



RE ELECTORAL AREA BOUNDRY COMMISSION REVIEW.

12/03/2008

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

Re: **Electoral Area Boundary Revision, Electoral Area of Ferbane County Offaly**

Presently the Ferbane Electoral Area is over represented by 16.95 % and the Tullamore Electoral Area is under represented by 11.6% while the Birr Electoral Area is over-represented but is only marginally over the guidelines at 10.68% and the Edenderry Electoral Area is under represented but is comfortably within the guidelines at 7.95%.

County Offaly is managed through area offices in the three main population centres of Tullamore, Edenderry and Birr. Birr area office responsible for the Birr and Ferbane electoral areas, with an area office engineer and staff attached to an office at Ferbane which is over 60% of the area of the County. It is important to maintain the present number of councillors within the Birr/Ferbane Areas in view of the size and geographic spread of the area. It is important also to keep the management area intact as the area committee system and area management is now functioning well and the users of the council services are identifying well the area management system, and the system is responding to their demands.

In order to bring Ferbane within the guidelines the following minimal changes of Electoral Divisions is proposed. This meets the guidelines which you have set out and does not affect huge change within the County structure.

Ferbane AREA

Population

Current Population	11,210	
Transfer from Tullamore Electoral Area the following DEDs	+2,074	
Gorteen (309)		
Tinamuck (219)		
Kilcumreraigh (497)		
Killoughy (628)		
Rathrobin (421)		
		<i>IN Ferbane AREA PREVIOUSLY FROM 1985 TO 1999.</i>
New Population	13,284	
Population / Councillor (÷4)	3,321	
Deviation from County Average	1.6%	over representation

Tullamore AREA

Current Population	26,372	
Transfer as above	-2,074	
New Population	24,298	
Population / Councillor (÷7)	3,471	
Deviation from County Average	2.8%	under representation

Yours sincerely,



CLLR CONNIE HANNIFFY