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Dear Sirs,

I'm writing to you with an email submission on behalf of Balrothery Community Association in respect of the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee report.

Balrothery Town has a population of 2017 per the 2016 census and is located within Balbriggan LEA and within Balbriggan Rural Electoral Division.

We wish to highlight the anomalies that exist with the current naming convention of the Electoral Division within the Balbriggan LEA.

Balrothery Town is located in the ED named Balbriggan Rural and Balbriggan Town is located within the ED Balbriggan Urban.

We refer to the current Fingal Development Plan where you will see Stephens Town Industrial Estate in Balbriggan is within the area of Balbriggan Rural and some zoned Agricultural Lands are within Balbriggan Urban, this is obviously an anomaly and does have a practical impact on the provision of services and government funding, for example Stephen Town Industrial Estate given its location in the area termed rural qualifies for LEADER funding which is targeted at Rural Areas however an Industrial Estate within a large Town of >20,000 people could hardly be considered Rural.

We ask that you consider the zoning of the Fingal Development Plan to determine the areas that should be classified as Rural and Urban.

Given Balrothery Town is the largest settlement in the area named Balbriggan Rural ED, the local community feels its identity is compromised by being referred to as Balbriggan Rural.

Balrothery Town is the focal point for its immediate rural environs and has more merit in having its ED named after it than the likes of neighbouring ED's like Balscadden, Holmpatrick, Hollywood etc as its has a much larger population centre.

The importance of identity is important in an area which has a fast growing population as cultural and heritage identity help connect new residents to the area they live in.

Regards

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Secretary

Balrothery Community Association