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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? The creation of local employment could and should be achievable by local authorities collaborating and working together without the need to re-draw maps. There will be no practical or economic benefit to the local community by extending Waterford City into Co. Kilkenny...this will only serve to increase revenue for Waterford City council from rates obtained within the revised boundary. It will also hinder the retention of jobs in Kilkenny due to the economic losses associated with the relocated boundary.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? It will obviously hinder the identity of the local community. The local community clearly does not want to be included within the Waterford city boundary. For example the parish of Slieverue is being split...some within the Waterford boundary and some in Kilkenny....how is this practical and supportive of local community cohesion? It makes no sense at all to be slitting local communities into two different local authorities?

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 won't change anything in reality? This will only serve to increase revenue for Waterford City council from rates and planning fees/contributions obtained within the revised boundary. Please outline how Waterford city council will provide a greater level of service in rural south kilkenny?

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government? It won't change anything in reality? This will only serve to increase revenue for Waterford City council from rates and planning fees/contributions obtained within the revised boundary.

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? Moving the boundary will hardly fix any existing issues, surely these can only be fixed by Waterford city council working closely with its neighbouring local authorities and developing more effective joint plans for the south east? This will only serve to increase revenue for Waterford City council from rates and planning fees/contributions obtained within the revised boundary. As regards needs surely there is enough unused development land and unoccupied property within the existing Waterford city boundary..possible even a higher % than most gateway cities? Why need more when what Waterford city already have they can't use effectively?

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? This question is based on the assumption that politicians in Waterford city are effective?

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? Obviously a perceived weakness that KK coco is unwilling to invest in the south of the county. However Waterford city would seem to have more than enough development land and unoccupied commercial premises within the existing city boundary so if they were effective in utilising the existing resources they have to hand perhaps they wouldn't be looking to increase revenue by re-drawing maps?

Is there anything else you wish to add ? Why doesn't this page contain information to demonstrate the advantages to the local people of changing the boundary instead of a line of questioning asking the participant to defend their stance regarding the boundary remaining unchanged? Outline actual plans and real life examples of how this will benefit everyone in practice?

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