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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? Kilkenny council has been dedicated creating jobs in the area creating the belview industrial estate near the port where many companies have located bringing jobs to the area. This includes the largest green field investment by an indigenous company by glanbia . Kilkenny county council has facilitated the development of this area and has invested lots in infustructure and it provides an important.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? The area identified has always been part of Kilkenny. The passion is highlighted by the painting of the rock above the station. This area is one of the most supportive of Kilkenny hurling and contributes lots to the counties passion

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 coco has given lots to this area with major investments in recent years. This area has received a lot of improvement works and investment by Kilkenny coco . this area has been successfully developed and revived support by kk. The industrial estate is an example of this.

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government? As highlighted by Kilkenny coco this is an important revenue source for effective local government. If this change occurs it will cost both counties significantly. There is not an effective economic argument for this change and considering the social impact this is a terrible choice.

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? Kilkenny had a plan for this area which will see it develop effectively ove the next few years. Waterford has many areas to develop on the other side.

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? There is fair representation of south Kilkenny. This area would most likely become part of Waterford city electrical area where there are already large support base in the area for existing councilors and people from this area would never get fair representation in this council.

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? It is traditional and supports current counties. It allows for specific investment in this area where as under Waterford administration it would be fighting with other similar areas.

Is there anything else you wish to add ? The border is good as it is. If nothing else why change something that is not broke. This is an age old argument and is rooted politically rather than sound logic. I agree I have bias but I strongly believe this would cause more harm than goid

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