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The Secretary
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees 2017
Room 1.67
Custom House,
Dublin 1,
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19th February 2018

Dear secretary,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Local Electoral Boundary Committee. I am a member of South Dublin County Council and am elected to the Lucan Local Electoral Area.

I wish to make the following points in relation to the Lucan Local Electoral Area:

I believe that the reduction of the max number of seats in an electoral area is an attempt by the large political parties to limit the number of Independents and small parties elected. It can be clearly seen that Independent candidates are more successful when there is a larger number of seats.

Lucan has two major SDZ's which are under development and I believe it's vital that Lucan is retained in a single LEA to ensure we have a balanced committee which deals with Lucan in totality and not certain parts of it.

As the maximum size of a LEA is now 7 seats I believe the only approach to ensure Lucan is kept as a single area, is that Palmerstown be included in a new Palmerstown/North Clondalkin LEA. The Lucan area should then be reduced to 7 seats.

Any decision to split Lucan now would be detrimental to the area at this critical period for Lucan, leading to a less favourable outcome for Lucan and surrounding areas.

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