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Area in which you reside. Specific addresses are not needed. Waterford City

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? Waterfords have created nothing and invested nothing in the area of Ferrybank that is already under their control. A hotel that went from being an iconic building to being a massive eyesore casting a shadow over the city. A train station that wouldnt be out of place in the 1960s. And lets not forget the north quays, rotting away for 30 odd years now. New plans seem to surface every time an election is on the horizon but they never materialise . This time they may finally knock the silos etc but we're faced with looking at piles of gravel instead. How exciting. So to answer your question id expect no creation of employment or improvement of economic performance if Waterford took over. The opposite is more likely.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? Kilkenny people are fully against this land grab. There is a pride and togetherness amongst people from Kilkenny which is absent in waterford. We embrace our rich history and culture. Many people south of the Suir speak ill of their county and city every day. A sad existence. Indeed waterford has managed to create divides between east and west, tramore and the city, even within the city there is no unity . The Kilkenny natives north of the river want no part of this toxic mindset.

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? North of the Suir does not have the infrastructure to link it to the city. One bridge, no rail and a useless bus service. Moving the boundary will not change this. It should be allowed develop as a small town in its own right not have its resources swallowed up by a city with a history of wastefulness, underdevelopment, stagnation and living in the past. Services can be improved by cooperation between both councils. A boundary move is unnecessary.

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government? Waterford have a history of wasting resources so suggesting value for money would be maximised is false. The only money waterford are interested in is the rates from Glanbia and Belview port Co Kilkenny. Waterford had one of the busiest ports in Europe on the north quays and managed to kill 'the goose that layed the golden eggs' through through their unions, hardly efficient. Mabey they want Glanbia, a brand synonymous with Kilkenny, to replace Waterford crystal, who waterford also managed to destroy and sent packing to the czech republic. Destroy one global brand, get another free, thats the kind of value for money waterford want. Kilkenny as a county is well proportioned in terms of size for administration of services from the city in the heart of the county. Unfortunately for waterford they find themselves with a lobsided population in the county and a power struggle between waterford city and Dungarvan. This is a challenge waterford county council need to deal with but is no reason to upset the natural balance in co Kilkenny. The people of Kilkenny have no interest in being governed from waterford and Dungarvan, a county town which most of us have never set foot in.

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? Planning and development in Ferrybank, Slieverue Glenmore etc needs to be independent of waterford City. There is not the infrastructure in place for it to be a functioning part of the city as its linked by a single bridge. This is not Dublin we're talking about. There's plenty of room for development south of the river.

There is ample room inside the ring road for further development which still has 100s of acres of green field sites.

Waterford have not developed sites at the ardrigh, north quays or improved the disgraceful plunkett station in years so there is the evidence of a lack of any development.

In fact during the boom there was hardly any development in waterford city as it stagnated while other cities like cork galway and limerick prospered. Even carlow and Kilkenny City have bigger population growth than waterford City. If the boundary was moved it would hinder any appropriate development for the area as Waterford have no intention of developing the area, as they just want to steal the rates.

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? Moving from one county to another, one province to another and one constituency to another is unthinkable for these people. Expecting waterford councilors and politicians to be impartial to the people of South Kilkenny is laughable. A county that Waterford people have a deep bitterness towards. South Kilkenny will not benefit from this arranged marriage at all. But its resources will be bled dry from Waterford leeching on it.

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? The only weakness is the lack of joined up thinking between both councils. Obviously Kilkenny Council need to involve waterford in major decisions and both sides need to cooperate for the benefit of the area. The strength of the current arrangement is that the people have a sense of place and strong links to their history and where they are from. A break from this would be devastating for this area and its heritage.

Is there anything else you wish to add ? As someone who lives in waterford "city" it is not surprising that people are moving over the bridge to kilkenny. There is no shopping experience to speak of, no nightlife and a depressing cloud hanging over the city. Waterford should concentrate on rejuvenating the city center, they have one of the longest quays in Europe and have left it as a huge carpark for years. There is no vision or positivity in waterford city and for this reason South Kilkenny would be better served staying with Kilkenny, a city and county that has thrived throughout the recession and will continue to do so. South Kilkenny can be a huge part of this success I hope.

As the commandment goes:

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

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