

**Mr Michael Duffy,
Kilbride,
Finny,
Co Mayo.**

February 18th 2008.

Dear Mick,

Thank you for your recent visit to my office and for your desire to remain in the Castlebar Electoral Area following the Boundary Review currently in progress. The latest date for posting submissions is March 11th to ensure delivery by closing date on 14th.

For this exercise the county is divided into District Electoral Divisions which are often different from polling areas as we know them.

The four District Electoral Divisions (DEDs) closest to you are:

- 1. Owenbrin – (population of 248)**
- 2. Ballinchalla (262)**
- 3. Cappaduff (340)**
- 4. Ballyovey (219)**

Total current population in total area above (generally known as Tourmakeady) stands at 1069.

Despite being on the periphery of the electoral area our communities have enjoyed excellent service from Castlebar representatives for many generations. We strongly oppose any proposal for an enlargement of Ballinrobe electoral area which would include the DEDs above.

We would ask you to consider what we deem to be the most logical solution to Ballinrobe's status at present by reverting back to the local boundaries which existed prior to the last local revision in 1998. At that time Ballinrobe and Claremorris were combined to form a 7 (seven) seater.

However due to the increase in population in Castlebar area it may be more feasible to allocate 7 (seven) seats to Castlebar by including

1. Portroyal (494)
2. Newbrook (515)
3. Burriscarra (443)
4. Roslee (391)

This combined area with a total aggregate current population of 1843 would (if you decide to include in Castlebar) increase its total population to 28,700 - sufficient for 7 seats.

By removing the four DEDs above (1843) from existing combination of Claremorris and Ballinrobe Electoral Areas it results in a new population total therein of 25, 275 – sufficient for 6 seats.

These suggested changes provide a total solution to the Ballinrobe issue without interfering with any other Electoral Area. This ensures relative continuity of services and representation and avoids unpalatable knock on or domino effects throughout Co Mayo.

We believe that the options outlined above are consistent with your committee's terms of reference and are in the best interests of local catchment areas, communities, parish boundaries, urban gravitation and sporting organizations.

We hope that you will give favorable consideration to our submission.

Yours sincerely

Michael Joyce
Pádraic Conboy
Slán Lydon
Tommy Egan
Johnny Joyce

Michael Duffin (Chairman of F. F. Cummins)
(FINNEY)
John Egan (Sec).
Tommy Walsh
Kevin Conboy (Chairman Community Council)
Cathy Wallace (Coiste Foilte, Touma Keady)