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

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? I don't think that alteration of the boundary will improve job creation in the area as much of the employment is brought in through the Port and this will not change by being in Waterford. Kilkenny has already developed a strong economic performance in the area and should not lose this to any other County.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? I believe that moving the boundary would hinder the identity of local communities. Slieverue Parish would in effect be divided which would hinder the cohesion of the people there and the sense of community would be lost. It would be negative to move people from one county to another against their will.

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 services are being provided at present and there would be no guarantee that a boundary change would improve 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? The alteration of the administrative boundary would result in a large loss of revenue for Kilkenny County Council. This reduction in income would have a negative effect on the rest of the county for a possible gain in the area within the proposed boundary change.

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? The needs of the local community could be brushed aside depending on the planning and development needs of Waterford.

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? There would be a loss of democratic representation for Kilkenny and a gain for Waterford, but no gain for the community.

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? They have developed the Port and have attracted large companies to the area developing employment for the local area and surrounding areas. I think to date that the current local authority has met the needs of the local community.

Is there anything else you wish to add ? LEAVE OUR COUNTY ALONE. Kilkenny people are proud people and it is unfair and unjust to move a boundary for the gain of one county to the detriment of another. Our small nation fought for years to gain independence and our small community here in South Kilkenny intend to do the same!!

