

Killoe,  
Co. Longford

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

17 February 2008

RE: Longford County Council Electoral Areas

Dear Sir/Madam,

With regard to the proposed electoral boundary revisions we would like to make following proposals with regard to future local electoral areas for county Longford.

We live in the parish of Killoe which is the largest rural parish by area with one of the fastest growing populations. Over the last year alone approximately 100 new houses have been constructed with many more in the pipeline. It is adjacent to Longford Town and as a result its population is increasing dramatically, at the same time retaining its rural ethos.

Currently Killoe is divided between three Electoral Areas, Mid Longford, Drumlish and Granard. The parish is divided between these areas with the result that it is extremely difficult to elect a local representative from the parish. If the current boundaries remain it is almost certain that the parish will have no local representative. It is our proposal that in its recommendation, the Boundary Commission maintain the parish of Killoe **as a unit**, within whichever electoral area it sees fit.

The parish of Killoe consists of the following electoral divisions:

	City/ County Electoral Area	Polling District	Electoral Division
1	Longford	Cloonee DA	Cloonee
2	Longford	Cullyfad DD	Cloonee
3	Longford	Cullyfad DD	Corboy
4	Granard	Aughaboy CB	Aghaboy
5	Granard	Ballinalee CD	Aghaboy
6	Drumlish	Bohernameeltoga BE	Drumlish
7	Drumlish	Cartrongolan BF	Drumlish
8			Killoe
9	Drumlish	Dernacross BH	Killoe
10	Drumlish	Bawn BD	Breanrisk

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We would like to see all electoral districts pertaining to Killoe included under the one Electoral Area.

The present situation is:

Mid Longford	7 seats	Area includes all Longford Urban and a rural area spreading from 2 miles the Longford side of Edgeworthstown to the Leitrim border near Rooskey encompassing a large part of the rural parishes of Killoe, Clonguish/Newtownforbes, Clondra and Shroid
Drumlsh	3 seats	Area includes the complete parishes of Drumlsh, Dromard and parts of Killoe and Aughnacliffe/Ciolmcille
Granard	5 seats	Area includes the complete parishes of Ballinalee, Granard, Abbeylara, Edgeworthstown and parts of Killoe and Aughnacliffe/Colmcille
Ballymahon	6 seats	Area includes the complete parishes of Ballymahon, Lanesboro, Newtowncashel, Killashee, Ardagh, Legan
Total	21 seats	

We would like to make the following proposal:

Mid Longford	5 seats	To exclude the rural areas currently part of the Electoral Area i.e. <b>Longford Urban Only</b>
Drumlsh	4 seats	To include the parishes of Dromard, Drumlsh Clonguish/Newtownforbes and Clondra and <b>exclude Killoe and Aughnacliffe/Colmcille</b>
Granard	6 seats	As it is currently but also to <b>include Killoe and Aughnacliffe in their entirety</b>
Ballymahon	6 seats	As it is
Total	21 seats	

This is just a suggestion and we would appreciate it if you consider our proposals in your recommendations.

Yours respectfully,  
Concerned parishioners

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