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Kennedy calls for Dail action on “ludicrous” constituency proposals

DUBLIN NORTH Deputy Michael Kennedy (FF) has called for cross party support next week in the Dail when statements are made on the Constituency Boundary Report which recommends the redrawing of numerous Dail constituencies, including the splitting of his own constituency of Dublin North.

Deputy Kennedy said: "This is an important issue and it affects every party representative in areas where there is a dramatic redrawing of the boundaries."

"Aside from my own constituency of Dublin North, the other areas affected by the proposals are: Limerick West which is to be incorporated into North Kerry, parts of East Meath into Louth, parts of South Offaly into North Tipperary and Leitrim, which remains divided into two Dail constituencies."

"For many of the TDs in the Dail, these proposals make no sense - especially to my colleagues in Dublin North where there is a proposal to move half of Swords into the Dublin West constituency."

"I have yet to hear of one representative in Dublin North who is in favour of splitting Swords – the capital of Fingal - into two Dáil constituencies."

"I am calling on every TD in Dublin North and in all affected constituencies to stand up strongly against the proposals in the current report."

"For my own part, when the statements are made, I will be recommending that the current Boundary Commission Report be viewed as an “interim” report, with the issue being referred back to the Dail for review."

"My main focus is that of my constituents in Swords as they are the people who are extremely concerned with the proposed boundary divide. I am urging Dublin North TDs along with all affected TDs to speak out strongly against this report in the Dail," said Deputy Kennedy.