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Dear Boundary Committee

In 2013 the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee discriminated against the neighbourhoods of Firhouse and Knocklyon when each of these neighbourhoods was split between the Rathfarnham and Templeogue Electoral Areas.

The 2016 census results show that the combined population of the parishes of Firhouse, Knocklyon and Bohernabreena is now in excess of 30000 people. This is sufficient for these communities to have their own single 5 seat Local Electoral Area on South Dublin County Council. Under the terms of reference of the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee, the committee must consider:

*"Local electoral areas should be designed, as far as possible, around urban villages or have a neighbourhood focal point (or points), taking due account of local and community identities and linkages and the need to facilitate the effectiveness of the governance and representational roles of elected members"*

Firhouse and Knocklyon not only have mature community identities and linkages but are have fast growing new housing developments to the south in areas such as Scholarstown Road, Ballycullen Road and Oldcourt Road which straddle the boundaries of the 2013 Rathfarnham and Templeogue Electoral Areas in numerous places.

I respectfully ask the Boundary Commission to treat Firhouse and Knocklyon equally to Rathfarnham, Templeogue and Tallaght at the next County Council elections and that we do not be discriminated against again in Local Government.

Kind Regards

Brian Lawlor