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Secretary,
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees,
Room 1.67,
Custom House,
Dublin 1.

19th February 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

It is important in the context of Local Government Boundaries Revision and regardless of the number of seats in an electoral area, in so far as possible, that towns should not be separated from their hinterlands and ideally each Electoral Area should comprise of amalgamations of towns with their entire hinterlands. The separation of a portion of a town's hinterland, obviously diminishes its chances of representation, while at the same time automatically increasing the chances of other towns in the area being over represented, as is the situation in Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo at the moment.

My submission, as a local resident and a former Councillor for the Ballinrobe area, is not to suggest the number of seats in the revised area, but to plead that Ballinrobe and its hinterland should be intact in the new Electoral Area.

Because of the proximity of three towns, Claremorris, Castlebar and Westport, it is relatively easy to decide where their respective hinterlands meet and then Roundfort, Ballyglass and Partry are obviously in Ballinrobe.

What may not be immediately obvious is that the entirety of the Tourmakeady area and west ward of Tourmakeady is and always has been in Ballinrobe, access from north and south of Lough Mask. Ballinrobe is a market town for Tourmakeady.

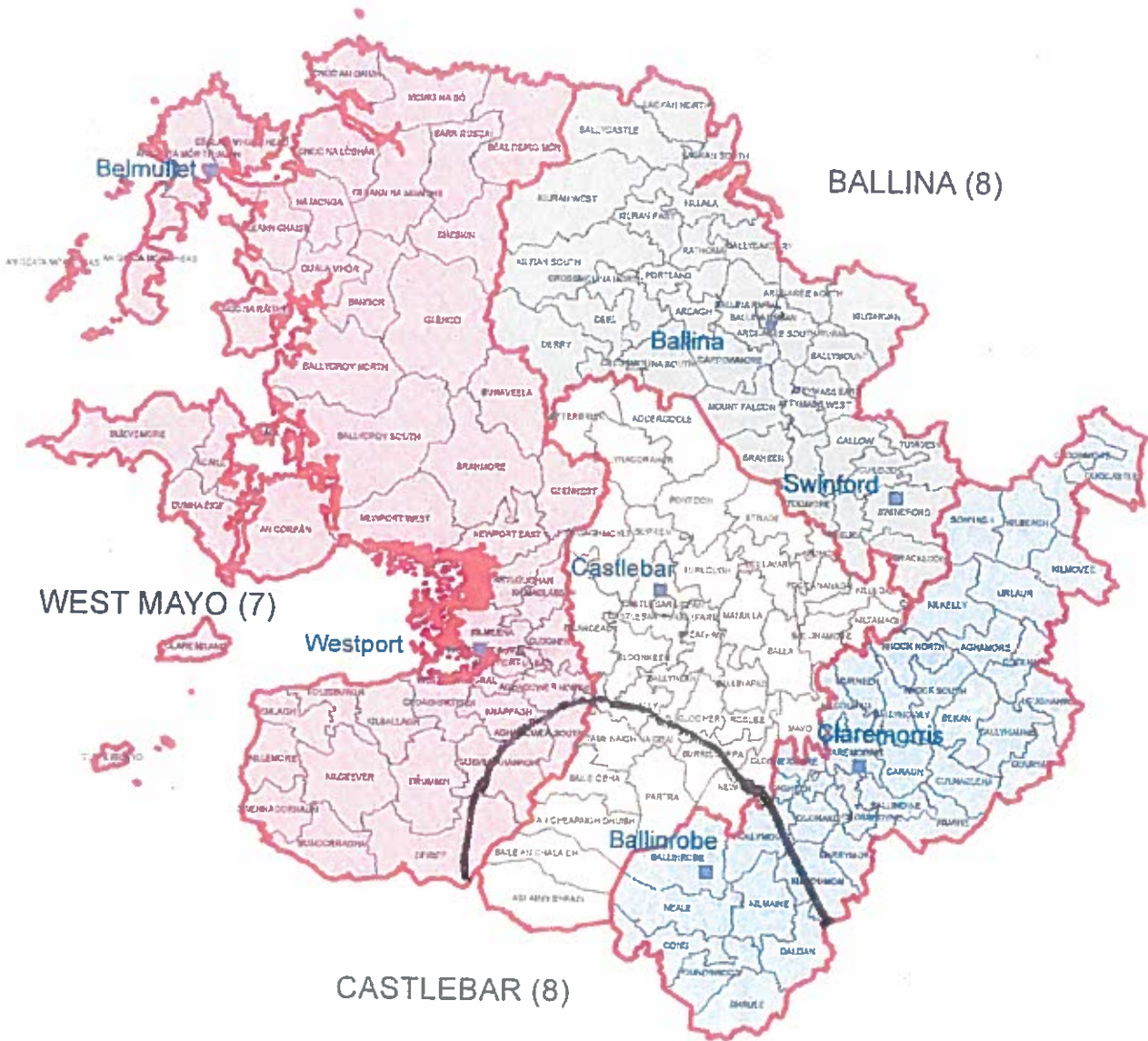
Please find enclosed map of Mayo with an outline of the Ballinrobe area and hinterland marked in.

Yours sincerely,

Harry Walsh
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Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee Report 2013

County Mayo



Electoral Area	———
Electoral Division	———
Recommended LEA Name and Number of Members	
Ballina	- 8
Castlebar	- 8
Claremorris	- 7
West Mayo	- 7
ED Names	TUMGESH
Town Names	Castlebar ■

