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Co. Wicklow

14/02/2018

Re: Local Area Boundary Commission - Rathdrum, Arklow Electoral Area

To whom it may concern,

We were recently made aware of the fact that you are conducting a review of the local electoral area boundaries and a decision is to be made as to whether to change some of them. We are writing to you to ask that our area of Rathdrum remain in the Arklow Municipal District.

We are local group called the 'Kirikee/Greenane Residents Association and are situated in the Glenmalure Valley in the hinterland of Rathdrum town. Historically, when Rathdrum has moved from one electoral area to another, Glenmalure has moved with it which greatly affects our community.

Since moving into the Arklow Municipal District we have built a close working relationship with Arklow Municipal District staff allowing us to further the development of our community. We have found an open and considerate local council that are always willing to engage with us.

This is also true of Rathdrum. We have noticed a huge improvement in the town, in terms of both amenities and services, since moving into the Arklow Municipal District. Personally, I am involved in several organisations in the town and have found that same openness and willingness to engage from the Arklow Municipal District as with the Kirikee/Greenane Residents Association. I have heard the same from others that are involved in multiple organisations both within the town and in the surrounding hinterland.

We cannot praise the Arklow Municipal District staff enough and their hard work and attitude has improved the quality of life for all in the Rathdrum area immeasurably.

We recently learned that Wicklow County Council intend to recommend that all Wicklow LEA's remain as they are. This would ensure that Rathdrum and the surrounding hinterland remains in the Arklow Municipal District. We fully support this recommendation and would ask you to heed the same.

Best Regards,

A black rectangular redaction covering the signature of Mr. John Kennedy.

Mr. John Kennedy

Chairman, Kirikee/Greenane Residents Association