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30/05/2018

Re: Submission re Connemara Municipal District.

Dear Sirs,

In my previous submission dated 16/05/2018 I made an error by including the ED of Cill Chuimin (Oughterard) in the Non Gaeltachta whereas it should be in the Gaeltachta area. This alteration transfers a total of 149 people. The transfer of the ED would mean a population of 24,814 in the Gaeltachta area and 13,718 in the non Gaeltachta area. Presently, with 2016 census figures, the population per councillor is 4281 with the revised figures the Gaeltachta area would have a population of 4,136 per councillor for six councillors and the non Gaeltachta would have a population of 4,573 per councillor for three councillors. Both of these figures are within 10 % of the present figure of 4,281 per councillor in the nine seats Municipal District.

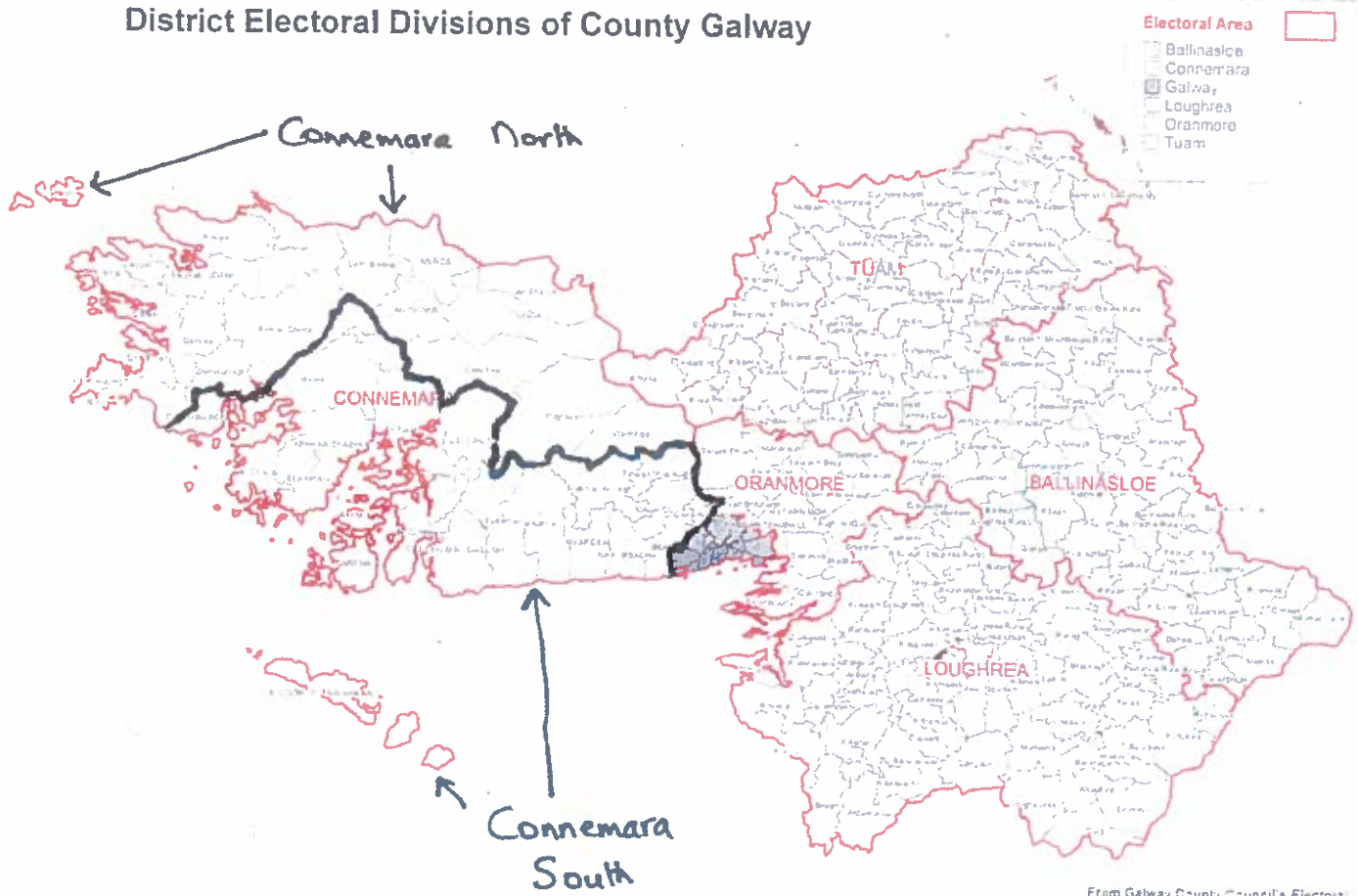
Please see attached amended map and spreadsheet to reflect the changes.

Signed


Cllr. Thomas Welby

No	Electoral Division	Gaeftachta Yes/No	Population Gael	Population Non Gael	Total Pop.
1	Barna (Part of Rural)	yes	3727		
2	Na Forbacha	yes	1415		
3	An Spiddal	yes	1443		
4	Sliabh an Aonaigh	yes	763		
5	Cill Aithnín	yes	1044		
6	Sailearna	yes	1453		
7	Cill Chuimín (Galway)	yes	1314		
8	An Crompan	yes	2472		
9	Garmna	yes	1283		
10	Lettemore	yes	835		
11	Camus	yes	316		
12	An Turlach	yes	546		
13	Abhainn Ghabhla	yes	261		
14	Scainimh	yes	612		
15	An Cnoc Bui	yes	810		
16	Mairos	yes	354		
17	Tulaigh Mhic Aodhain	yes	2075		
18	Moycullen	yes	2142		
19	Oilean Arainn	yes	1226		
20	Wormhole	No		2376	
21	Oughhterard	No		2625	
22	Letterfore	No		264	
23	Conga	Yes		517	Changed
24	An Fhairce	Yes		1120	Changed
25	An Uillinn	Yes		97	Changed
26	An Chorr	Yes		172	Changed
27	An Ros	Yes		93	Changed
28	Leitir Breacain	Yes		220	Changed
29	Binn an Choire	No		226	
30	Cill Chuimín (Oughterard)	Yes	149		
31	Derrycunlagh				
32	Cloch an Ron	Yes	425		
33	Bunowen	No		413	
34	Doonloughan	No		82	
35	Errislannan	No		215	
36	Derrylea	No		313	
37	Clifden	No		2159	
38	Sillerna	No		389	
39	Cleggan	No		279	
40	Ballynakill	No		439	
41	Rinvyle	No		1226	
42	Cushkillary	No		318	
43	Inisbofin	No		175	
44	Gaillimh (Tuath)	No	149		Changed
			24814	13718	38532 Overall Pop in Connemara
	Number of Cllr's		5.80	3.20	4281 Overall Pop divided by 9 Cllr
	Population per Cllr		4136	4,573	

District Electoral Divisions of County Galway



From Galway County Council's Electoral Areas of County Galway 2009

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Dear Sirs,

As an elected representative of the Connemara Municipal District (CMD) since 2004 I wish to make the following submission on foot of the Ministerial announcement regarding the review of Local electoral areas. From the outset I wish to point out that the CMD is very unique in the fact that it doesn't share any boundaries with the rest of County Galway, due to the border with Mayo, Lough Corrib and Galway City boundary. In this regard the possibility of integrating the CMD with another populated section of Galway County would be extremely problematic and create serious confusion.

In light of the above the reconfiguration of the existing nine seat municipal district into two Local Electoral areas, which could feed into one Municipal District, is probably the best solution. As the largest Gaeltachta area in the country is based in the CMD I believe the boundary committee should endeavour to keep, as practically possible, the Gaeltachta intact so as policy and objectives can be debated, adopted and implemented so as to protect and expand the Irish language.

With the protection of the Gaeltachta in mind I am submitting a table showing the overall population of CMD with 38,532 (Census 2016) and currently with nine councillors this gives a population of 4,281 per councillor. I submit that the largest section of the Gaeltachta which effectively is to the south of the CMD, and including Galway Rural (Pt.) running as far as Roundstone be created as an LEA of Connemara south. With a population of 24,565 this would be equivalent to 5.76 councillors rounded up to 6, equating to 4,111 people per councillor. The remaining area could be a LEA of Connemara north with a population of 13,857 which would be equivalent to 3.24 rounded down to 3 councillors, equating to 4,522 per councillor. The Gaeltachta areas (Conga, An Fhairce etc) included in the proposed Connemara north LEA have a traditional strong cultural linkages to the Oughterard area.

In relation to a Connemara north LEA the proposed area would be based around the strong urban areas of Oughterard and Clifden. A Connemara south LEA would be based around the strong urban areas of Moycullen, Barna, Spiddal, Carraroe and Roundstone.

In framing this submission I believe I have strictly adhered to the terms of reference in relation to Census figures, compelling circumstances for a three seat local electoral area, Local electoral areas designed around strong urban areas, possibility of two local electoral areas and finally Government policy in relation to the protection of the Irish language.

In conclusion I trust you can accept the recommendations in full.

Signed



Cllr. Thomas Welby