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Area in which you reside. Specific addresses are not needed. 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 has been creating employment for its residents through tourism, festivals, council employees keeping the city beautiful on its own so I think bringing representatives from another county where, if you drive or walk through Waterford you will see that a lot of work still needs to be done before the city can take on any more responsibility. I think there will be a lot of animosity between leaders and representatives therefore slowing up progress.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? It affects where you come from. County pride. GAA clubs are affected by the area you were born in or where you go to school.

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 has its own tourism trade, its own beautiful history and the people of Kilkenny and its representatives are very proud of that. We know what works for Kilkenny and what the people of Kilkenny want and bringing in a mix bowl of decision makers will not work.

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 people of Kilkenny know their representatives by name from meeting them on a daily basis walking through the streets in the town hall or in the local community. They know who to go to if something needs to be done. Bringing in unknowns who do not know the locals the existing issues facing Kilkenny will just lead to funds being misdirected and confusion disrupting progress.

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? As long as the process, guidelines and regulations are similar in both counties I can not see a problem here.

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? Familiarity, knowing where your representative grew up, who they are, what kind of a person they are. This is important and the people of Kilkenny are a tight knit group who have their differences but been able to bring an issue to a familiar face is a comfort but also helps keep the representative accountable and on their toes.

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? Distance for workers to travel to get issues resolved in the
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[=http%3a%2f%2fsouth%2eIt](http://3a2f2fsouth2eIt) takes longer to get things done in south.Maybe setting up a southern depot might be something to think about.

Is there anything else you wish to add ?

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