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Area in which you reside. Specific addresses are not needed. Lower Newtown, 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? A unified planning and development system and plan for Waterford and its natural environs plus the Port of Waterford under one local authority as part of the natural and obvious Waterford Metropolitan District, can only be sensible and help the general economic performance of the area and the wider south east region.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? Historic cultural and economic interaction across county boundaries is reflected in spread of similar family names throughout counties Waterford and Kilkenny. Power, Walsh, Butle, Phelan etc. Natural cohesion already exists but is impacted by divisive politics

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? Delivery of services under a single authority for an area which all depends for its economic future on Waterford city is justified and necessary to ensure that the needs of the local community are met now and in the future. A Waterford Metropolitan District spanning the River Suir and including a portion of south Kilkenny is both administratively and economically obvious.

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government? Division of aims and objectives driven by interurban envies and jealousies, assist no one in maximising on economic opportunity. Efficiency will be maximised in the Ferybank area following an alteration of the boundary, with services easily provided from Waterford city across a sensible Metropolitan District spanning the River Suir.

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? Aims of Kilkenny Development plans stress the primacy of Kilkenny as a county town and urban area offering services for county Kilkenny without real regard to the presence of Waterford city. Waterford city is expected to function as a regional capital without support from such plans. A unified Waterford Metropolitan District spanning the River Suir will end such obvious division and deal sensibly with the planning needs of the area.

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? Democratic representation is adjusted on a population basis there will be no reduction in representation. People in a proposed intake in a boundary extension would form part of the Waterford City metropolitan district and would have close access in the city to political representation and services

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? There are no strengths, and only weaknesses in a system which so closely constrains Waterford city and so obviously diivides it from its natural environs. The creation of a unified Waterford Metropolitan District spanning the River Suir will ensure clear and obvious planning and development policies across the district.

Is there anything else you wish to add ? Please see additional detailed submission attached.

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