

Submission by Cllr Rebecca Moynihan  
City Hall, Dublin 2

Dear Sir Madam

I am writing to you in relation to the Boundary Changes for the Local Elections in 2019.

The terms of reference for the constituency commission state that "the committee should take account of the desirability, where it may be possible to do so, of aligning local electoral area boundaries with Dáil constituency boundaries" and that the seats should be between 5-7 seats.

Based on the population figures provided below, there is no reason to move any Dublin City DED's in the Dublin South Central constituency into other existing or newly created wards, which may be outside the Dublin South Central Dail Constituency.

Dublin City	Seats	Population	Minimum Population Per Seat (-10%)	Average Population Per Seat	Maximum Population Per Seat (+10%)
	63	554554	7923	8802	9682
Total population DSC in Dublin City	12/13	109527	13.82	12.44	11.31

There has been a desire expressed by residents in Drimnagh to reunite the area of Drimnagh into one. The main roads considered to be in Drimnagh are contained in Crumlin B DED which has a population of 2968.

While this is desirable outcome, it is difficult to see how the boundary commission can break up a small DED such as this without unbalancing the breakdown between the wards in Dublin South Central and it will ensure that Crumlin Village which has close linkages to Drimnagh is still divided

Dublin City	Seats	Population	Minimum Population Per Seat (-10%)	Average Population Per Seat	Maximum Population Per Seat (+10%)
	63	554554	7923	8802	9682
Existing Crumlin/Kimmage	6	54325	6.85	6.17	5.61
Existing Ballyfermot Drimnagh	6	55002	6.94	6.24	5.68
Crimlin Kimmage without Crumlin B		51357	6.48	5.83	5.3
Ballyfermot Drimnagh with Crumlin B		58170	7.34	6.60	6.00

The boundary Commission TOR states that "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"

Considering that Drimnagh residents have articulated a strong desire to have the area under one LEA, it would be desirable for Crumlin and Inchicore to have the same.

The canals are a natural community boundary in the City and it makes little sense for some Drimnagh residents to be represented by Councillors from the Crumlin/Kimmage ward while their neighbours inside the canal are represented by Councillors in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh ward. The 2014 Boundary Commission wiped the identity of the inner city population of 45,090 from the local electoral area name and divided the close villages of Kilmainham and Inchicore.

I propose a re-working of the local electoral boundaries taking in the natural areas of the Liberties/Tenters/Inner City, Rialto and Kilmainham, Inchicore, as well as Chapelizod/Phoenix Park with the addition of the Sundrive side of Dublin 12 into a South West /Sundrive Ward. I further propose the creation of a Ballyfermot/Crumlin/Drimnagh Ward.

Below is a table of population broken down by Villages/Communities which demonstrates the desirability of reworking these wards along pre 2014 local electoral boundaries which is more in keeping with the historical and community norms.

<b>South West Inner City/Sundrive</b>	<b>Population</b>
<b>Sundrive</b>	
Kimmage B	3572
Kimmage D	2462
Kimmage E	3395
<b>Inner City</b>	
Ushers B	1312
Merchants Quay A	2513
Merchants Quay B	3966
Merchants Quay C	3566
Merchants Quay D	2185
Merchants Quay E	2489
Merchants Quay F	2,158
<b>Rilato/Kilmainham</b>	
Ushers A	3930
Ushers C	3983
Ushers D	2188
Ushers E	1790
Ushers F	3484
<b>Reuniting Inchicore</b>	
Inchicore A	2392
Kimainham B	2414
Kilmainham C	5186
Phoenix Park 1	1534
<b>Total Population South West Inner City/Sundrive Ward</b>	<b>54519</b>

<b>Ballyfermot/Crumlin/Drimnagh Ward</b>	<b>Population</b>
<b>Ballyfermot/Bluebell/Cherry Orchard</b>	
Carna	2836
Drumfinn	3588
Cherry Orchard A	3254
Cherry Orchard C	4545
Decies	2677
Kylemore	2657
Chapelizod pt	3056
Kilmainham A	2534
Inchicore B	2218
<b>Crumlin/Drimnagh</b>	
Crumlin A	3714
Crumlin B	2968
Crumlin C	2331
Crumlin D	4089
Crumlin E	2793
Crumlin F	2985
Kimmage A	1944
<b>Walkinstown</b>	
Walkinstown A	2765
Walkinstown B	1885
Walkinstown C	2169
<b>Total Population Crumlin/Ballyfermot/Drimnagh</b>	<b>55008</b>

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As you can see from the below table this change both ensures balance across the ward and is consistent with the population distribution figures for the Dublin City Area.

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	63	554554	7923	8802	9682
Proposed SWIC/Sundrive		54519	6.88	6.19	5.63
Proposed Ballyfermot/Drimnagh/Crumlin		55008	6.94	6.24	5.68
Total DSC population in Dublin City	12/13	109527	13.82	12.44	11.31

A draw back to the above proposal will be that the continuous area between the Inner City and Sundrive is cut off by Crumlin C. This could be addressed if the following arrangement was considered, which would have the benefit of uniting Chapelizod pt and Phoenix Park which have strong historical linkages.

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Inchicore A	2392
Kimainham B	2414
Kilmainham C	5186
<b>Chapelizod with Phoenix Park</b>	
Chapelizod pt	3056
Phoenix Park 1	1534
<b>Total Population South West/Sundrive Ward</b>	<b>54049</b>

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<b>Walkinstown</b>	
Walkinstown A	2765
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<b>Total Population Ballyfermot/Crumlin Drimnagh</b>	<b>55478</b>

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Below would be the seat distribution

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South West/Sundrive	6/7	54049	6.82	6.14	5.58
Ballyfermot/Crumlin /Drimnagh	6/7	55478	7.00	6.30	5.73
Total DSC population in Dublin City	12/13	109527	13.82	12.44	11.3124354 5

I understand that your job is complex, as no solution is perfect as a boundary has to be drawn somewhere. I ask that you consider this submission as an attempt to work out the best way of organising the local electoral area "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" in the Dublin South Central area" with the focus of keeping focal points in communities united.

Most importantly, I ask that you ensure that all Dublin City DED's in the Dublin South Central electoral area remain together as this is the best way of working on a local level, through our established area committees and area offices.

Yours Sincerely

Cllr Rebecca Moynihan