

The Secretariat,
Waterford Boundary Review,
c/o Kilkenny County Council,
County Hall,
John Street,
Kilkenny,
R95 A39T.

Helen Walsh,
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The Rower,
Co. Kilkenny

Dear Sir or Madam,

The expansion of the boundary would serve no purpose other than increase the revenues of Waterford Corporation.

Waterford Corporation would not develop Ferrybank as any development would compete with the existing city centre of Waterford. Ferrybank while immediately across the river and adjacent to the city is too far away and the river too wide to integrate to the main city in the manner that Dublin for example is one city although split by the river Liffey. In the case of Dublin or other cities split by the river, the width of the Suir rules out the multiple bridges required to truly integrate a city centre.

The reason to expand cannot be a shortage of space to build houses or other development space as if the Cities proposal for a boundary extension were to be granted, Waterford City would have a much greater land area and a far smaller population than other Gateway cities. For example, at present Cork City has a population almost three times that of Waterford City, yet it has a land area smaller than that of Waterford.

This leaves the only reasons that Waterford Corporation wants Ferrybank and the very large environs is purely financial as it would increase Waterford Corporation's revenue and from an ego perspective increase the population of the city. These are very inadequate reasons to make so substantial a change to the identity of thousands of people and move them not only from one county to another but to move them from Leinster to Munster also.

To move Ferrybank and environs including Slieverue just to allow Waterford corporation to increase its revenue at the expense of Kilkenny and ignore the social impact on so many people would be an incredible decision by any independent 3rd party.

I would ask that the boundary extension request be refused and the existing boundary be maintained.

Regards,

Helen Walsh



