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Dear Sirs,

We write in connection with the review of the Boundaries for Local Government Elections.

As a body with strong representation throughout Knocklyon we would like to state our position on the upcoming review.

At the last review. Knocklyon a Community on it's own with distinct Boundaries was subdivided into two areas which do not exist in reality. Namely Knocklyon North and South. No one in our Community identifies with these areas as being where they live. They live in Knocklyon. It would appear to us that the Commission decided to fill the numbers in adjacent areas by splitting Knocklyon in random sections to add the Voters to the adjacent areas. This has been a disaster from the point of view of representation. We have only one Councillor in Knocklyon North or South. The surrounding areas have more Councillors living in their areas. The result has been that these Councillors tend to represent the areas they live in and not the surrounding areas.

We thought at first there would be benefits as between Knocklyon North and South we had 12 Council representatives. This turned out to be a fallacy. Some Councillors have been non-practicing Councillors while others have been totally only interested in representing their area where they live. This dissection did not improve democracy, it hindered it.

We and the people who support us, strongly propose that the Boundary Review treat Knocklyon as a single area. The population of Knocklyon has grown considerably, see the 2016 Census. It is as big a population as Tempogue or Terenure that is in the South Dublin County.

Give us equality of status and do not create boundaries that are only based on numbers and not identities.

Best wishes,

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Chairman