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Submission: As an architect working in the area, there are a number of reasons why the local councils should be merged,

1. Consistency in planning, including consistency in approaches and assessment methods.
2. Ease of dealing with larger issues such as public transport and location of industry and services including, sport and arts (city wide planning as there is no geographical sense in the boundary at Charlestown!).
3. Consistency in rates.
4. Consistency in management.
5. To provide away forward to an integrated modern city, that deals with the realities of population growth due to immigration intake in recent years.