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Dear Boundary Committee,

Dublin Central Labour Party wish to make a submission to Committee No. 2 of the Local Electoral Boundary review. This submission concerns the area covered by the new Dublin Central Dáil constituency and the Ashtown A, Ashtown B, and Phoenix Park DEDs.

We note that the Terms of Reference specify that the Dáil Constituency boundaries should be respected. We agree with this sentiment but believe that Ashtown A, B and Phoenix Park DEDs should be an exception as these areas have traditionally been part of Dublin Central, are too small to constitute stand-alone electoral area by themselves and are now part of Dublin West Constituency which is under the jurisdiction of Fingal County Council rather than Dublin City Council.

We note further that the terms of reference specify that "Local electoral areas should be designed, as far as possible, around urban villages...". We agree that this is a key requirement when deciding on the boundaries in the Dublin Central area and contend that urban villages such as Phibsborough should be located in one local electoral area. It is important that the local electoral boundaries respect the integrity of urban communities.

Furthermore, we believe that the Liffey should remain the key boundary in the Dublin City Council area. The Liffey is the most significant natural boundary in the Dublin City area, and it should remain the southern edge of the local electoral areas that will make up the area covered by the Dublin Central Dail constituency.

Kind regards,

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