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To whom it may concern,

I write to you in relation to the review of electoral areas for the upcoming local elections and I would like to raise the issue of the town of Carrigaline and its splitting (in the last review) on the basis that the Owenabue River runs through the middle of it.

I appreciate that often geographical landmarks are used to delineate boundaries however I feel this is an incorrect basis in this case (and maybe others I'm not aware of)

The town of Carrigaline is a large town and having it split in two by the river in the middle of the town makes absolutely no sense. Also, the villages of Crosshaven and Ballygarvan should be included in the same electoral district as Carrigaline as the 3 areas (and hinterlands in between) all share the same issues due to their close proximity.

Therefore it would make sense that the same local representatives are elected to these areas and can bring up the common issues that affect these areas.

Having 'double' the number of elected officials for the same town, raising the same issues 'twice' before council/government, by two sets of councillors is a totally ineffectual use of time and resources.

I hope you will consider the 'rejoining' of Carrigaline and by extension Crosshaven and Ballygarvan.

Yours sincerely,

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