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Dear Secretary,

I wish to make a submission as in relation to the Cork city and county local electoral area review.

I grew up in Glasheen in Cork city but moved to Carrigrohane, 5 years ago, to set up home. I have watched with interest the boundary extension debate over the last 12 months, and I am amazed as no doubt you are, that the legislation has not been moved on this yet.

Where I live now is in a rural area, but I believe has now been made part of the city. I am in full support of this as a proud Cork person who feels our city needs to be given the space to grow. However I have to stress the word believe since legislation has not gone through the Dail yet and there has been no officially published maps of the new Cork City boundaries, so I have no idea where I would be voting!. I still have no idea if I am located inside or outside the new city boundary.

That said I would hate to not be able to submit my views on this topic. From a national politics perspective we have been part of North Central, which from a rural setting has been wholeheartedly unsatisfactory. With the vast majority of the constituency residing in the city we have been forgotten about. For local elections we were last in the county council area for voting, which again makes no sense as our councilors do not feed into the city area. So I would suggest keep it simple and let the River Lee separate the constituency, even when the city grows.

Thank you for considering my thoughts

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