CLOONEY QUIN COMMUNITY SPORTS AMENITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD BY GUARANTEE

Secretary
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee 2017
Room 167, Custom House
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Dear Ms Tallon,

We are writing to you in your capacity as Chairperson of the Local Elections Area Boundary Committee 2017-2018. We are anxious to make representations to you on behalf of our community. Our Parish of Clooney Quin includes the village area of Quin and the rural catchment area of Spancilhill and Clooney. Over the years we have been moved from Electoral Area to Electoral Area, a development which in our opinion has not been helpful to our development or our identity. We are very happy with our current inclusion in the Ennis Electoral Area and feel that it has contributed greatly to our wellbeing. Ennis is our county town and our village is but seven miles from Ennis Town and much of our rural confines are nearer still.

In our opinion it is imperative that we retain our current association with our capital town and that the stability and support of that association is protected. This desire is accommodated within the terms of reference which state inter alia that "....areas should be designed, as far as possible, around urban centres, taking due account of local and community identities and linkages as well as natural boundaries and the need to facilitate the effectiveness of the governance and representational roles of elected members....." We believe our request fits comfortably within the aforementioned term of reference.

We would respectfully suggest that should the Ennis area need to be reduced to accommodate representational values, then the removal of Killaniv, Kilnamona, Templemaley and Kilraghts would fulfil that requirement more effectively than separating Quin, Clooney and Spancilhill from its current natural inclusion.

We very much hope that you will find agreement with our request.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas O'Halloran

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