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15/02/2018

Re: Rathdrum

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you in relation to the review you are conducting on the Local Electoral Area boundaries. Currently the town of Rathdrum is situated within the Arklow Municipal District. It is our view that this should remain the case.

We are a community group originally set up to provide a playground for our town, an objective which we achieved. Since then, despite the name, we have worked to provide other amenities for our area such as an outdoor gym, bench's, footpaths, walks etc.

In order to undertake projects and deliver the results that we want for our community we interact a lot with our local Municipal Council, currently this is Arklow. Since moving under the umbrella of the Arklow Municipal District we have been extremely fortunate to find a council who are understanding of our needs and willing to work with us to provide for our community. They engage with us in whatever manner we require and we would not have been able to achieve all that we have achieved so far without their excellent cooperation and guidance. We have built a good working relationship and would be saddened to see this destroyed.

Aside from our involvement with the Arklow Municipal District Council and outside of our achievements, Rathdrum has seen huge improvements and leaps forward since coming under AMD stewardship. Rathdrum is a town that has stagnated for the last 30 years and has only begun to come to life since joining the AMD. To remove Rathdrum from this district could cause it to shudder to a halt once again. And this cannot be allowed to happen.

We are asking you to take the above into consideration in your deliberations and to consider leaving Rathdrum in the Arklow Municipal District. We feel that it is what is best for our town and the community within both it, and the surrounding hinterlands.

Yours,

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Mrs. Karen Kelly

Secretary, Rathdrum Playground Committee