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Dear Committee members,

I would like to offer my views (below) on the re-drawing of the constituency/ward boundaries.

I am a resident of Glasnevin and feel that the following changes would be most welcome.

1 have noted that there is now a maximum capacity of 7 seats per ward.

I believe the "Ballymun ward" should lose
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I believe the Ballymun Ward should remain as a 7 seat ward and gain Finglas North C.

I also believe that Finglas West of the N2 should not be added into a Ballymun ward the reason for this is Even when losing Botanic / Drumcondra, the population difference would be higher and mean people are not fully represented with the maximum number of cllrs. being 7.

In dividing, the wards in the way described above a number of things will be achieved.

- 1) Finglas village will no longer be divided, the village is East of the N2 / Finglas road
- 2) The boundaries will be more 'natural' following main roads and keep communities together
- 3) The boundaries would be in keeping as close as possible to the Dail boundaries without leaving the area under-represented due to the cap on cllrs.
- 4) I believe it would make the areas more manageable for state agencies and public bodies

Kind Regards Tadhg