

Ballinrobe Fianna Fáil Comhairle Ceantair

Dear Secretary,

At a recent meeting of our comhairle ceantair in Ballinrobe, it was the unanimous views of all concerned and present that I would write as secretary and state our view on the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries. It is the widely held view of the comhairle ceantair that the electoral area of Ballinrobe remains its own constituency. At the last general election, our electorate was 9533 voters where as in 2004 it stood at 9957. This small decrease was mainly down to the minister for the environment been involved in bringing the electoral registers up to date and this resulted in a drop in each electoral area.

The population of our area is increasing steadily particularly in the southern part of the constituency and this is due largely to its proximity to Galway city. We would ask strongly to remain as we are. We want to point out that there is no political gain in this for fianna fail. We also understand that the Castlebar electoral area has gone somewhat over population.

Some of our Ballinrobe engineering area extends to the Castlebar electoral area namely Finney which is just outside Clonbur and Tourmakeady. If there is to be any alteration, the including of this area would be acceptable but we would strongly support been left as we are. We would be strongly oppose been put back into the Claremorris area as we believe that the ballinrobe area suffered when it was a seven seater. The separating of the two areas has served our area quite well and we would strongly plead to remain as we are.

Your sincerely

Louis O'Malley

Secretary Ballinrobe Comhairle Ceantair.