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To: Mr. JOHN GORMAN, T.D.
MINISTER FOR THE ENV.,
HERITAGE & LOCAL GOVT.,
CUSTOM HOUSE,
DUBLIN, 1.

12TH MARCH 2008.

"REF: CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY FOR 2009 LOCAL ELECTIONS."

DEAR MINISTER GORMAN,

I HAVE THE FOLLOWING
SUBMISSION TO THE REVIEW COMMITTEE STUDYING
LOCAL ELECTORAL AREAS FOR 2009. IT WILL
BE ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN THE BOUNDARY ON
THE WEST SIDE OF RIVER BARROW IN CARLOW
TOWN.

INDEED I WOULD URGE AN EXTENSION
TO INCLUDE ALL RESIDENTS LIVING INSIDE THE
NORTHERN RELIEF ROAD AS IT EXISTS TODAY
FROM THE ATHY ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO THE
EASTWATER ROAD A-A-B AND CONTINUING ALONG
THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THIS ROAD TO JOIN



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THE N9 AT MORTARSTOWN TO THE SOUTH OF CARLOW TOWN.

THE REASONS FOR THIS HAVE BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED ON MANY OCCASIONS, I WILL HIGHLIGHT A SAMPLE OF SUPPORTIVE POINTS.

- 1) CARLOW PROVIDES ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO THIS AREA SUCH AS WATER, DRAINAGE, SEWER.
- 2) DAY TO DAY ACTIVITY IS CENTRED AROUND CARLOW TOWN & COUNTY ADMIN. AREAS, SHOPPING, LEISURE, TRAIN & BUS, POST OFFICE, FOR ALL RESIDENTS WITHIN AREA WHICH I REFER TO.
- 3) ALL SECONDARY EDUCATION AND THIRD LEVEL PROVIDED BY I.T. CARLOW AND ST. PATRICKS COLLEGE CARLOW ARE SITUATED IN TOWN AREA.
- 4) IT IS VERY MUCH THE SITUATION THAT RESIDENTS INSIDE THE NORTHERN RELIEF ROAD HAVE VERY CLOSE AFFINITY WITH CARLOW TOWN



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THROUGH SOURCING DAILY NEEDS, LOCAL GOVT. ACTION,
HEALTH MATTERS, EDUCATION, FINANCIAL SERVICES,
TRANSPORT, PLUS MANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS
ESSENTIAL TO SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE.

I WOULD PLACE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS VERY
MUCH TO THE TOP OF ANY LIST AS

POPULATION MOVEMENT DUE TO MARRIAGE,
HOUSE PURCHASE, OTHER FRIENDSHIPS GOING
BACK MANY GENERATIONS HAVE RESULTED IN
A GREAT BOND OF TOGETHERNESS BETWEEN
THE GRAIGURCULLEN & GREATER CARLOW TOWN
AREAS WHICH WE SHOULD STRIVE TO MAINTAIN.

FURTHER TO THE ABOVE I WOULD

COMMENT AS FOLLOWS:-

1) CARLOW ELEC. AREAS No. 1, & No. 2 AS
PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED ARE AS FOLLOWS,

<u>CARLOW L.F.A. No. 1.</u>	<u>4,387 ELECTORS</u>	<u>3 SEATS.</u>
<u>CARLOW L.F.A. No. 2.</u>	<u>10,170 ELECTORS</u>	<u>5 SEATS.</u>

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I WOULD ASK THE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE
THE NATURAL BDY. BETWEEN AREA 1 & 2
AT A POINT ON THE STABLESTOWN
ROAD CARLOW WHICH IS THE END OF
ELEC. AREA No. 1. IF THIS LINE WAS
CONTINUED USING RAILWAY LINE AS
DIVIDER IN A SOUTHWARD DIRECTION,
ALL ESTATES ETC. TO THE WEST OF
THIS LINE. WOULD TOGETHER WITH
THE GRAIGUECULLEN SUBMISSION GO ALONG
WAY TOWARDS PROVIDING TWO PROPER
FOUR (4) SEAT ELECTORAL AREAS.

HOPING YOU WILL GIVE MY SUBMISSION
YOUR FULL CONSIDERATION AND WISHING
YOUR WORK EVERY SUCCESS.

YOURS SINCERELY,

Joe MacDonald, M.P.