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Minister for Planning and Local Government Simon Coveney

Dear Minister,

Following the RTE News report broadcast on 27th February 2017 I would like to further my favourable submission towards Waterford - Kilkenny Boundary Expansion.

Ferrybank for years appeared to be a no-mans land. Not close enough to Kilkenny for Kilkenny Co. Co. no take care of and not enough Waterford (boundary-wise) for a Waterford City & Co. Co. The estates were left run-down, unfinished, roads in an awful state; for a good while Traveller Community tried to establish themselves an illegal halting site in Christendom, at Abbey Road and up the Rockshire Road, in the vicinity of the golf course with no apparent action from KCC. It took months to resolve the issue which is still apparent in the area.

There is an ongoing issue with flooding on Ard Glas, at the junction leading towards ABP Meat Processors. Very much within an area governed by KCC. The issue that is taking years to address with KCC and the elected officials being blind to. The issue comes up few times a year after heavy rain. The only way for the students residing at Leaca Ard, Fiodh Mohr, Christendom, Ard Glas to attend classess at Abbey Community College (350 meters down the road) is to use the 10 km diversion (past Belview Port, N29 & R711). The flooded road (up to 2 feet in depth) affects the families living the estates build during the recent boom.

Having friends living in the area I often hear "KCC seem to be a very lax and disorganised, who seem to see Ferrybank as some sort of an experiment. As long as its not right on their door step - they don't seem to care."

The inactivity of the Kilkenny County Council (until only recently) have left people frustrated and I would welcome extending the Waterford City & County boundary for them to take the area over and hopefully make a meaningful change for the residents of Ferrybank.

Kind Regards,

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