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Good morning

I am contacting you in support of TD Thomas Byrne's efforts to have Baltrasna, Ashbourne, Co Meath reinstated to the Ashbourne electoral area after it having been switched to Ratoath a few years ago. I think that it makes absolutely no sense whatsoever for us to be included in the Ratoath electoral area, given that, firstly, our address is Ashbourne, not Ratoath, and secondly, our polling station in Ashbourne is within walking distance of our homes. At the time of the change to the boundary this fact was even acknowledged, as we were told that we would continue to vote in our Ashbourne polling station, but for candidates in the Ratoath electoral area.

We are all members of the Ashbourne community and use the facilities and amenities in Ashbourne, and quite a lot of us are from native Ashbourne families that have lived there for generations, so I feel very strongly that we should be represented by members of our own community in Ashbourne, rather than Ratoath.

Regards,

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