

The Secretary,
Area Boundary Committee,
2.03, Customs House,
Dublin 1.

Lydican,
Claregalway,
Co. Galway.

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Re Review of Electoral Boundaries

I have been informed that it is proposed to review the electoral areas boundaries for the local and european elections in 2009.

Living in the Oranmore Electoral Area of Co. Galway there has been an increase in the population since the boundaries were last reviewed. This area is represented by four elected members on Galway Co. Co.

In order to have the area properly represented some changes will be needed. I do not believe that it would be necessary to increase the number of councillors for this electoral area. You may not be aware but part of the Oranmore Electoral area falls within the Dial Constituency of Galway East. The area I refer to is Headford and its surrounding area.

I note that in the terms of reference it is desirable not to breach Dial Electoral Boundries so it would be a very simple matter to just add the Headford area to Tuan which is in the Galway East Dial Constituency. By so doing it would leave the rest of the Oranmore Electoral Area sufficiently represented by four councilors. The Tuam Elector Area which is in the Galway East Dial Electoral Area could absorb the extra area of Headford without having to increase the number of councilors.

I wish to put forward the above suggestion for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,


Jim Cuddy