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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? No Change as its the IDA that control potential new job opportunities in the area.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? Hinder as it will set a wedge between the communities - local communities are exactly what its says on the tin - LOCAL to the immediate area.

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? No change - generally the local government services will always be centered on the most polulated areas - the majority of the area to be altered in the boundary extension is rural in nature - we look after our selves because no one else will.

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government? No change - money generally follows power and rarely actually follows need. The spending power will always be the City urban area.

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? Professional Planners are employed by both Waterford & Kilkenny councils - it would be totally unprofessional of them to favour a particular area because of the location or the name of the local authority. The Planning & Development needs of this area have to date been served very well by K.C.C. in conjunction with Waterford City Council - as joint agreed effort.

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? No change - the accountability of the democratic process generally in Ireland is poor no matter where the county borders are. The political system (incl. the voters) will elect representatives on promises that will never be filled - it happens every 5 years.

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny and South Tipperary appear to be in competition with each other instead of working together to form a stronger region to fight for a larger of Government Funding and have be able to dictate to the IDA etc. that this region can provide people & expertise for potential incoming industry.

Is there anything else you wish to add ? Making Kilkenny smaller (reducing its population and income) will weaken the county as a whole. The additional area is not enough to strengten Waterford to fight off competition from larger cities and counties. We need the

two counties (and Wexford) to work together and fight for this area (south east) and form a stronger base to fight off Dublin, Cork, Galway etc. in developing new employment, infrastructure etc.

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