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To whom it may concern

I wish to make the following suggestions re changing the electoral areas in Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council

As Glencullen/Sandyford electoral area is really overpopulated by the 2016 census (and even more so as a result of all the building in the area in the past two years and likely building over the next 15 months) it would seem to me that the Glencullen/Sandyford Electoral Area should be reduced. I would suggest moving Ballinteer/Woodpark to Dundrum (where it was originally) and moving Conskeagh/Windy Arbor to Stillorgan. This would result in Glencullen being 93.1% of the average, Stillorgan 101.7% and Dundrum 105.2%. Given the recent and ongoing growth in Glencullen the actual disparity in 2019 would be less than it appears relying entirely on the 2016 census.

An alternative would be to split the western half of the county (roughly Rathdown Constituency) into 5 four seaters. This would have the advantage of reducing the electoral area and making the role of the local Councillor much easier as electoral areas would be more compact. It could also overcome the issue of dividing electoral divisions into separate electoral as is the current situation with Ballinteer/Marlay, Dundrum/Sandyford, Dundrum/Balally, depending on how the 5 seaters are arranged.

I am attaching a spreadsheet which includes a redistribution if we retain the present 7+7+6 seats and the second worksheet therein a suggestion for four 5 seaters.

Given the continuing rise in population in the Glencullen electoral division a decision should be made by the appropriate body to limit electoral divisions to maybe 4,000 people to facilitate moving divisions from one electoral area to another without subdividing them. The Glencullen electoral division if it remains unchanged will be enormous by the 2024 local election.

I am suggesting these alternatives on the grounds of fairness in distribution terms for the people of Glencullen/Sandyford if you retain the 7+7+6 system. Five-seaters (if you choose that option) make for a fairer distribution and more compact electoral areas. Councillors would be better able to serve the needs of their area. I would strongly recommend a change to 5 seaters

Regards.

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7-SEATERS

Dáil 2018	LEA	ED	2016 Final	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballinteer-Broadford	2,537	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballinteer-Ludford	2,028	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballinteer-Meadowbroads	1,639	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballinteer-Meadowmount	1,848	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Castle	1,476	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Landscape	1,411	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Nutgrove	3,165	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Orwell	1,943	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Woodlawn	1,481	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Clonskeagh-Farranboley	1,615	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Clonskeagh-Windy Arbour	2,736	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Dundrum-Kilmacud	3,274	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Dundrum-Sweetmount	2,165	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Dundrum-Taney	2,491	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Ballinteer-Marley	2,253	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Dundrum-Balally	8,035	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Dundrum-Sandyford	7,688	
		Total =	37,452	5,350
Dublin Rathdown	Glencullen-Sandyford	Ballinteer-Woodpark	5,405	
Dun Laoghaire	Glencullen-Sandyford	Cabinteely-Loughlinstown	4,280	
Dublin Rathdown/	Glencullen-Sandyford	Glencullen	19,773	
Dublin Rathdown	Glencullen-Sandyford	Tibradden	1,111	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Dundrum-Balally	8,035	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Dundrum-Sandyford	7,688	
		Total =	40,902	5,843
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Clonskeagh-Belfield	3,122	
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Clonskeagh-Milltown	2,049	
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Clonskeagh-Roebuck	2,699	
Dun Laoghaire	Stillorgan	Foxrock-Carrickmines	5,951	
Dun Laoghaire	Stillorgan	Foxrock-Torquay	1,445	
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Deerpark	2,955	
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Kilmacud	3,973	
Dun Laoghaire	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Leopardstown	2,714	
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Merriville	3,217	
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Mount Nemon	2,383	
		Total =	30,508	5,085
10333	in Dundrum Balally & Dundrum Sandyford in Glencullen LEA			
5390	in Dundrum Balally & Dundrum Sandyford in Dundrum LEA			
108,862	total population in the 3 LEAs			
5443.1	= average per seat in these 3 LEA's			
5450	= average per seat in DLR as a whole			
The following percentages of 5450 would apply if no change:				
Dundrum		98.17		
Glencullen		107.21		
Stillorgan		93.30		

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Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballinteer-Meadowbroads	1,639	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballinteer-Meadowmount	1,848	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Castle	1,476	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Landscape	1,411	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Nutgrove	3,165	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Orwell	1,943	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Woodlawn	1,481	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Clonskeagh-Farranboley	1,615	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Dundrum-Kilmacud	3,274	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Dundrum-Sweetmount	2,165	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Dundrum-Taney	2,491	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Ballinteer-Marley	2,253	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Dundrum-Balally	8,035	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Dundrum-Sandyford	7,688	
Dublin Rathdown	Glencullen-Sandyford	Ballinteer-Woodpark	5,405	
		Total =	40,121	5731.571
Dun Laoghaire	Glencullen-Sandyford	Cabinteely-Loughlinstown	4,280	
Dublin Rathdown/	Glencullen-Sandyford	Glencullen	19,773	
Dublin Rathdown	Glencullen-Sandyford	Tibradden	1,111	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Dundrum-Balally	8,035	
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Dundrum-Sandyford	7,688	
		Total =	35,497	5071
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Clonskeagh-Windy Arbour	2,736	
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Clonskeagh-Belfield	3,122	
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Clonskeagh-Milltown	2,049	
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Clonskeagh-Roebeck	2,899	
Dun Laoghaire	Stillorgan	Foxrock-Carrickmines	5,951	
Dun Laoghaire	Stillorgan	Foxrock-Tortoise	1,445	
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Deerpark	2,955	
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Kilmacud	3,973	
Dun Laoghaire	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Leopardstown	2,714	
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Merville	3,217	
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Mount Merrion	2,383	
		Total =	33,244	5540.667
Moving Woodpark from Glencullen to Dundrum and moving Clonskeagh Windy Arbour to Stillorgan would produce the following percentages:				
Dundrum		105.17		
Glencullen		93.05		
Stillorgan		101.66		

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Dáil 2018	LEA	ED	2016 Final	Average	% of 5450
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballintear-Broadford	2,537		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballintear-Ladford	2,028		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballintear-Meadowlands	1,839		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballintear-Maestowmount	1,848		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Nutgrove	3,165		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Dundrum-Sweetmount	2,166		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Ballintear-Marley	2,253		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Dundrum-Sandyford	7,688		
Dublin Rathdown	Glencullen-Sandyford	Ballintear-Woodpark	5,408		
		Total =	28,728	5745.6	105.42
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Castle	1,476		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Landscape	1,411		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Orwell	1,943		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Woodlawn	1,481		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Clonskeagh-Farranboly	1,615		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Clonskeagh-Windy Arbour	2,736		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Dundrum-Balaly	8,035		
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Clonskeagh-Milltown	2,049		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Dundrum-Kilmacud	3,274		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Dundrum-Taney	2,491		
		Total =	26,511	5302.2	97.29
Dun Laoghaire	Glencullen-Sandyford	Cabinteely-Loughlinstown	4,280		
Dublin Rathdown/Dún Laoghaire	Glencullen-Sandyford	Glencullen	19,773		
Dublin Rathdown	Glencullen-Sandyford	Tibradden	1,111		
		Total =	25,164	5,033	92.34
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Clonskeagh-Belfield	3,122		
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Clonskeagh-Roebuck	2,699		
Dun Laoghaire	Stillorgan	Foxrock-Carrickmines	5,951		
Dun Laoghaire	Stillorgan	Foxrock-Torquay	1,445		
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Deerpark	2,955		
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Kilmacud	3,973		
Dun Laoghaire	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Leopardstown	2,714		
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Merville	3,217		
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Mount Merrion	2,383		
		Total =	28,459	5691.8	104.44