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Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees

Dear Secretary,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Local Electoral Boundary Committee.

I am a member of **Dublin** City Council and am elected to the Clontarf Ward / Dublin North Central Local Electoral Area.

I wish to make the following points in relation to the **Clontarf Ward** Local Electoral Area:

I believe that as far as Wards go it's important to keep specific areas / towns together and not split them in two if possible. When an area is split ... It can fall between 2 stones and councillor's don't often give a split area the attention it deserves

EG at the moment Fairview / Marino are both in the Clontarf Ward but due to a general election border change most (not all) of Fairview is moving to Dublin Central constituency with the remainder of Marino Fairview staying in Dublin Bay North. (my own home has already been moved to Dublin Central so I am relatively unbiased.)

I think therefore that this remaining area of Marino / Fairview should not be further sub-divided but remain together in Clontarf Ward.

I also feel that Marino / Fairview community area should remain with the Clontarf community Area as both areas share similar characteristics both in buffer zone of Dublin Bay Biosphere (at the moment our Dublin Bay Biosphere is split over 3 city councils and several wards) ... there is not good for this area with too many cooks etc .

Also Fairview / Marino / Clontarf share a Cycleway due to be constructed .. Alfie Byrne Road to Amien's St I really do feel that it would be better for these areas if they remained together ...

I imagine the area might be 3 five seaters and if this is the case I believe the areas / wards should be split east to west instead of north to south I believe this will ensure similar communities are in the same ward.

Thank you for reading my Submission and good luck with your job

Kind Regards

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Clontarf Ward