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Area in which you reside. Specific addresses are not needed. Kilkenny City

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? A boundary line should have no impact of general economic performance and employment. The country should perform as a whole.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? Changing of boundaries can have significant effects on identity. People are proud of their areas, proud of their heritage, proud of their roots. Simply telling them they are now not part of Kilkenny is not an option. People are born proud of their county. It's a significant issue, people abroad will great each other and the first question will be, where are you from ?

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? Should have no impact, apart from the cost of changing boundaries and investigations into changing boundaries. Money could be invested in better services that moving a line on a map.

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government? Zero effect, we should have councils capable of running efficiently without any boundary changes needed.

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? There should be no issue with planning on either side of the current boundary. We have 2 competent councils, capable of dealing with issues no matter where a line is drawn. Expansion and planning is possible without change of boundary

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? The current system has been altered within the last few years with the city corporations having been dropped. Let it rest a while before tinkering again.

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? The same as happens on every border where a City is on the border and another city is a small distance away. I have yet to have it explained why Waterford cannot expand to the West, where it has a clean run to Dungarvan, and South to the Sea

Is there anything else you wish to add ? There is a natural border, that has been there for generations. Waterford would not think of expanding into Wexford because there is a larger natural border. Human identity and ties to place and home are ingrained and should always be respected. An invasion on paper is still an invasion to those whose land is being assimilated into another realm.

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