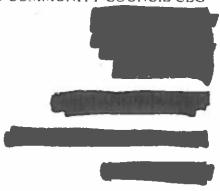
DRUMSHANBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL CLG



5 February 2018

Secretary,

Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees,

Room 1.67,

Custom House,

Dublin 1.

Dear Sir/Madam.

Our directors would like to make <u>a submission</u> in relation to the make up of the local electoral boundaries for the 2019 local elections and in particular around the electoral areas of <u>Co Leitrim</u>.

Drumshanbo Community Council has for many years been at the centre of business and community development around the wider parish community of our town.Drumshanbo

The boundary commission decided in their 2013 report to divide our community in terms of political and local representation when they included the Leitrim DED in the Carrick-on-Shannon Electoral area and the Drumshanbo DED alongside Moher & Barnameenagh in the Ballinamore electoral area basically splitting the parish and community of Drumshanbo.

The recent development of the magnificent boardwalk development at Acres Drumshanbo for example is located in a different electoral area to the town and other rural areas contained within the parish.

Our directors urge your committee to restore all of the Drumshanbo DEDs (Drumshanbo, Leitrim, Moher & Barnameenagh) which complies with article 6 of the terms of reference:

"Taking due account of local and community identities and linkages as well as natural boundaries and the need to facilitate the effectiveness of the governance and representational roles of elected members"

As a community organisation our ambitions around community development is best served when that community is represented entirely within one political boundary or electoral area.

Yours Sincerely,

Bea Cullen Secretary