

Ballinluig East,
Ballyfeard,
Minane Bridge,
Co. Cork.

12 March 2008

Martin Vaughan,
Electoral Area Boundary Committee for rest of the Country,
Department of the Environment,
Customs House,
Custom's House Quay,
Dublin 1.

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

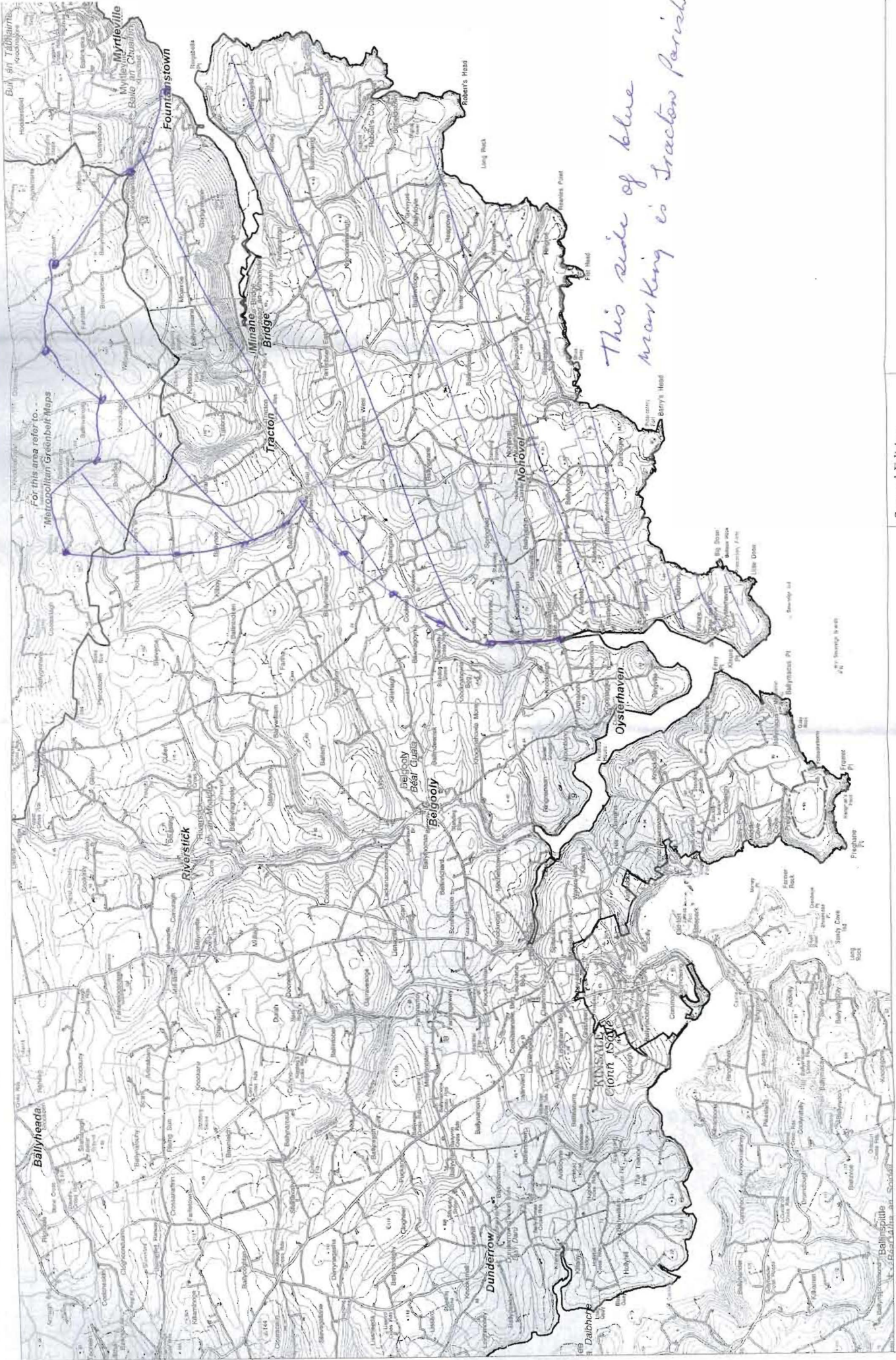
I am writing to you on behalf of the Tracton Community Alert. This is an elected organisation which represents the parishioners of Tracton Parish. We have decided to make a submission to the electoral area boundary committee. We believe that the Tracton area has been unfairly treated in the past regarding electoral boundaries. We are a small parish with a population not exceeding 500 houses. At the moment this small parish is divided in Dáil Elections by the Ahane River which runs into Minane Bridge. Cork South Central is at one side of the river and Cork South West is at the other. For the local elections we are divided as well with the Nohaval side of the parish in the Bandon area and the Minane Bride side of the parish in the Carrigaline area. Prior to the last boundary review Tracton parish in its entirety was in the Carrigaline electoral area. This is its logical location.

It is our view that the Carrigaline electoral area is where the Tracton parish belongs. We are linked with Carrigaline regarding shopping, secondary schools, doctors and all other social infrastructure. This has been the way since Carrigaline was a market town. We have no major affinity to Bandon or Kinsale. Just to prove the point the Cork and Ross Diocese have reformed our pastoral areas and the parish of Tracton Abbey is with Carrigaline, Crosshaven, Ballinhassig, Monkstown, Passage West and Ringaskiddy. In this situation the Diocese looked at Tracton's natural home which is with Carrigaline and the other small settlements named.

It is our firm belief to have a small parish like Tracton divided to suit some mathematical equation makes no logical sense. We request that the boundary commission reinstate the parish of Tracton Abbey fully as one entity into the Carrigaline electoral area as this is its logical home. We have enclosed a map showing the parish boundaries.

Yours sincerely,


Mary O'Keefe
Tracton Community Alert



This side of blue marking is Tracton Parish

RURAL HOUSING CONTROL ZONE
Map

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Townland Boundary

Rural Housing Control Zone

CORK
County Development Plan
2003