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The Secretary
Electoral Area Boundary Committee
Room 167
Customs House
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RE: - Proposed Boundary Changes

Dear Sir / Madam

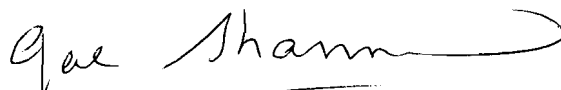
I would like to make an observation in relation to the proposed electoral boundary changes that are about to be made in the near future. It is in connection with the constituency of Sligo / North Leitrim and relates to the Ballymote / Tubbercurry electoral areas.

For many years the parish of Gurteen was a complete unit in the Ballymote electoral area. In or around 1984/85 this parish was divided, with Gurteen going into the Tubbercurry area and its two half parishes, Cloonloo and Killaraght remaining in the Ballymote area. This, believe it or not, caused quite a division and a lot of annoyance because it was felt that it was very unfair to divide this parish in two.

As a former member of Sligo County Council and as a person who knows and understands this community, I would strongly recommend that Gurteen and its two half parishes of Cloonloo and Killaraght are united again so that these areas can work as a single entity and that fairness and equality takes place. I have no doubt that this is the best way forward for this parish and have confidence that your commission will take this into account when finalising the different areas.

In conclusion I trust that you will look at this a positive way for the people of the Gurteen parish.

Yours sincerely



Joe Shannon