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



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Dear Secretary,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Local Government Electoral Area Boundaries issue. No doubt you will assume I make this submission for my own benefit as an elected Councillor -but to be honest I don't.

I have had the great privilege to serve on Dublin City Council since 1993 and over that time have been elected to formally represent five different parts of the (now) Dublin Bay South Constituency.

In relation to the composition of areas I have learned during those years of the importance of two things:

- 1) The public is better served by the smaller electoral areas.
- 2) The Public is better served by areas having a genuine local focus and being united naturally with other adjoining areas with which they have a commonality of shared history and community.

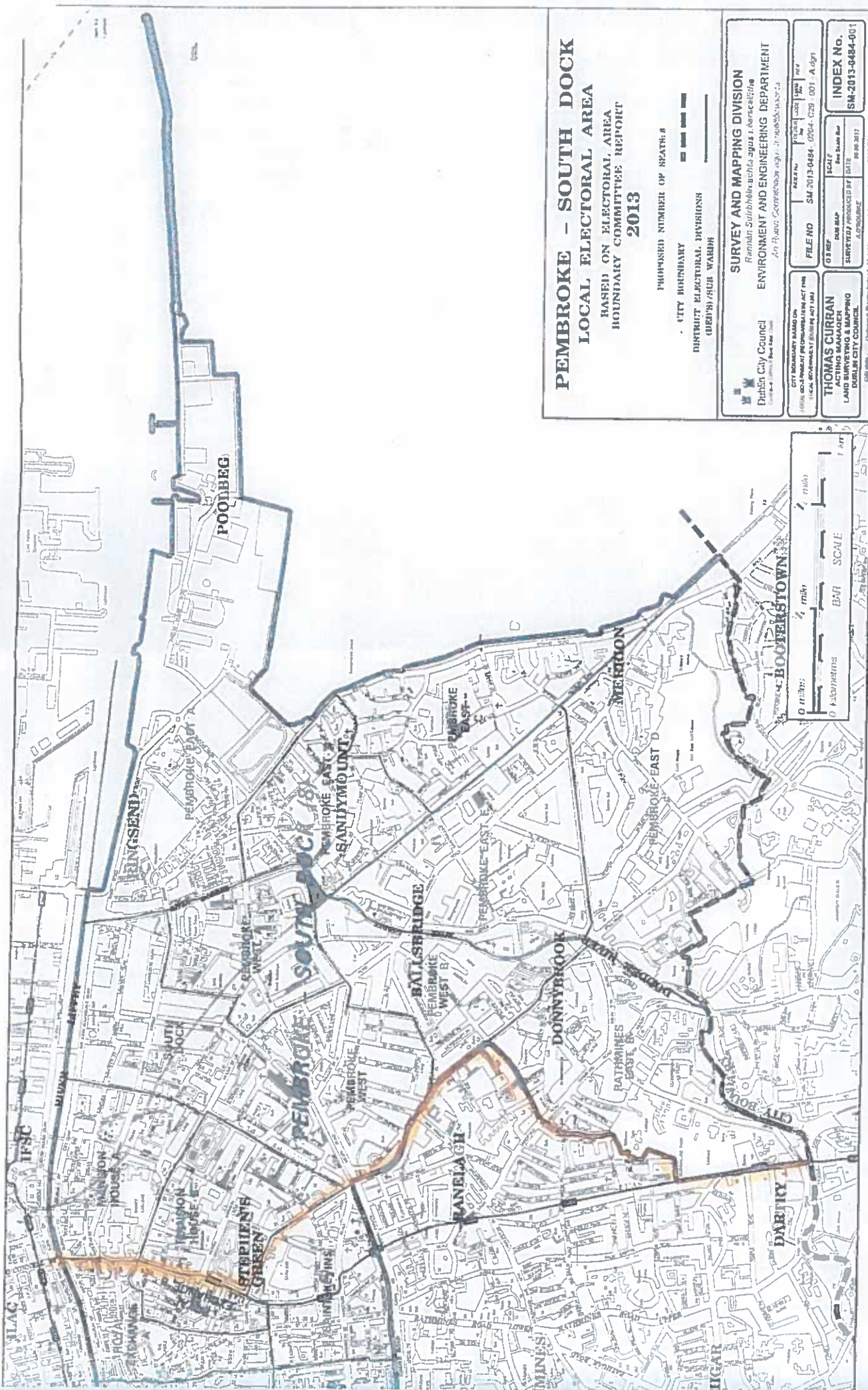
However given the existing 14 seats in the Dublin Bay South Constituency and the terms of reference that you have been issued with it appears to me that the likely outcome may be two seven seat electoral areas. In that respect I would ask that the various natural villages and communities be kept together. Therefore using natural gaps of population rather than artificial lines is the best way to achieve such cohesiveness. I have tried to achieve this in my drafting suggested map in this suggestion. Lines are drawn either along natural non populated areas or using the central business area as a natural dividing line.

Commonality of area has also sometimes been referred to as being common bus routes. Cohesive electoral areas for this part of the City would to my mind be achieved by delivering one to the east of the constituency a sort of Pembroke/South Inner City Ward and one to the West being a Rathmines/Portobello ward. I attach an indicative map along the lines I suggest.

Good luck in your work and whatever you do I hope to be seeking re-election to the Council.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Dermot Lacey



PEMBROKE - SOUTH DOCK **LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA** BASED ON ELECTORAL AREA BOUNDARY COMMITTEE REPORT 2013

PROPOSED NUMBER OF SEATS: 8

CITY BOUNDARY
 DISTRICT ELECTORAL DIVISIONS
 (URBAN) / SUB URBAN

SURVEY AND MAPPING DIVISION
 Rannán Suidhreachta agus I. Aeracailte
 ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
 An Rann Suidhreachta agus I. Aeracailte

CITY BOUNDARY BASED ON
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THOMAS CURRAN
 ACTING MANAGER
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