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Both Lucan and Clondalkin Local Electoral Areas have 8 seats. Under the terms of reference LEAs can not have more than 7 seats and less than 5. The Clondalkin LEA currently is almost 3% below the average population per seat in South Dublin County and Lucan is approximately 6% above the average population per seat.

We suggest that the the two wards are changed as follows:

The Clondalkin Local Electoral Area, with the bulk of what it consists of now minus the DED of Clondalkin Rowlagh and part of DEDS of Clondalkin Moorefield and or Clondalkin Cappagh (minus somewhere between 7000 and 8000 people in total), should be made into a 6 seater. The Lucan Electoral Area should, with the addition of Clondalkin Rowlagh and part Clondalkin Moorefield and or Clondalkin Cappagh (taking into account proximity to Lucan and Palmerstown of the respective estates in those DEDs), should be made into two 5 seaters. The current Palmerstown DEDs should be taken in entirely into one of the two new wards, i.e. it should not be split as it would sever its identity as a Village Community to split it between more than one ward. In relation to Lucan every attempt should be made to keep DEDs intact within new wards and to ensure for example that the DEDs in the vicinity of Lucan Village are kept within one ward etc. Balgaddy should be in a ward with Lucan DEDs. In relation to the part of Clondalkin we suggest that should be moved in with the 2 new wards created from the current Lucan Electoral Area, those wards are very close to Lucan and Palmerstown and as with Lucan and Palmerstown their centre is effectively the Liffey Valley Shopping Centre which is designated a Town Centre. Balgaddy in particular is falling between two stools at the moment. It is on the periphery of the Clondalkin Electoral Area and it has been expressed by residents to elected representatives that they feel neglected by Clondalkin councillors. It tends to be known as Lucan yet it not represented by Lucan councillors who tend to be more accessible in terms of their base in the adjacent Lucan Electoral Area.

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