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please find below my submission which argues against reducing the size of the Navan Municipal area.

The majority of residents in Navan live in the urban centre of Navan. However a significant proportion live in rural locations which are being considered for moving into the Kells and Laytown/Bettystown areas. It would be a mistake to do this. These small rural communities strongly identify with Navan, socially, economically and educationally. The vast majority of these residents work, go to school, shop and socialise in Navan. They identify themselves as living close to Navan, not the other suggested areas and have a strong sense of belonging to this municipal.

Both the Laytown/Bettystown area and the Kells area are incredibly big geographical areas. It would serve no practical purpose to make them even bigger.

The number of current councillors in Navan municipal is 7, we have a huge population particularly in the urban centre of Navan. This is the focus of much of the councillors work. Cutting our number down to 5, and taking out some of the outer rural areas will only disenfranchise rural residents and increase the work load on a smaller number of representatives.

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