

Dear Committee members,

I am a constituent of the Ballymun ward of Dublin City Council and I would like to propose the following changes to the council boundaries north of the River Liffey, with the objective of creating smaller, more cohesive wards with recognition for mutual needs and issues in the local areas. Please note that all stated populations are based on data from Census 2016, and that all areas in brackets after the naming of a town are Local Electoral Areas. All wards contain populations within plus or minus 10% of the variance from individual average local authority representation, which stands at 8,802 after Census 2016.

The towns of Drumcondra and Beaumont currently find themselves split between three different wards on a local level, while Beaumont remains split on a national level between Dublin North-West and Dublin Bay North (this issue also affected Drumcondra until the passage of the *Electoral (Amendment)(Dáil Constituencies) Act 2017*).

Therefore, the town of Beaumont (Beaumont A, B, C, D, E & F), the town of Whitehall (Whitehall A, B, C & D), the town of Drumcondra (Botanic A, B & C; Drumcondra South A, B & C) and the L.E.A of Grace Park should form a 7 seat ward named "Beaumont-Drumcondra". The total population of this ward would be 56,427, or 1 councillor per 8,061 people.

The town of Ballymun (Ballymun A, B, C, D, E & F), the town of Finglas (Finglas North A, B & C; Finglas South A, B, C & D) and the town of Glasnevin (Ballygall A, B, C & D) should form a 6 seat ward named "Ballymun-Finglas". The population of this ward would be 54,710, or 1 councillor per 9,118 people.

The remainder of the former Cabra-Finglas ward (Ashtown A & B; Cabra West A, B, C, D; Cabra East A, B, C; Phoenix Park) and the town of Stoneybatter (Arran Quay A, B, C, D & E) should form a new 6 seat ward named "Cabra-Stoneybatter". The population of this ward would be 54,892, or 1 councillor per 9,149 people.

The ward of Beaumont-Donaghmede as established in 2014 is not feasible to maintain under the Terms of Reference, as the population of said ward is approaching 100,000 people, currently electing 9 councillors. Therefore I propose the ward should be split into three sections. One constitutes part of the proposed Beaumont-Drumcondra ward, the L.E.A's of Raheny-Foxfield, Raheny-Greendale, Harmonstown A & B, and Edenmore should be transferred to the ward of Clontarf, while the remainder of the ward should become a 6 seat ward named "Darndale-Donaghmede". The population of this ward would be 55,086, or 1 councillor per 9,181 people.

Aside from the removal of the L.E.A's of Drumcondra South A; Beaumont D, E & F, and Grace Park and the addition of Raheny-Greendale, Raheny-Foxfield, Harmonstown A & B, and Edenmore, the ward of Clontarf should remain unchanged in composition of L.E.A's. The ward should have 6 councillors and be named "Clontarf-Edenmore". The population of the ward would be 55,315, or 1 councillor per 9,219 people.

There should be a new 5 seat ward in the City Centre comprising of the L.E.A's of: Ballybough A & B; North Dock A, B & C; Mountjoy A & B; Inns Quay A, B & C; Rotunda A & B; and the L.E.A of North City. This ward should be called "City Centre-Docklands". The population of this ward would be 54,461, or 1 councillor per 9,077 people.

Please find attached to this email Appendix 1, which provides population statistics of the Dublin City Council wards in 2014, of the proposed wards in 2019, maps delineating the outline of the 2014 boundaries, as well as the outline of my proposed wards for the 2019 local elections.

Thank you for taking this submission into account.

Kind Regards

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Appendix 1

2014 Council Wards (5 total):

Ballymun 2014- 54,600 (7 seats) (1 councillor per 7,800)

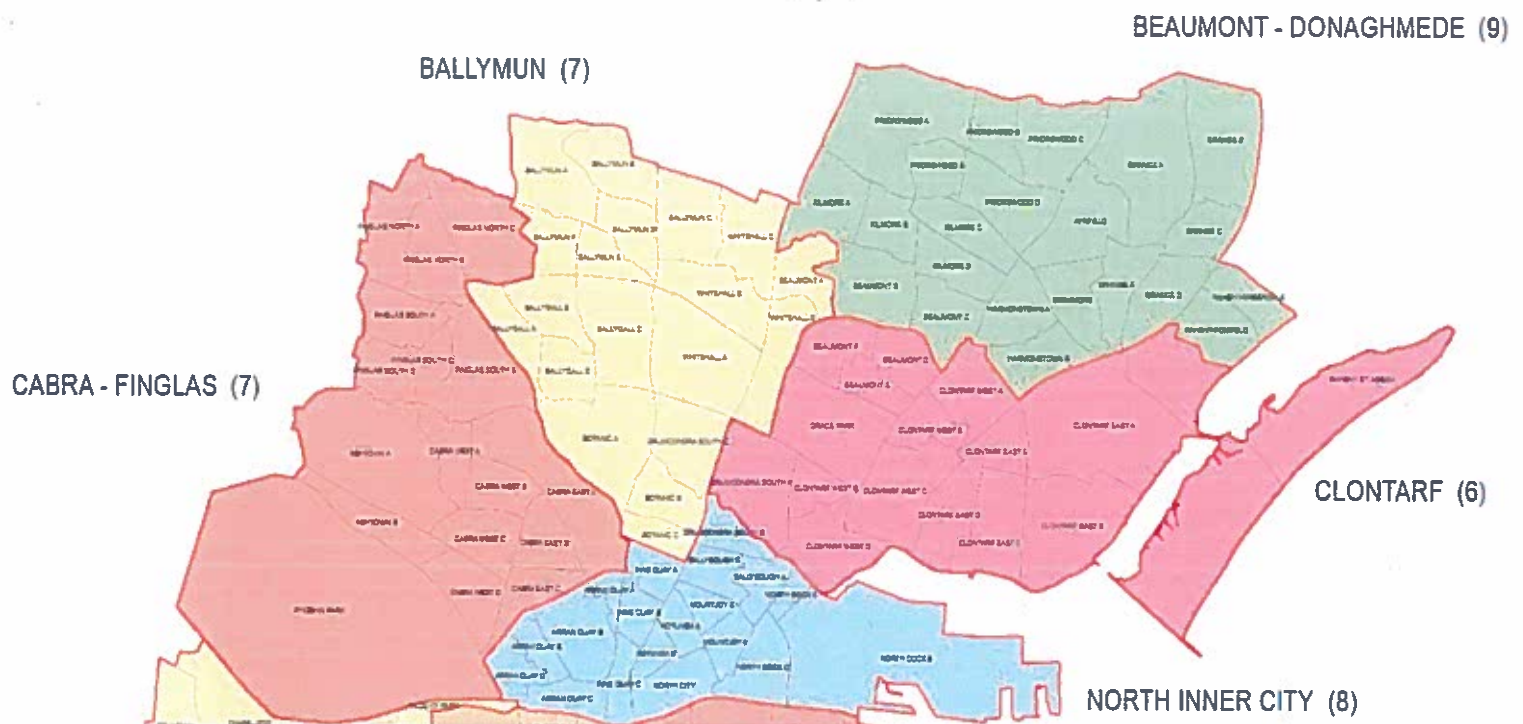
Beaumont-Donaghmede 2014- 73,239 (9 seats) (1 councillor per 8,138)

Cabra-Finglas 2014- 56,798 (7 seats) (1 councillor per 8,114)

North Inner City 2014- 67,309 (8 seats) (1 councillor per 8,414)

Clontarf 2014- 50,018 (6 seats) (1 councillor per 8,336)

Map of 2014 Wards:



Proposed 2019 Council Wards (6 total):

Cabra-Stoneybatter 54,892 (6 seats) (1 councillor per 9,149)
(Ashtown 13,209)(Cabra 23,325)(Phoenix Park 1,534)(Arran Quay 16,824)

City Centre-Docklands- 54,461 (6 seats) (1 councillor per 9,077)
(Ballybough 7,416)(North Dock 13,274)(Mountjoy 9,352)(Inns Quay 10,342)(North City 5,654)(Rotunda 8,423)

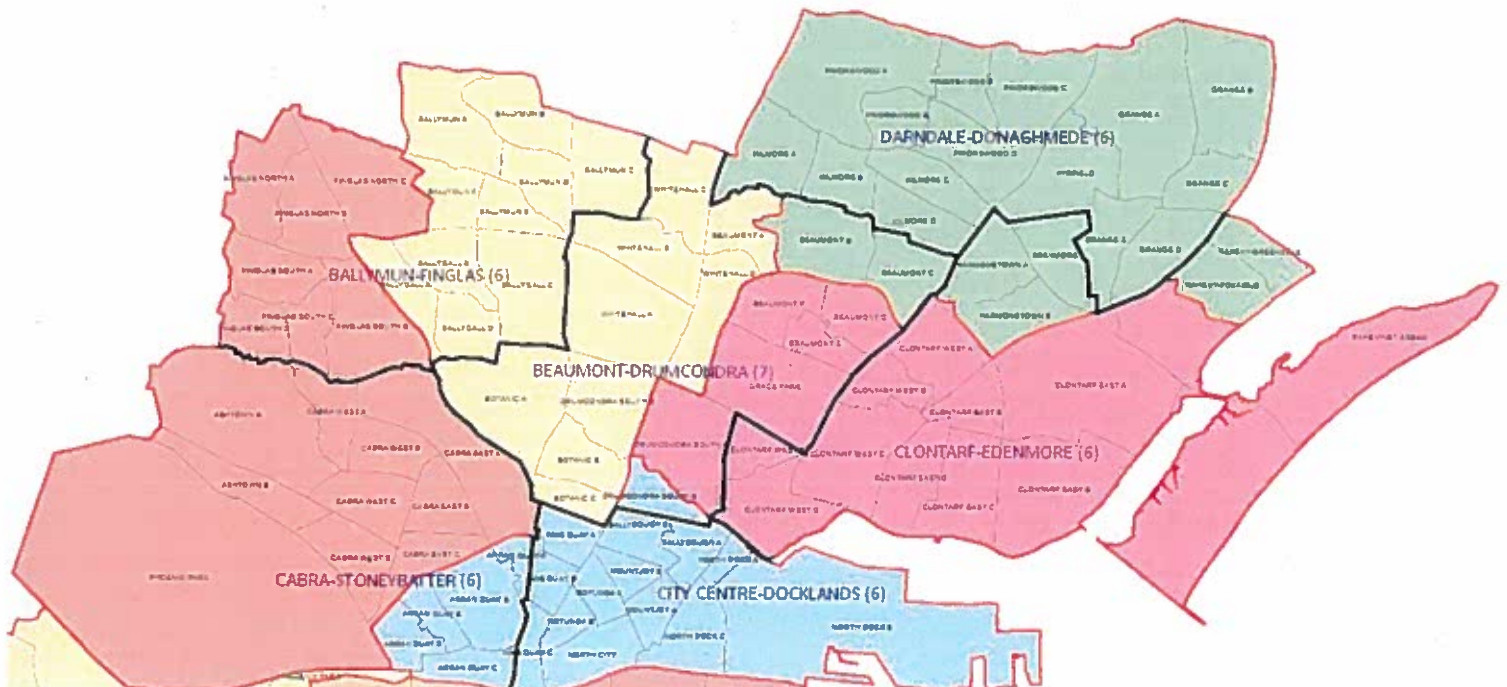
Ballymun-Finglas 2019- 54,710 (6 seats) (1 councillor per 9,118)
(Finglas 21,839)(Ballymun 21,626)(Ballygall 11,245)

Beaumont-Drumcondra 2019- 56,427 (7 seats) (1 councillor per 8,061)
(Beaumont 18,443)(Whitehall 13,023)(Botanic 8,877)(Drumcondra South 10,278)
(Grace Park 5,806)

Clontarf-Edenmore 2019- 55,315 (6 seats) (1 councillor per 9,219)
(Grace Park 5,806)(Clontarf 32,778)(Raheny 8,329)(Harmonstown 5,566)(Edenmore 2,836)

Damdale-Donaghmede- 55,086 (6 seats) (1 councillor per 9,181)
(Grange 24,789)(Priorswood 14,795)(Kilmore 9,863)(Ayrfield 5,639)

Map Of Proposed 2019 Wards:



Legend:

Black: Proposed new boundaries.

Purple: Proposed name for new ward & amount of councillors to be allocated to the ward.