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Re: Ballymun Ward

Dear Committee Members

I would like the committee to consider several factors when reviewing this ward and consider the community benefit of the changes.

At the moment the ward is a 7 seat and divides a number of villages, there should be an urban village approach. It is my belief that the community would be served better if the wards were made smaller, at present councilors are resenting Finglas, Glasnevin, Drumcondra, Ballymun, Santry, Whitehall and Beaumont this is simple not workable. I believe that some consideration should be taken into how to until Finglas and Drumcondra in one LEA.

Drumcondra: This is a village that is divided into three LEA at present this is simple not workable for community groups in the area and resources. I think that all the Drumcondra area go into the Ballymun ward or all of it go into the north inner-city ward.

Finglas: Finglas is currently in two LEA's this divides the area and resources into North and south which is nor productive. There is number of development site ear marked for residential use also, these should be considered in the review also and what population impact that will have. All the Finglas and Ball gall DEDs would cover the Finglas area along with a population of nearly 28,000 there could be a soul Finglas 5 -6 seat ward.

Whitehall/Santry and Ballymun have a lot of connecting services, Gardai station, Colleges schools and shops I think these should all stay in the one ward, everything south of the Beaumont road and the existing boundary remain.

Kind regards

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