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

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 can't see it making any difference at all to employment or the economic situation in the area. The ridiculously large shopping centre in ferrybank will still remain completely empty, the ridiculously situated shopping centre in Abbey Park will still remain empty and the various unfinished houses on estates will still remain empty. Becoming a part of Waterford does not equal more prosperity or fortune.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? First of all, all KILKENNY GAA clubs would become Waterford GAA clubs! Trust me when I say that that would not go down well. Tensions would become ever greater on that side of things and 'the rock' would receive even more layers of paint. Stop trying to steal our talented teams!

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? Takeaway deliveries may be more accessible to residents that's for certain. And Gardaí would be closer to hand when needed, but what good is that when there is only a couple of squad cars, if even, to serve such a wide area? As for public transport, is joining Waterford really going to improve the one bus service that runs hourly through our village?

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government? I don't have a clue what this means, sorry. If it was explained I am sure that I could come up with a valid answer.

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? Surely the planning and development procedure follows a strict guide so the process should not change in the slightest regardless of what county it is in.

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? Our Kilkenny councillors would either become Waterford representatives or would stay with Kilkenny and be lost to us. We wouldn't be represented by our own people anymore.

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? Complaints to Kilkenny County Council may take longer to be answered and rectified, but enlarging Waterford Council's catchment area would provide them with more people to deal with resulting in less efficiency no?

Is there anything else you wish to add ? I am severely disappointed in the fact that the boundary of OUR county is under scrutiny once more. We fought it once and we will fight it

again. All i know is that whatever happens I will always live in, love and be a part of
COUNTY Kilkenny!

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