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Secretary,
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees,
Room 1.67,
Custom House,
Dublin 1.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the make up of the local electoral boundaries for the 2019 local elections and in particular around the electoral areas of Co Leitrim

In 2013 the decision to include the Leitrim DED in the Carrick-on-Shannon Electoral Area and the Drumshanbo DED alongside Moher & Barnameenagh in the Ballinamore electoral area basically split the parish of Drumshanbo. We estimate that up to 30% of the Leitrim DED comprises of people who live in the parish and see Drumshanbo as their local town.

In your terms of reference you state in article 6;

Other local electoral 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, including, in particular, the need to avoid designating local electoral areas which are territorially very large or extend over very long distances.

Meeting the terms of article 6 we respectfully ask that Leitrim DED is included with Drumshanbo and its associated areas to be included in one electoral area. We would advocate inclusion in the Carrick-on-Shannon Electoral area as we are less than 12KM from the County town and the other part of Leitrim DED is in the Carrick-on-Shannon parish; however the point of our submission is to request the reunification of the 4 DEDs in the Drumshanbo parish into one electoral area,

Yours Sincerely,

LOCAL RESIDENTS

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