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Area in which you reside. Specific addresses are not needed. Co. Kildare

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? Creating a unified authority for the area inside the Waterford by-pass will allow for joined up planning & greatly improve the economic potential of the greater Waterford City region.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? The vast majority of people in the area affected work, study, shop & socialise in Waterford City. By having the area administered from the closest urban area it will help cohesion of services.

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 vast majority of people in the area affected work, study, shop & socialise in Waterford City. By having the area administered from the closest urban area it will help cohesion of delivery of services. It seems ridiculous to me that people living less than a mile from Waterford City Centre have to deal with officials in Kilkenny when they have enquiries or problems.

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government? An administration in Waterford will be far better value dealing with areas in the city's hinterland than an authority far away in Kilkenny.

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? Joined up thinking & a sensible approach to planning is essential for protecting the environment & character of the City. Kilkenny County Council have already given examples of their complete inability in this area with idiotic developments in Ferrybank.

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? People should be represented by a council which wants to develop the area & not exploit it to generate money to spend elsewhere.

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? The current system where suburbs of Waterford are administered from 30 kms away in Kilkenny are illogical in a modern economy.

Is there anything else you wish to add ? Bringing the hinterland of Waterford City & areas where the vast majority of people work, study & socialise in Waterford under the control of Waterford City & County Council will mean that the best interests of the people living there are looked after & the region is no longer seen as a place where Kilkenny Co Co can exploit to generate money for spending "back home" in central Co Kilkenny.

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