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The Secretary

Constituency Commission

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to the Constituency Commission requesting that it examines the constituency of Dublin Central as part of its review of electoral boundaries.

The 2012 boundary changes saw the electoral divisions of Ashtown A (population 10,545) , Ashtown B (population 2,640) and the Phoenix Park (population 1,528) all of which are in the Dublin City Council area allocated to a constituency otherwise wholly in Fingal county. This removed the communities living along the Navan Road and Blackhorse Avenue as well as other districts from Dublin Central. Many of those living there have a deep connection with the North Inner City and Cabra either from having lived in these areas previously and/or through family connections.

I believe that our Dáil representatives are largely focused on Fingal with minimal interest in the issues and problems affecting the communities I reside in along the Navan Road.

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.

Therefore, 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 approximately 14,700.

Yours faithfully,

Fergus O'Rourke