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Dear Secretary,

Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees,

Please see the below submission from Ger Dwyer [REDACTED] that I would like to support.

They state that their house and some of their neighbours are currently included in the Balbriggan LEA even though they live in Swords and are only five minute drive to the nearest Swords Polling Station and almost 15 minutes drive to the nearest Balbriggan Polling Station. They also state that although they live down a Cul-de-Sac, some neighbours at the start of the Cul-de-sac vote in Swords, yet they vote in Balbriggan. I would like to support their submission to be included within the new Swords LEA as they consider themselves Swords and have a natural connection to Swords.

Please see the below which they have already submitted directly themselves and thank you for taking the time to consider this submission.

Best regards,

Darragh

COUNCILLOR DARRAGH BUTLER (FF)

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10+ years on Fingal County Council

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Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015

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Deanstown

Swords

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21st March 2017

Franchise Section,
Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government,
Room 1.67, Custom House,
Dublin 1.

Re: Voting Register

Dear Sir or Madam

We have been in touch with our Local Councillors in Balbriggan and Swords regarding the ridiculous way that the Borough and Boundaries have been assigned for our area. One of our Councillors, Paul Mulville kindly pursued the matter with the Fingal County Council and this was the response he recently received:

"The boundaries of local electoral areas were most recently set by the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee which was set up by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Mr. Phil Hogan, T.D., to review local electoral areas and to report to him not later than 31 May 2013.

Ms Dwyer's house, and others along this road, lie just inside the boundary of the Balbriggan Electoral area and therefore the registered voters in this location must vote within that electoral area.

It is not within the power of Fingal County Council to alter these boundaries."

Our house and some of our neighbours are included in the Balbriggan Borough, even though we live in Swords and are only 5 minutes drive to the nearest Swords Polling Station and almost 15 minutes drive to the nearest Balbriggan Polling Station. Also we live down a Cul de Sac, our neighbour at the beginning of the Cul de Sac vote in Swords and we vote in Balbriggan, even though we live right beside each other. Balbriggan Councillors, don't even know we exist and the "Census person" always has problems finding us, as only 3 houses on his list because of the "mess" of the maps.

I would be obliged if someone could let us know if we can be changed back to the "Swords Borough" especially before there is another Local election, as we are not prepared to vote for an area we do not live in!

Yours sincerely,

Geraldine & Michael Dwyer