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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?

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the 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?

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government?

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?

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation?

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area?

Is there anything else you wish to add ? I have chosen not to answer questions 1 to 7 as I believe them to be skewed in favour of one side of the proposal in question & thereby anti democratic by their very nature. I will instead give an account of the reasons why the existing county boundary should be maintained.

Named after Naomh Cainneach, County Kilkenny was established several hundreds of years ago. Far from just being a body of land, it encapsulates several ethos principles that run to the core of who we are & how we chose to live our lives. Principles that immediately come to mind include a sense & pride of place, historical events both before & after the establishment of the Irish Free State, aswell as social and sporting organisations, all of which inform the fabric of who we are. This island has a long history of internal & international migration. Urban expansion has, by its very nature created complicated situations across county boudaries in a number of places in Ireland, including Limerick City. Collaboration to my mind, is the only solution to aspire to in order to solve any administrative difficulties presented by the expansion of our suburban areas. Longer lasting will be the sociological sense of place of our populations. If the first question that you might b

e asked in Ireland is 'what is your name', the second most definitely would be 'where are you from'. Your answer to the second is not meerey mechanical - instead it speaks of your history, hertiage, family, rivalry etc. I have lived away from my home in County Kilkenny for 23 years, but it is still my home, where I am from, my heritage. It cannot be taken from me & should never be contemplated on meere administrative grounds. Finally, I would like to ask the reasons why such a proposal is even being considered. I see the

provision of services under the current status quo, I see public planning meetings under the current status quo, I see the co-funding of projects like the Hillsfield Centre under the current status quo. The reasons I can only conclude are cynical in nature & thereby disadvantageous to the people of County Kilkenny as a whole.

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