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Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee,
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Dear Sir, Madam,

Having represented the Castlebar Electoral Area for 31 years I wish to make the following submission to your committee.

Castlebar is a progressive multicultural urban centre with a wide selection of attractions and facilities including GMIT, three hospitals, multinational stores, fashion outlets, hotels and a wide range of dining, social and sporting facilities.

As a consequence it attracts patrons from a wide surrounding geographical area which extends to a large degree to its current municipal district boundaries.

I am particularly familiar with the southern section of our area which includes Finny, Tourmakeady, Partry, Newbrook, Burriscarra, Mayo Abbey all of which have had a strong natural link with Castlebar long before I became a member of Mayo Co Council 31 years ago.

It may also be of benefit to your committee to know that all of Tourmakeady and Partry represents a single parish and progressive GAA club (Tourmakeady).

Similarly Killavally, Ballintubber, Roslee and Burriscarra also represent a single parish and together with part of Newbrook forms another vibrant local GAA club (Ballintubber).

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The vast majority of people located in the above areas work, shop and socialise in Castlebar.

It is important therefore that your committee would give serious consideration to retaining all of the aforementioned areas in the Castlebar Electoral / Municipal area.

I thank you for the opportunity to express a widely held opinion on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

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