

To Whom It May Concern;

The Fine Gael Donegal Constituency Executive in conjunction with the Strategy Committee of the Donegal Constituency have considered the terms of reference of the Local Election Area Boundary Committee of 2017/2018 and make the following recommendations:

1. DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA:

We propose the following;

The transfer of Cill Charthaigh, Cill Ghabhlaigh, Gleann Cholm Cille and Malainn Bhig to the Glenties Electoral area. These areas have a natural affinity to the surrounding hinterland and with natural cultural links of GAA, language, business and tourism. (Wild Atlantic Way). The transfer of these DED's allows for the Donegal Electoral area to remain a six seater electoral area with a population of 24,356.

2. GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA:

We propose the following;

The inclusion of the DED's as outlined at (1) above. Further we recommend the transfer of An Craoslach, Ards, Caislean na dTuath and Crioch na Smear to a new electoral area of Milford. These areas are at the most Northerly point of the Glenties Electoral area on the West coast of Donegal and are geographically and economically linked to the areas proposed to be in the new Milford area. The Glenties Electoral Area under these proposed changes would result in a population of 24,088 within the remit of the terms of reference allowing for a six seater electoral.

3. MILFORD ELECTORAL AREA:

We propose the following;

The creation of a new electoral area to be called Milford. This electoral area would, in the main, follow the original Milford Electoral Area. Working within the terms of reference of the Commission, the four DED's as outlined at (2) above together with further DED's outlined in appendix 1 will result in the creation of a five seat electoral area with a population of 20,692.

4. LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA:

We propose the following;

Being guided by the terms of reference of the Commission we propose the division of the current Letterkenny/Milford Electoral Area into two new electoral areas, namely; Letterkenny and Milford. Letterkenny would include the DED's as outlined in appendix 1 to create a seven seat electoral area. This includes the transfer from Inishowen of the following DED's; Inch Island. Burt, Castleforward, Newtown Cunningham, Killea and Manorcunningham. These areas lie East of Letterkenny town and have a natural economic and community connection to the town area. The population of 30,880 is concentrated on the urban town of Letterkenny and its surrounding rural population.

5. INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA:

We propose the following;

The Inishowen peninsula, having a distinct identity within the County, cannot unfortunately remain a nine seat electoral area due to the terms of reference of the Commission. To allow the peninsula, with its natural community, economic and cultural links, remain within a single electoral area, we

propose the creation of a seven seat electoral area to be named Inishowen. This will contain the DED"s as outlined in appendix 1 which has a population of 33,414.

6. STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA:

We propose the following;

That this area remains largely unchanged save the transfer of Min Charraigeach to the Milford Electoral Area having being originally contained in the former Milford electoral area. The six seat electoral area has a population of 25,762.

Having due regard to the terms of reference, we have endeavoured to retain areas of natural links and have given due consideration to the geographical connections of the electoral areas as outlined above. The creation of new electoral areas have also the benefit of already being serviced by existing Public Services Centre's ensuring no further expenditure in this regard.

As the Donegal Electoral Area is served by two Dail Constituencies, we would ask that future consideration be given the inclusion of the full electoral area within a Constituency within the County boundary.

With Letterkenny town, being the largest town in the County, consideration must be given to the reinstatement of Letterkenny Town Council to allow for the promotion and development of the area.

We would like to thank the Committee for affording us the opportunity to make this submission and we hope that you can take cognisance of our suggestions.

Signed:

Oliver McDevitt
Chairperson

Signed:

Doreen Sheridan Kennedy
Secretary

County	Dáil 2016	Dáil 2018	LEA	ED	2016 Final	Donegal	Glenlies	Inishowen	Letterkenny	Milford	Stranorlar
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	An Bhinn Bhán		165					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	An Leirgaidh Mhór		557					
Donegal	Sligo Leitrim	Sligo Leitrim	Donegal	Ballintra		687					
Donegal	Sligo Leitrim	Sligo Leitrim	Donegal	Ballintra		669					
Donegal	Sligo Leitrim	Sligo Leitrim	Donegal	Ballyshannon Rural		1,629					
Donegal	Sligo Leitrim	Sligo Leitrim	Donegal	Ballyshannon Urban		1,770					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Bonnynglen		399					
Donegal	Sligo Leitrim	Sligo Leitrim	Donegal	Bundoran Rural		997					
Donegal	Sligo Leitrim	Sligo Leitrim	Donegal	Bundoran Urban		1,718			n		
Donegal	Sligo Leitrim	Sligo Leitrim	Donegal	Carrickboy		374					
Donegal	Sligo Leitrim	Sligo Leitrim	Donegal	Cavangarden		437					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Cill Charthaigh		677					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Cill Ghabhlaigh		345					
Donegal	Sligo Leitrim	Sligo Leitrim	Donegal	Cliff		254					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Clogher		848					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Corkmore		310					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Cró Chaorach		120					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Crowmarad		350					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal		4,027					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Dunkineely		899					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Eanymore		517					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Gleann Cholm Cille		738					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Grousehall		75					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Haugh		226					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inver		755					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Killybegs		2,293					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Laghy		792					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Loch Jascaigh		289					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Málainn Bhig		376					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Pettigoe		390					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Tantallon		1,634					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Tawnawully		323					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Templecarr		123					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Tievesteella		120					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Tullynaught		609					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	An Clochán Liath		1,886					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	An Craoslach						740	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	An Dúchoraidh		88					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	An Ghrafaidh		157					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	An Machaire		761					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	Anaigaire		2,196					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	Arainn Mhór		469					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	Ard an Rátha		1,175					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	Ards						723	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	Baile na Finne		280					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	Caisleán na dTuath						227	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	Críoch na Smear						277	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	Cró Bheilthe							
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	Dawros		155					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	Dún Fionnachaidh		635					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	Dún Lúiche		925					
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenlies	Dún Lúiche		693					

County	Dáil 2016	Dáil 2018	LEA	ED	2016 Final					
					Donegal	Glenties	Inishowen	Letterkenny	Milford	Stranorlar
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenties	Glenn Gheis		666				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenties	Gort an Choirce		158				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenties	Inis Caoil		1,608				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenties	Inis Mhic an Doirn		90				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenties	Leilir Mhic an Bhaire		1,440				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenties	Maas		636				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenties	Machaire Chlochair		287				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenties	Maol Mosóg		2,750				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenties	Min an Chladaigh		214				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenties	Na Croisbheatal		1,288				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Glenties	Na Gleannra		1,952				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Ardmalin		1,443				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Ballyliffin		720				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Birdstown		1,381				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Buncrana Rural		1,312				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Buncrana Urban		3,836				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Burt		3,396				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Camdonagh		1,310				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Carthage		2,339				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Castleary		886				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Castleforward		705				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Culdaff		1,356				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Desertegny		935				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Dunaff		713				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Fahan		688				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Gleneely		1,697				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Glennagannon		827				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Glentogher		730				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Greencastle		1,184				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Ililies		1,016				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Inch Island		865				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Kilderry		461				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Killea		2,089				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Malin		668				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Manorcunningham		1,793				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Mintiaghs		1,214				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Moville		866				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Newtown Cunningham		2,366				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Redcastle		996				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Straid		935				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Three Trees		1,288				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Turnone		675				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Inishowen	Whitacastle		296				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	An Cheathnú Chaol		1,001				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	An Tearmann		832				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Ballyarr		512				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Ballymacool		643				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Carraig Airt		2,332				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Castleway		3,477				
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Choc Colbha		282				

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Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Corravaddy							
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Creamhghort					1,598	575	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Edenacarnan						1,657	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Fáhaid Thiar						395	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Fánaid Thuaidh						520	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Garlán						186	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Glen						241	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Glenalla						494	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Gortnavern						1,191	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Grianfort						299	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Killygarvan						102	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Killymasny						521	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Kilmacrenan						1,491	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Kincairgy					1,026		
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Letterkenny Rural					11,398		
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Letterkenny Urban					2,199		
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Loch Caol						303	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Magheraboy					1,720		
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Millford						1,613	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Mín an Lábáin						379	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Rathmelton						2,409	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Rathmullan						852	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Ros Goll						867	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Rosnakil						260	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Suí Corr						94	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Letterkenny	Templedouglass						985	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Allt na Péiste							398
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	An Clochán							925
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Castlefinn							1,226
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Cloghard							653
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Clonleigh North							1,374
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Clonleigh South							2,173
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Convoy							2,420
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Dooish							1,071
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Feddyglass							457
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Figart							1,031
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Gleneely							1,570
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Goland							372
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Killygordon							1,128
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Knock							1,809
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Lettermore							414
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Mín Charraigeach						127	
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Raphoe							1,466
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	St. Johnstown							1,343
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Stranorlar							4,524
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Treanaghmucklagh							802
Donegal	Donegal	Donegal	Stranorlar	Urney West							606
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