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To whom it may concern,

I would like the previous Electoral Area of South Monaghan to be reinstated. The Carrickmacross/Castleblayney electoral area as it stands is too vast and impractical. Both Carrickmacross and Castleblayney are two entirely different and separate areas. Demographically, Culturally, Economically and Socially Carrickmacross and Castleblayney enjoy separate traditions and identities.

- As a Business owner and lifelong resident of Carrickmacross it concerns me that Commercial Service Rates being paid by Businesses in Carrickmacross are being used to service the whole Electoral Area of Carrickmacross and Castleblayney. Roads have seriously deteriorated in South Monaghan since the imposition of the Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Electoral Area. The grade of materials being used to repair and maintain roads is of an inferior quality. Some roads have become impassable in South Monaghan. School Busses now refuse to service these roads. Carrickmacross was far better off when a Town Council/UDC conducted and operated its own budget.
- Recently the municipal district council purchased new lighting for both Carrickmacross and Castleblayney. Only after the lights were installed it was discovered that the width of the Main Street in Carrickmacross was not taken into consideration. The new lights did not give adequate distribution or spread of light. These lights will have to be significantly improved or replaced entirely. This will result in additional cost to the Municipal Council.
- Parts of Corduff and Raferagh were moved into the Clones/Ballybay Electoral Area. This defies logic. The people of Corduff and Raferagh have always worked, shopped and socialised in Carrickmacross. They continue to do so. They do not know who the local election candidates in Ballybay or Clones are. There never was or never will be any affinity to Clones or Ballybay. These people always voted in Corduff. Now they must travel to Ballybay! This decision has sadly divided a community.

In conclusion I regret the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee decided to divide Corduff Raferagh as a Community.

To associate two Towns so different in their DNA make up as Carrickmacross and Castleblayney is beyond my comprehension.

I request respectfully that the greatest consideration be given to restoring the Local Electoral Area of South Monaghan.

Yours Sincerely  
Rory McEvoy