

9<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you as a resident of Wilton Road situated on the South West side of Cork City. Wilton Road, along with a large swathe of Bishopstown, Model Farm Road, Glasheen, College Road and Western Road were arbitrarily moved from the Cork South Central constituency to Cork North Central prior to the last election. I and every other person I have spoken with, who are affected by this move, can see no logical or sensible reason for this. The change in boundaries has physically split community associations, parishes, sports clubs and many other community based organisations. The reality on the ground is that the electorate in the areas affected have no bond whatsoever with Cork North Central and feel that we have been disenfranchised.

I note that Nancy Horan in her submission number 16/132 has raised similar concerns with regard to her area of Minane Bridge. I can only say that the residents I speak to feel the same way but on a much larger scale.

Yours faithfully,

Ted O'Connell