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The Secretary
Constituency Commission
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Dear Sirs,

I am writing as a resident of Dublin Central.

Prior to the 2012 boundary review, the areas of Ashtown A & B along the Navan Road were part of Dublin Central. However, as part of that review they were removed, reducing our political representation in Dublin Central from 4 TDs to 3 TDs.

Dublin Central in its current configuration has a population of 96,048; in the 2011 census it had 89,030 people, so has grown by 7,000, an increase of 7.9%.

There is a constitutional requirement that you add an extra seat to the Dail to bring the total to at least 159. As Dublin Central has a significant under-representation, it seems clear that the additional seat should be allocated to this constituency.

I would request that Ashtown A & Ashtown B be included once again in Dublin Central.

In addition, the Phoenix Park electoral division has been long divided with some electors residing in the Dublin South Central constituency. I believe it would make more sense to transfer the areas located north of the River Liffey and adjacent to the Arran Quay D electoral division to the Dublin Central constituency.

I would strongly argue that the electoral divisions of Ashtown A, Ashtown B and the Phoenix Park be transferred in their entirety back to the constituency of Dublin Central, adding a population totalling 14,713.

Yours faithfully,

Anthony James Costello