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

30/1/2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to make a submission in relation to the make up of the local electoral boundaries for the 2019 local elections in Co Leitrim

We live in the Leitrim DED area of Co Leitrim which was part of the Carrick-on-Shannon electoral area in 2014 however the other parts of the parish of Drumshanbo including Moher and Barnameenagh were part of the Ballinamore electoral area thus separating us from the rest of our community or parish. We were deeply disappointed in the 2014 local elections where we knew none of the local candidates as we had been part of the Drumshanbo area for all previous local elections before in our memory.

The terms of reference outline that *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.*

We request that you give consideration that Leitrim DED is included with Drumshanbo and the 2 aforementioned areas within the parish as one electoral area. Prior to the 2014 election we were part of the old Dromahair electoral

area however the hinterland of Drumshanbo, Kiltubrid and Leitrim Village were all included and linked together around the town of Drumshanbo, we are seeking to restore this area as one.

We would presume that linkage with Carrick-on-Shannon as the county town would seem the most natural (we are only 8KM from there) as opposed to Ballinamore where there is no such association or linkage.

Thanks you for your consideration,

Yours Sincerely,

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Jim Joe Flynn