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Area in which you reside. Specific addresses are not needed. Waterford

Question 1 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the retention or creation of employment and the general economic performance of the area? I think the proximity of the population being so close to Waterford city, its connections with businesses in the city, schools, WIT and other services is important. Bringing those people into the area they vote, work, school in makes senses economically, it will help create a critical mass of people.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? Positively, I don't think it will create problems but should improve services and coordination in the area north of Waterford existing border.

Question 3 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder delivery of services by local government to ensure that the needs of the local community are met now and in the future? It should benefit local services provided by Waterford council in the area as the closer the provider and customer are the better. It would help coordination of services in the area

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government? Clearly, services provided by a council a short distance away is better than one at 60kms away whos priority is the north half of the county and its links with Dublin.

Question 5 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the Planning and Development needs, as administered by the local authority, of the community? A boundary extension would help prevent disastrous planning mistakes like the 2 empty shopping centres in Ferrybank. should never have been built and at such a scale so close to city centre. Waterford has a city centre retail strategy that benefits all businesses in the area, this cannot be 100% completed with one council making poorly judged planning decisions that directly have the potential to undermine the city centre.

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? Should be no change in democratic representation, people will always be served by elected reps just like all areas.

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? The current arrangements are a bad idea, a large percentage of people in the area inside the new road are from Waterford, consider themselves to be from Waterford and would prefer to have their voices heard in a Waterford context instead of being ignored by a council who historically has ignored infrastructure and services in the area. The disastrous planning that has taken place in this area previously was reckless and showed zero thought for coordination with the rest of the area/ Waterford city.

Is there anything else you wish to add ? It makes sense, common sense, business senses, and provision of services sense to have the area inside the new road managed by Waterford council, just look at the map, how could you argue that that areas natural home is not Waterford when a huge portion of the people in Ferrybank and that area say they are from Waterford, talk with Waterford accents, do their business, schooling, shopping etc etc in Waterford. The same for Carrick-beg near carrick on suir, it would make sense for it to be managed by tipp county council even though that area is in Waterford. I think a lot of the negativity towards the boundary changes boils down to the GAA jersey mentality, it doesn't make sense, my wife lives with me in Waterford, she is from Galway and shouts for Galway in GAA, that did not and will not change just because she now happens to live in a different area address.

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