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Area in which you reside. Specific addresses are not needed. Graiguenamanagh.

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? Altering the boundary will have zero affect on the general economic performance of the area. Cooperation between both counties on mutually beneficial projects rather than what is viewed as hostile annexation.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? Boundary alteration will turn what has been friendly banter into resentment. I say this because any boundary change means encroachment by Waterford into Kilkenny. Kilkenny residents will lose county, provincial, cultural & sporting identities.

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? The question implies that current services provided by Kilkenny are inadequate. Kilkenny can look after its own.

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government? All existing administrative groups can effect efficiencies and learn from each other; this applies wherever counties meet. Swapping your county council has as good a chance of dis improvement as improvement .

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 people generally hold there county in high regard when it comes to planning and development and the council has a good record in this respect. This is evidenced but not limited to the County capital Kilkenny; a heritage Jewel .

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? People of Kilkenny origin will vote for Kilkenny candidates with the primary issue being the reinstatement of the original boundary. Have we learned nothing from Irish history? Historical borders should be sacrosanct.

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? The middle of the Suir is a strong natural boundary which should reverted. Trying to force you neighbour , under the guise of this committee, to cede land when there is an abundance of available land lying idle within Waterford city .

Is there anything else you wish to add ? For Kilkenny this threat to it's county integrity is an issue for the entire county.

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