstown Mullhuddert 4,126
Castleknock Park 5,310	
Blanchardstown Coolmine 11,343	
Blanchardstown Abbotstown 6,204	
Blanchardstown Corduff 3,850 (Transfer from Mulhuddert LEA)	

BALBRIGGAN 6 SEATS 41,069 (variance -7.7%)	DONABATE-RUSH 6 SEATS 40,456 (variance -9.1%)	SWORDS 7 SEATS 48,580 (variance -6.4%)	HOWTH-MALAHIDE 7 SEATS 55,669 (variance +7.3%)
Balbriggan Rural 16,479		Kilsallaghan 2,261	Malahide West 6,360
Balbriggan Urban 8,114		Swords Village 2,674	Malahide East 7,372
Skerries 8,480	Swords Lissenhall 10,429	Swords Seatown 6,808	Portmarnock N 4,121
Holmpatrick 3,452	Ballyboghill 1,153	Dubber 7,309	Portmarnock S 3,606
Balscaddan 720	Lusk 9,621	Swords Glasmore 7,684	Baldoyle 7,549
Hollywood 1,374	Rush 9,827	Turnapin 1,695	Sutton 5,661
Garristown 1,618	Donabate 9,426	Swords Forest 15,173	Howth 8,277

APPENDIX B: PROPOSED CHANGES TO DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL(PART)



CABRA-GLASNEVIN 6 SEATS 51,557 (variance +2.2%)	BALLYMUN-FINGLAS 7 SEATS 64,645 (variance +5.2%)
Phoenix Park 1,528 (Dublin West Dail Const)	Finglas North A 3,324
Ashtown B 2,640 (Dublin West Dail Const.)	Finglas North B 2,867
Ashtown A 10,545 (Dublin West Dail Const.)	Finglas North C 3,445
Cabra West A 1,483	Finglas South A 2,878
Cabra East A 5,477	Finglas South B 4,205
Cabra West B 2,466	Finglas South C 2,674
Cabra West C 2,958	Finglas South D 2,430
Cabra West D 2,849	Ballymun A 4,720
Cabra East C 4,131	Ballymun B 4,340
Botanic A 3,125	Ballymun C 6,092
Drumcondra South C 3,533 (Transfer from Ballymun LEA)	Ballymun D 2,430
Botanic B 3,526 (Transfer from Ballymun LEA)	Ballymun E 1,573
Botanic C 2,196 (Transfer from Ballymun LEA)	Ballymun F 2,355
Drumcondra South A 5,100 (Transfer from Clontarf LEA)	Ballygall A 3,621
	Ballygall B 1,871
	Ballygall C 3,502
	Ballygall D 2,515
	Whitehall A 3,445
	Whitehall B 4,215
	Whitehall C 2,143