

Donnybrook Trust



17th February 2018

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

To: Whom It May Concern:

The Donnybrook Trust is a small donnybrook based group of community activists who from time to time initiate projects in the Donnybrook area. We have been involved in local history projects, and employment initiatives over the last twenty years.

We wish your committee well in its endeavours and only seek to make one point in this submission.

In our view and working with Councillors we believe there is a natural affinity between the Donnybrook community and that of our neighbours in Sandymount, Ballsbridge and Ringsend. We saw the damage that the division of Sandymount did in a previous boundary decision and ask that that not be repeated.

In line with the following term of reference we specifically ask that no identifiable community but in our case Donnybrook be divided or separated from its natural community alignment.

"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."

Yours faithfully,



Aidan Sweeney
Secretary