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

To whom it may concern

The Clondalkin Branch would like to make the following submission to the Boundary Committee as regards the revision of electoral areas in South Dublin County Council:

KEEP CLONDALKIN UNITED

The population of all the Clondalkin Electoral Divisions (44844) as one ward is the exact amount needed for a 6 seat Electoral Area

DISTRICT ELECTORAL DIVISION	POP
CLONDALKIN MONESTARY	11316
CLONDALKIN VILLAGE	9152
CLONDALKIN DUNAWLEY	11323
CLONDALKIN CAPPAGHMORE	2581
CLONDALKIN MOOREFIELD	6376
CLONDALKIN ROWLAGH	4096
TOTAL	44844

There is no justifiable reason to split any of the Clondalkin EDs into different electoral areas.

We categorically reject Mayor Paul Gogarty's proposal to split Clondalkin between different electoral areas. His proposal to divide Clondalkin is self-serving and if implemented would be a form of gerrymandering of the worst kind.

Implementing such a division as suggested by the SDCC Mayor would discriminate against Clondalkin, disenfranchise the community and introduce a form of segregation between the different parts of Clondalkin.

UNITE THE "FOUR CORNERS" VILLAGES IN ONE WARD

We also support calls for the reunification of the "Four Corners" communities of Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas in a single electoral area. This will require the establishment of a new Electoral Area in the west of SDCC and as outlined in submission 18.002 based on the historic Barony of Newcastle which includes all these Villages (see map enclosed).

Such a configuration would not only reflect local heritage but anticipate the future significant population growth in Saggart, Rathcoole, Newcastle and Adamstown which is set for massive population growth over the next 10-20 years. A revising modelled on this historical alignment would be future proofed allowing for consistency in future Boundary Reviews.

IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY LINKAGES

Point four of the terms of reference of the committee states:

"4. 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."

This is far more important than Electoral Division Boundaries. Local government should respect and strengthen the local community's voice.

Thank you for considering our submission

Sincerely

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