

Electrol Area Boundary Committee  
Room 203  
Custom House  
Dublin 1

6th March 2008

Dear Sir/Madam

The following is the recommendation on behalf of Gorey Comhairle Ceantar (FF) in relation to the proposed boundary change for the up and coming local election 2009.

It is a well known fact that since the onslaught of the Celtic Tiger on house prices and the property on the east coast that there has been a continued and steady growth of all areas from as far apart as Drogheda to Wexford and as far inwards on the commuter belt around the greater Dublin area.

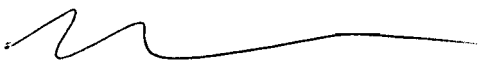
With this precedent excepted it is quite obvious that Gorey and its environs have undergone a huge growth and accordingly now has a far greater resident population than in 2004, indeed from our research in accordance with CSO Census figures 2006 the Gorey population then stood at 29,274, Enniscorthy 31,790, Wexford 43,640, and New Ross 26,911.

These figures as you see make Gorey the third largest electrol area but currently underrepresented with only 4 seats while New Ross with a population approx 3,000 less has five seats. This situation we feel must be addressed.

We would like to take this opportunity to propose that the area of "Ballyvandon" be transferred from the Enniscorthy electrol area to the Gorey electrol area, this we feel due to the fact that locally the Killincooly area and Ballyvandon area are known as Kilmuckridge, and the splitting of this townland often leads to confusion within the electorate which in turn may lead to a loss of votes for the party which is what we wish to avoid.

In conclusion we are sure you will see that with the undeniable population growth in the North Wexford area and with the reunification of the Kilmuckridge area it is imperative that we are allocated one more seat to guarantee the responsible and democratic representation of the people of North Wexford.

Yours sincerely



Gorey Comhairle Ceantar