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Re: Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 2

A Chara,

I refer to your recent advertisement inviting submissions in respect of the work of the Boundary Committee.

The members of Dublin City Council's North West Area Committee (NWA) discussed the existing division of our Area (i.e. Ballymun and Cabra-Finglas Local Electoral Areas) at our recent Area Committee meeting.

Members noted that Clause 4 of the Terms of Reference for Committee No 2 is particularly important to the retention of the integrity of urban villages in the NWA in relation to the location of Dublin City Council offices across the NWA in Finglas, Cabra and Ballymun ["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, including, in particular, the need to avoid designating local electoral areas which are territorially very large or extend over very long distances or over multiple urban villages, or which divide individual urban villages or natural communities"]. Members also noted the existing division of several NWA villages.

Members also referred to previous submissions concerning a proposal to extend the City Boundary to the M50.

I understand that Councillors, either separately or through their respective Political Parties, will be making separate submissions.

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