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Dear Sir/Madam

Waterford City Council was amalgamated with Waterford County Council in 2014 and though I would have had some reservations at the time I believe it has had an extremely positive impact on Waterford City and county socially, politically and economically. Given that these major geographical and structural changes took place less than four years ago it is my firm belief that any changes should be minimal and that as much as possible within the terms of reference that the status quo should remain. It is only fair to expect that such change as was effected in 2014 should be given enough time to properly take root and establish itself.

It is hugely important that within the Metropolitan area that the present ward structures and boundary's remain as is. The old city area has benefited considerably from the addition of the former County Council areas of Tramore, Dunmore East and Passage. If Waterford is become a city of consequence with a critical mass of population as defined in the recently published National Framework Document it is essential that the present structures remain. If we are serious about balanced regional development then Waterford has to be physically, politically and geographically connected to its natural coastal hinterland.

Regards

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