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Swords must not be divided and must be kept united for Council elections Submission

My submission is that Swords (Swords-Lissenhall, Swords-Glasmore, Swords-Village, Swords-Seatown, Swords-Forrest - all of Swords and surrounding areas), including the environs of Rolestown, Kilsallaghan and St. Margaret's (electoral divisions of Dubber and Kilsallaghan), is the capital town of Fingal and must remain united within the one Fingal County Council Swords Local Election Area ("LEA").

Fingal towns and their environs must be kept intact as part of any LEA boundary adjustments. Swords, including Rolestown, Kilsallaghan and St. Margaret's, must remain intact as a 7 seat Swords LEA, which is the maximum permitted (reduced from 9).

The Dáil Éireann boundaries between Dublin Fingal and Dublin West must be respected and remain aligned with the new LEA's. The parts of west Swords (Rolestown, Kilsallaghan and St. Margaret's) that were correctly moved back to the then new Dáil Éireann Constituency of Dublin Fingal in 2012, must remain part of the Swords LEA and not become disenfranchised as a make-weight within a Dublin West LEA.

No part of Swords should be moved to the Howth / Malahide or any other LEA.

The logical border between the Swords and Howth / Malahide LEA's should be the M1, with Holywell moving from the Howth / Malahide LEA to the Swords LEA (with the exception of the Melrose estate which is split by the M1 and should remain united in the Howth / Malahide LEA).

In summary:

Swords (Swords-Lissenhall, Swords-Glasmore, Swords-Village, Swords-Seatown, Swords-Forrest - all of Swords and the surrounding areas), including the environs of Rolestown, Kilsallaghan and St. Margaret's, must remain united within the one Fingal County Council Swords LEA.

All Fingal towns and their environs must be kept intact as part of any LEA boundary adjustments.

The Dáil Éireann boundaries of Dublin Fingal and Dublin West must be respected and remain aligned with the new Local Election Areas.

The logical border between the Swords and Howth / Malahide LEAs in my personal opinion should be the M1 (with the exception of the Melrose estate which is split by the M1 and should remain united in the Howth / Malahide LEA).

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