

**CARRIGEENCOR,  
DROMAHAIR,  
CO. LEITRIM.**

12<sup>th</sup> March 2008

**Secretary,  
Electoral Area Boundary Commission,  
Room 2.03,  
Custom House,  
Dublin 1.**

Re: Electoral Areas for County Leitrim.

A Chara,

In 1985 the areas of Cloonlougher, Lurganboy and Sramore were transferred from the Dromahair area to the Manorhamilton area. No further revision took place in County Leitrim prior to the 1999 Local Election.

A large proportion of Cloonlougher and Sramore are in the parish of Dromahair (Drumlease, Killargue and Newtownmanor). In particular, the Cloonlougher area forms part of the hinterland and community of Dromahair. Children from this area attend primary school in Dromahair. The young people play football with Dromahair GAA. The sense of belonging to the community of Dromahair is very strong. However, unfortunately when it comes to electing a person to represent the needs of our community we are denied the opportunity.

The Manorhamilton area has a surplus of population of 285 over the average for a 5 seat constituency. Cloonlougher with a population of 272 should be transferred back to the Dromahair area to go some way in restoring the Dromahair community.

**MANORHAMILTON**

Existing 6,864  
Transfer Cloonlougher -272

6,592 (1,318 per councillor)

Deviation +13 (+0.2%)

**DROMAHAIR**

Existing 6,682  
Add Cloonlougher +272

6,954 (1,391 per councillor)

Deviation +375 (+5.7%)

This would still leave the revised Dromahair area well within the tolerance of +/- 10 % and would require no further adjustment unless the surplus population of 375 was needed to restore other communities or address shortfalls in other areas.

I request that the Commission take this submission on board in their review of the Electoral Areas in Leitrim.

Yours faithfully,

**EUGENE O'NEILL**