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Dear Sir, Madam

I am writing to you in relation to any future review of the electoral boundaries between Dublin Fingal and Dublin West.

As residents of Knocksedan/Brackenstown, my neighbours and I were moved to the constituency of Dublin West in 2007, along with a number of other areas (St Margaret's, Rolestown, Ridgewood) that directly bordered Swords. As a result, issues (that were exclusively Swords related) that affected the people of these areas were irrelevant to politicians based in either Blanchardstown or Castleknock, where the bulk of the population of Dublin West is located. Until this decision was reversed in 2012, we were effectively disenfranchised and had no effective political representation at local or national level.

Given that the goal of the constituency review is to ensure maximum representation in the political process, it is critical to ensure that the errors of 2007 are not repeated. "Greater Swords" is one of the fastest growing urban areas in Ireland. Keeping this vibrant community properly represented should be a key aim of the commission. More-so, the commission should take this opportunity to ensure that the rapid growth potential for this area over the next 10 years should be accounted for within their planning decisions.

Thanks in advance for your consideration,

Kind regards,

Steve