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Area in which you reside. Specific addresses are not needed. Formerly of Kilmacow; now living outside RoI

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? it should have no significant impact since strong cooperation already exists among public representatives at regional and at county level.

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? County identity is an aspect of irishness that is particularly strong in rural areas, expressed most publically in sport and other cultural activities. This is particularly strong for Kilkenny people, where being from that County has been linked to many significant triumphs in major sporting events. In addition, those who have migrated from the County and indeed outside the RoI, hold a very strong sense of county identity and this is very crucial in supporting cohesion among emigrants etc. Adjustments to the boundary would significantly impact on a large population of young adults whose sense of home and local identity would be severely damaged.

In addition, young people engage in sporting, social and cultural activities that are most commonly aligned to County regions e.g. GAA, athletics, badminton etc. A change of county identity would impact on affiliations at this level and most critically the viability of the "reduced" areas / parishes to maintain their involvement. Impact on schools which often host such activities, would also be significant.

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? This need exists regardless of boundary redesign and is a public duty of all involved. There has been joint investment and development of resources, not duplication, therefore this ought not to be considered a new / innovative perceived outcome.

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? Main risk is that rural areas become seen more as satellite / suburban off-shoots of a large city, rather than as natural rural areas, with life-style, community infrastructure and resources that support this rather than a commuter population. Kilmacow areas are particularly at risk in this regard.

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? clear identity, linked to

infrastructure of parish and county. strong cooperative relationships to between KK and Waterford CCs yet revenue channelled appropriately across current boundary lines. This has supported South KK to retain its position within KK CC while also supporting and contributing to investment in WCC area e.g. airport, port etc.

Is there anything else you wish to add ?

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