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Secretary,
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees 2017,
Room 1.67,
Custom House,
Dublin 1,
D01 W6X0.

**Submission to Committee No 2 of the Boundary Commission in Respect of
the Dublin South West Dáil Constituency**

Dear Secretary,

There are 4 Local Electoral Areas (LEAs) in the Dublin South West Constituency, Rathfarnham, Tallaght Central, Tallaght South and Templeogue-Terenure each of which was allocated 6 Council Seats by the 2013 Boundary Committee. The terms of reference of the Boundary Commission state:

"For the purpose of the review, the Committee should have regard to the population as ascertained at Census 2016, should assume no change in the total membership of each local authority specified in the Local Government Act 2001."

The population ascertained for South Dublin by the 2016 Census is 278,767 giving an individual average local authority representation of 6,969 for the 40 seat Council. The populations of the four South Dublin LEAs, as currently configured, fall comfortably within the allowed variance of plus or minus 10% from the individual average local authority representation. Based on the census figures, there would appear to be no requirement to change the current LEA boundaries. The incumbent councillors, as well as many seeking election, have clearly become familiar with the problems and representational needs in these LEAs and the respective electorates and various community organisations have become familiar with their representatives. Under the circumstances, changing the LEA boundaries would be unnecessarily disruptive while maintaining the current configuration would be supportive of the link between the Councillors and electorate and provide valuable continuity.

Yours sincerely

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