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

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? In my opinion alteration of the boundary will divert all local council revenue from Kilkenny to Waterford council in the form of business rates in the future which will in turn reduce / hinder the opportunity for Kilkenny local government to reinvest in the county of Kilkenny. Waterford already has quite a substantial industrial Base with a very large IDA backed presence .

Future disagreements regarding future infrastructures will lead to delays in infrastructure maintenance. Using a natural boundary makes the distinction of ownership clear. The 3 sisters of the North, Sir & the barrow form the natural boundary.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? Kilkenny people will be asked to give up their heritage . This is a massive psychological impact to the current generation. RE ORDS will have to be changed. A person's genealogy will be impacted over time. Current parish / county rivalries will be impacted mentally. A proud hurling tradition will be ripped from the county. Future county performance could be impacted. FAMILY tradition of representing their county will be severed.

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? Kilkenny South will be managed from a different administration. Less focus from the council in rural areas of little potential revenue will lead to poorer response from Waterford Council.

Giving Waterford council exclusivity to both banks of the river Siur will deprive Kilkenny people/ council of future opportunity of county development

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government? What a rubbish Question. All that will happen if this happens is transfer of roles from one administration to another.

The money will go to a different organisation whether it is in charges or revenue generation.

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? Again another rubbish Question. Waterford has run out of riverside frontage. In order for the port to expand it needs the land on both sides of the estuary. Both Councils have stifled each other instead of working together they have done a dis service to Kilkenny people.

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? It's all about politics. And to be precise local politics. Changing the boundary will only transfer the seat of power to Waterford council from Kilkenny.

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? Strength : the river is a natural boundary.

Weakness Greed for future revenue

Weakness traffic management. RICE BRIDGE the first point of access from Wexford.

Is there anything else you wish to add ? In far too many examples throughout the world natural boundaries separate towns , cities , counties, states & countries Why does a commission need to be enacted to change what already works.

Is politics driving this?

Is revenue gathered from property tax driving this?

Is revenue from commercial rates driving this.

For the commission to do its job correctly as with the census of population every 5 years , the effected population should be asked and too do this the comics ion should employees the services of staff to knock on the door of every household within the affected community and ask a simple question.

Do you want the administration of local government services to be transferred to Waterford Council Yes or No.

What is the purpose of adjusting the boundary Local Government services are no longer relevant.

We have the ESB

We have Irish Water

We have the NRA

We have private waste management.

TO name a few

So the function of local Government/politics/administration boils down to the management of planning/revenue collection/maintenance of local roads parks housing (infrastructures)

Future disbursement of central Government funds will potentially impact the purse strings of each council based on the demographics of population by county.

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