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Secretary , Electoral Boundary Committee,

A submission to your committee from a resident of the Graiguecullen area of County Laois / Graiguecullen area of County Carlow.

This is a thriving area crossing over two counties and since the 2006 census has grown both in retail & manufacturing development with a big increase [ a lot more to come] in population especially in County Laois. There is one anomaly in which local residents in County Laois vote for Carlow No.1 area representation in local elections yet have to be represented by Laois County Councillors of the Luggacurren area for any practical issues. The intricacies of this cross over will, I am sure, be included in other submissions.

My submission being that the residents of the Graiguecullen area that are situated in County Laois be able to vote in County Laois local elections with the residents in the Carlow area of Graiguecullen voting in Carlow

Many reasons exist for this reversion back of voting patterns including :-

- . It will form an electoral area that would help give a centralised focal point to the Luggacurren area of Laois
- . The natural community area of Luggacurren, Rossmore, Killeshin, Arles, Ballickmoyler etc. would be more enhanced , sooner than preserved, with the enlarged population centre of Graiguecullen. This out riding area of County Laois not having a focal point at the present time.
- . It would align the local election boundary with the Dail constituency boundary as recommended in your mandate
- . The four [4] seat Luggacurren area of Laois could remain as is with the now three seat [3] area No.1 of Carlow being diversified into Carlow to keep the required number of seats to not less than four [4] as recommended in your mandate . [ ideally the one seat that Carlow area No.1 might have to relinquish perhaps could revert into County Laois making the Luggacurren area a more democratic five seat constituency within the confines of the overall Laois Local Authority level ]

Political parties and / or sitting councillors of both the Counties involved may have their own agendas in this regard but I would ask you to take special regard to the submissions of the residents / voters involved

Yours truly

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