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To: Brendan Ryan
Chief Executive Officer
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**Re: Review of the Courts Services in the Greater Dublin Area
Proposed Closure of Tallaght District Court**

Dear Sir,


I refer to the letter dated the 4th June 2014 in relation to the above matter which you issued to Mr Daniel McLoughlin, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council.

As an elected representative for the County of South Dublin I am extremely concerned about the proposal of the Courts Service to close Tallaght District Court as part of the review of the court services in the Greater Dublin area. I would like to make the following representations in support of the position to retain Tallaght Courthouse:

1. Under the current proposals, South Dublin County will be one of only two administrative counties within the State that will not have a District Court to serve its constituents. The proposed closure of Tallaght District Court is totally disproportionate in terms of the population of South Dublin County (265,205) that Tallaght courthouse serves. The only other Counties in the State with a greater population than South Dublin County is Cork County which currently has 11 District Courts and Fingal County which under the current proposals will retain a District Court in Blanchardstown;
2. The closure of Tallaght District Court will have a serious impact upon local businesses in Tallaght Village who fundamentally rely on trade from the users of Tallaght District Court;
3. Any efficiencies that may accrue to the operation of the Court Service by closing Tallaght District Court will be more than offset by the inefficiencies that will hamper the current users of Tallaght District Court (constituents of South Dublin County, Gardai, legal practitioners) by having to attend the District Court in the City Centre or Blanchardstown.

I would strongly request that you consider my representations above and retain the operation of Tallaght District Court for the people of South Dublin County.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Mick Duff
Chairperson of Tallaght Area Committee