

18.330

Dear Secretary

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Boundary Review.

I propose to make some modest changes. As this review is following closely on the last substantial review it would not be wise to make radical changes so quickly. In my submission I am aiming to reduce the size of the areas and the difficulty associated with long distances for County Councillors.

Accordingly I am proposing that we would change the Athlone Area of County Roscommon from a six seater to a five seater and in order to reach the desired numbers of population we would remove the DEDs of Dunamon, Rosmoylan & Fuerty and transfer those areas into the Roscommon Area. Any greater amendment to the area would cause substantial difficulty for the current administration structure as Roscommon County Council has now established a depot in the Athleague DED area.

I am further proposing that we would increase the Roscommon Area to a seven seater adding the aforementioned three DEDs plus Ogulla, Tulsk, Cloonyquinn and Bellanagare.

Those seven DEDs which are identified on the attached map as green (Map below) will generate sufficient population for seven seats in the Roscommon Area.

With the proposed changes I have made we would continue to have the populations per councillor in each of the three areas within the stated tolerances. In the Athlone elecotroal area based on the 2016 census the population would 3,756 per elected member. In the new Roscommon Area it would be 3,634 per elected member and in the Boyle Area it will now be 3,521 per elected member.

I believe the change I propose would make the geographical size of the three municipal areas much more suitable to the election of county councillors and would reduce the distance necessary to cover the entire municipal areas.

Yours sincerely

Cllr. Laurence Fallon

County Roscommon



County Roscommon → 2013 LEA BOUNDARIES.

