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

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? Commercial rates are higher in Waterford which would be a disincentive to potential business investment if the boundary were to be changed. This would be an added expense to a company who may set up in South Kilkenny but would be loathe to set up in Waterford due to higher costs.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area?

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?

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government?

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?

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation?

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area?

Is there anything else you wish to add ? There is no logical reason to change the Kilkenny Boundary with waterford. This is clearly politically motivated on the part of Paudie Coffey TD with the support of the MInister for the Environment Alan Kelly and a complete abuse of power. There are so many other issues that need attention and financial resources as a priority. It is an obvious landgrap to gain a valuable asset on Kilkenny Territory namely Bellview port. I believe the MOS and the Minister for the Environment are being opportunistic and illogical. There is nothing stopping development towards the north of Waterford city except the lack of desire to do so.

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