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Dear Secretary Boundary Commission,

After giving due consideration to boundary changes in Co. Offaly our strategy committee have come to the conclusion that any changes to the local boundaries would be of no benefit to the constituents.

We looked at a number of changes and reasons to change the boundaries. The main area up for consideration for change would have been the Birr district. The reason for this would have been the geographical size of the district, being 69 km from the south to the north. Our option would have been to divide the district into a 3 and a 4 seater district. Birr would become either a 3 or a 4 seater district and Ferbane the same. This would have meant taken a number of areas from the Tullamore district. After long deliberation we concluded that because of the geographical position of the councillors the constituents were well represented with good access to the public representatives. Also because the population hadn't dramatically increased since the last review and we were in the variance of +/- 10% no changes could be justified.

After looking at the Tullamore and Edenderry districts we felt that no changes were needed.

Kind regards
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