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### **Submission to the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee**

Phibsborough Tidy Towns welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee.

The Phibsborough Area comprises the District Election Divisions of, Arran Quay A, Cabra East A, Inns Quay A1 & A2, Inns Quay B and comprises a population of c. 15,000 people. Phibsborough has historically been divided across two Local Election Areas - currently, the Cabra Finglas LEA and the North Inner City LEA. The dividing line runs north and south of the North Circular Road.

The division of Phibsborough in this way has resulted in numerous community groups and residents' associations having to engage with two Area Committees of Dublin City Council (Sean McDermott Street and Cabra Road) and two separate groups of 15 local Councillors. In the case of Phibsborough Tidy Towns, our committee is a small voluntary committee and it is extremely onerous to have to manage and build strong relationships with Council staff and Councillors from both Area Committee offices.

Requests in relation to public domain matters or community liaison are duplicated and difficult to track. As a result the local authority approach to Phibsborough is completely fragmented.

We understand that the terms of reference for the Boundary Committee recommend that the LEAs should be "designed ..... around urban villages". Phibsborough is one of the oldest urban villages in Dublin City. A united Phibsborough would contribute greatly to resolving many of the issues we are facing.

The terms of reference further recommend that Dail Boundaries be respected. Since the entire Phibsborough village is within the Dublin Central Boundaries, we believe that it should be possible to unite the DEDs of Phibsborough as outlined above in one electoral area.

We are not expressing a preference for which local area Phibsborough should be located in. Our primary concern is that the integrity of our urban village be respected on this occasion and our village is united within the same local electoral area.

Kind Regards

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