

I would like to make the following observations about Dublin North West:

There are not enough TDs for the current population. There are two ways to deal with this situation:

1. Reduce the size of the constituency. This can be achieved by reverting to the 2011 boundaries for Dublin North West by removing the Drumcondra DEDs from the constituency and putting them back in with Dublin Central. This would have the advantage of bringing the residents of these DEDs back into Dublin Central, where they have been for at least 20 years

The DEDs that would be removed in this scenario include:

- * Botanic A
- * Drumcondra South C
- * Botanic B
- * Botanic C

2. Increase the size of the size of the constituency to a four seater. The best way to achieve this would be to add:

- * Drumcondra South A
- * Drumcondra South B
- * Beaumont B
- * Beaumont F

This would have the advantage of bringing all of Drumcondra together into the one constituency, rather than splitting it into two constituencies

Whether the constituency is reduced or increased, It is important that the heart of Dublin North West is kept together. So the Whitehall DEDs, Beaumont A, Ballymun DEDs, Finglas DEDs and Ballygall DEDs should remain in the same constituency. These have been together for many years, which allows institutions such as the city council, Gardaí and the HSE to build relationships. These should not be separated.

Regards

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