

**From:** Tadhg Williams  
**Sent:** 03 December 2015 13:13  
**To:** Boundary Review  
**Subject:** Submission regarding the proposed boundary extension

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Tadhg Williams and I live on the Airmount Road in the heart of Slieverue. My father is from Ferrybank and my mother is from Waterford City so I would regard myself as a Waterford man.

Growing up in Slieverue, attending the primary school here and playing for the local GAA club, I used to regard myself as a Kilkenny man. I was overwhelmed by the passion and pride of place that the Slieverue people had and I was brainwashed, so to speak, into calling myself a Kilkenny man. However as I got older, as I started secondary school in Abbey Community College in Ferrybank, and as I started making more regular trips into Waterford City on the bus, I began to realise that I was a Waterford man. I spent most of my time in Waterford and I simply only lived in Kilkenny.

Obviously, for that reason I would state my support for a boundary extension with some objections however. I love living in Slieverue and would love to be able to say I also live in Waterford. My identity has never felt threatened here and it is very quickly becoming a suburban village to Waterford City. For this reason, I see no reason why the boundary should not be extended.

However I worry about urban sprawl into Slieverue. The village itself is a gem. Untouched, and hardly changed since the 1950s it epitomises, in my opinion, a traditional Irish setting, and is beautiful as it is. I live approximately 100 yards from the new proposed boundary along the new Waterford bypass, on a quiet road, and the residents here worry that new housing estates will be built in the peaceful and quiet setting where we already are, disturbing the landscape of the village. If these housing estates were to go ahead, I would withdraw any support for a boundary extension as a Waterford man living in the area.

I also have to denounce the timing of the proposal. Not only does it seem like a pre-election promise to the people of Waterford, but it also clashes with the Three Sisters 2020 bid. In a time when the three counties of Waterford, Kilkenny and Wexford are supposed to be working together, it creates a tension between two of those counties. Thus putting the Three Sisters bid at risk of falling apart.

In conclusion, my support for the boundary extension comes with a warning. The people of Slieverue are very proud of their heritage and their locality. Personally, I wouldn't notice the difference if the boundary was extended tomorrow morning and I don't think it would make a lot of difference to the area in general (Slieverue.) However the timing of the proposal is atrocious and I must stress that.

Yours sincerely,  
Tadhg Williams.

