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Balgaddy Working Together Group is a community voluntary group established over ten years ago, our aim is to represent and improve our local Community on a broad range of forums and initiatives in our DED.

Our area in North Clondalkin (Cappaghmore DED) is one of the three most disadvantaged areas in the County (census 2016) also suffering a serious deficit of local community facilities and services and a 35% population increase.

Over the past 15 years we have endured several local electoral changes, we moved from voting for Clondalkin Candidates to voting for both Lucan and Clondalkin Candidates and back to voting Clondalkin Candidates in the past three Local Elections. This has had a huge impact on our Community, such as community consultation and submissions to our LEA, County Development Plans etc.

The proposal to include our DED (Cappaghmore) in the Lucan Electoral Area will further disadvantage our local community as they did in the past. Residents had to change their use of services and facilities, ie health, social services etc from Clondalkin to Lucan and back to Clondalkin. We were included and excluded from local planning Consultations due to this jumping in and out of both DED and LEA.

The areas of North Clondalkin is our local district and all our local community services, education, transport, funding and facilities are located here. The socio and economic needs of our Community are cohesive with the rest of the North Clondalkin area, as well as family and business links. The Lucan district services and facilities are not central to our location and there are no connecting transport links

We understand and agree changes need to be put in place to facilitate the Constituency, but as a community already disrupted by past changes we feel it is imperative that our DED remain unchanged and stay within the Clondalkin boundary. We would very much appreciate that the Committee will take into consideration the needs of our Local Community when making decisions on the new Boundaries to put in place.

Kind regards  
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Secretary Balgaddy WTG

Representative areas of  
Foxdene, Tor an Ri,  
Burgh an Ri and Meile an Ri.