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To whom it concerns,

This is to state that Waterford Area Partnership Ltd much in favour of the extension of the Waterford boundary covering the Ferrybank/South Kilkenny for many reasons but to mention a few.

Waterford Area Partnership Ltd has a contract from the Local Community Development Plan (LCDC) to tackle social inclusion in Waterford City & County. We can now through this contract which started on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 only assist people through this measure who reside within the Waterford Boundary. We have for the past previous year's been in a position to assist community groups and individuals who are disadvantaged to develop and progress. Waterford City council has local authority housing estates inside the County Kilkenny border. The residents of these estates are all from the Waterford local authority housing lists, hence Waterford people.

When these Waterford people come to us seeking assistance we cannot help them and we have to refer them to Kilkenny which is 40 miles from their home. I must state that the people do not understand why this is the case and do not accept that this should be the case.

Also Waterford Area partnership Ltd have established and run a number of training courses in the Belmont Area of Ferrybank for the past seven years. These were established there because no other training courses were offered to the community in that area. Eighty to ninety percent of the participants who have availed of these programmes are from the Ferrybank area.

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Because Belmont is located inside the Kilkenny border and because of the changes that have occurred between Fás in Waterford which was Regional and Kilkenny Education and Training Board. These courses will now be administered from Kilkenny. The main problem with this is they will be advertised through the systems as courses in Kilkenny. Hence people from Ferrybank area will not be apply because they will look up the system for courses in Waterford. This might seem to be ridiculous but this is the reality for people who are disadvantaged.

Over the past 20 years working with the communities in the broader Ferrybank area we have built up successful and solid relationships with the communities and we would want to continue those relationships.

However our present contract which is from 2015-2017 means we are restricted from assisting the communities and individuals in the broader area. Our understanding is that post 2017 the same contractual arrangement will continue.

This means the people in the Ferrybank broader area are suffering because of systems they do not have any control or say in to change. The people in this area depend on Waterford City for their livelihoods. This is not any different for them because prior to living in Ferrybank area they lived in Waterford City.

From Waterford Area Partnerships point of view we make this submission to support the extension of the Boundary for the people's sake and not for any political reason.

Yours Sincerely

Joseph Stokes  
CEO  
On behalf of the board of WAP Ltd

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