

Constituency Commission
Room 1.65
Custom House
Dublin 1

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Re: Dublin North West

Dear Commission Members

Following the public call for submissions in September 2016, I wish to submit the following observations in relation to the constituency of Dublin North West.

In my view, the Constituency Commission should increase the representative currently afforded to Dublin North West. This is in light of the fact that the constituency is currently the most underrepresented constituency in the country. It would appear logical that the North Dublin constituencies be amended. Presently, Dublin North West and the other four bordering constituencies are currently over the population per seat threshold as per Bunreacht na hEireann.¹

As a recent resident of Dublin North West, I would strongly advocate that the current constituency should be maintained in so far as possible. This is particularly true in relation to the areas which were subsumed into the constituency in 2012. It would be remiss of the Constituency Commission to undo this positive initiative at this juncture. Instead, the Commission should seek to maintain the existing formulation in respect of Glasnevin and Drumcondra.

However, I am mindful that the Constituency Commission must seek to remedy the current underrepresentation in Dublin North West. Therefore, I would propose that particular sections of the Electoral District of Cabra East A (which are typically associated with

¹ Article 16.2.2

Glasnevin) be brought into the Dublin North West Constituency.² This would equate to approximately 2,000 residents.

In a similar manner, I would also propose that Drumcondra proper be amalgamated.³ In addition, there would be considerable benefit to uniting the Beaumont area.⁴ Overall, this would equate to approximately 15,500 residents.

The above approach would appear to address the existing issues in terms of under representation in North Dublin while also maintaining (and enhancing) the cohesive nature of Dublin North West, brought about by the 2012 boundary review.

Yours sincerely,



James O'Sullivan

² This primarily includes the areas to the West of Violet Hill / Glasnevin Cemetery on the northern side of the canal, namely Glasnevin Woods, Glasnevin Court and Claremont.

³ Drumcondra South A and Drumcondra South B.

⁴ Beaumont B and Beaumont F.