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Dear Committee Members,

As a member of Cork City Council I write to advise that in my view the Committee should champion the full findings of the Expert Advisory Group which recommended the extension of Cork City to include Carrigtwohill in the East.

It is not acceptable to me that a compromise should be reached which is less than the extension recommended by the Expert Group.

The willy nilly drawing of a new boundary line in the East more or less following the meandering of the Cork / Dublin road is nonsense and has no logic other than a compromise to satisfy Cork County Council and to facilitate it keeping the Little Island Rate Base.

In fact Cork County Council has neglected Little Island and many of the industrialists on the southern party of the industrial estate are paying enormous rates and have not been able to get roads resurfaced (CCC arguing it's an IDA site) or efficient access for workers to and from ' the Island'

Already a developer is poised to build substantial housing along the eastern ridge from the Dublin road boundary which will give rise to further sprawl.

In fact Cork County Council has historically simply allowed parasitic development on it's boundary with the City instead of concentrating it's efforts on developing the many beautiful towns and villages in the County.

Ballincollig, contiguous to the City is the prime example and this has been recognised .

Therefore the eastern boundary should extend to include Carrigtwohill in my view. Furthermore there must also be a clear and unambiguous decision to include Monard within the City boundary as failure to do so may prompt the County Council to create a parasitic development on the boundary which will be a contiguous development like a new Ballincollig, if you will. .

In relation to how the committee consider the electoral areas for the 2019 local election could I respectfully suggest that all areas coming from former county council be allowed elect representatives from those areas without mixing with former city areas / wards so that they will have their own reps coming to the new combined Council. Post the 2019 Local Election the next Boundary Review of local areas might commence in say 2021 to allow time for considered public debate and adjustment to the new situation.

Stick with the findings of MacKinnon who had no skin in the game.

Our cities, towns, villages and counties and local authorities are not the fiefdoms of their Chief Executives or their politicians . MacKinnon was a breath of fresh air.

Your truly,
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