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Secretary,
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees,
Room 1.67,
Custom House,
Dublin 1.

Re: Submission to the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee

Dear Madam,

With reference to the above, I wish to make the following submission on behalf of Meath County Council.

Meath County Council welcomes the review of local electoral areas announced recently by the Minister for Local Government and Electoral Reform and, in particular, the proposal that towns with a population greater than 30,000 as ascertained at Census 2016 shall be designated as a distinct Municipal Borough District.

I have set out in the Appendix attached the present configuration in Meath on foot of the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee Report 2013 and the scenario now as a result of the Census 2016 population statistics.

You will note that the population of Meath has increased from 184,135 to 195,044 overall giving an average population per Member of 4,876 which is only marginally greater than the requirement for one member for every 4,830 population outlined in the Terms of Reference for the 2013 report.

You will also note that in keeping with the recommendation outlined in the current Terms of Reference that there should be no change in the configuration of Municipal Districts generally, the requirement to achieve variance of representation within the range of plus or minus 10% has been maintained.

I wish to advise that the "census town" population of Navan is now 30,097 per Census 2016 and would thus qualify to be designated as a distinct Municipal Borough District. Meath County Council would welcome this proposed designation for Navan as its county town and given its strategic role as the primary growth centre in the county. You will note that the overall population of Navan Local Electoral Area/Navan Municipal District is now 34,931 which indicates that a population 4,834 or 14% live outside the census town boundary while 86% live within the census town boundary.

On this basis Navan Local Electoral Area is currently acting as an urban focused Local Electoral Area and the Council would be concerned if the local electoral area is to be reduced in size as a consequence of this new designation. You will note in the Appendix the existing configuration of Navan Local Electoral Area/Navan Municipal District which in terms of area is the smallest in size of the six Local Electoral Areas/Municipal Districts in the county. You will also note in the Appendix the configuration of the Navan "census town" boundary. Any reduction in size of the Navan Local

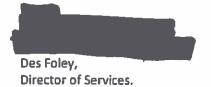
Electoral Area/Navan Municipal District would necessitate the remainder of the existing Navan Local Electoral Area being divided between adjoining local electoral areas.

Meath County Council would not favour this approach as this re-configuration would not take account of the local and community identitles and linkages associated with Navan and also the need to facilitate the effectiveness of the governance and representational roles of elected members in Navan Municipal District. In particular, the need to avoid designating local electoral areas which are territorially very large or extend over very long distances as outlined in the Terms of Reference, would be compromised.

With the establishment of Municipal Districts under the Local Government Reform Act 2014, Meath County Council centralised many of its functions and aligned its operational functions with the newly created Municipal Districts. This was undertaken to improve the efficiency of service delivery and to achieve consistency with the democratic structure at Municipal District level. The Council would not favour any local electoral area boundary changes which would impact on the efficiencies derived by implementing this operational alignment with the existing Municipal District structure or would cause additional costs associated with the reorganisation of service delivery.

In conclusion, Meath County Council does not consider that a re-configuration of the Navan Local Electoral Area is required. As mentioned above and detailed in the Appendix, Navan Local Electoral Area/Navan Municipal District is already the smallest in size in the county and based on the population statistics outlined, Navan Municipal District is already operating as an urban focused Municipal District and Its designation as a Municipal Borough District can be achieved while retaining Navan Local Electoral Area in its present configuration.

Yours sincerely,



Designated Public Official under Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015, www.lobbying.ie

Encl. Appendix 1

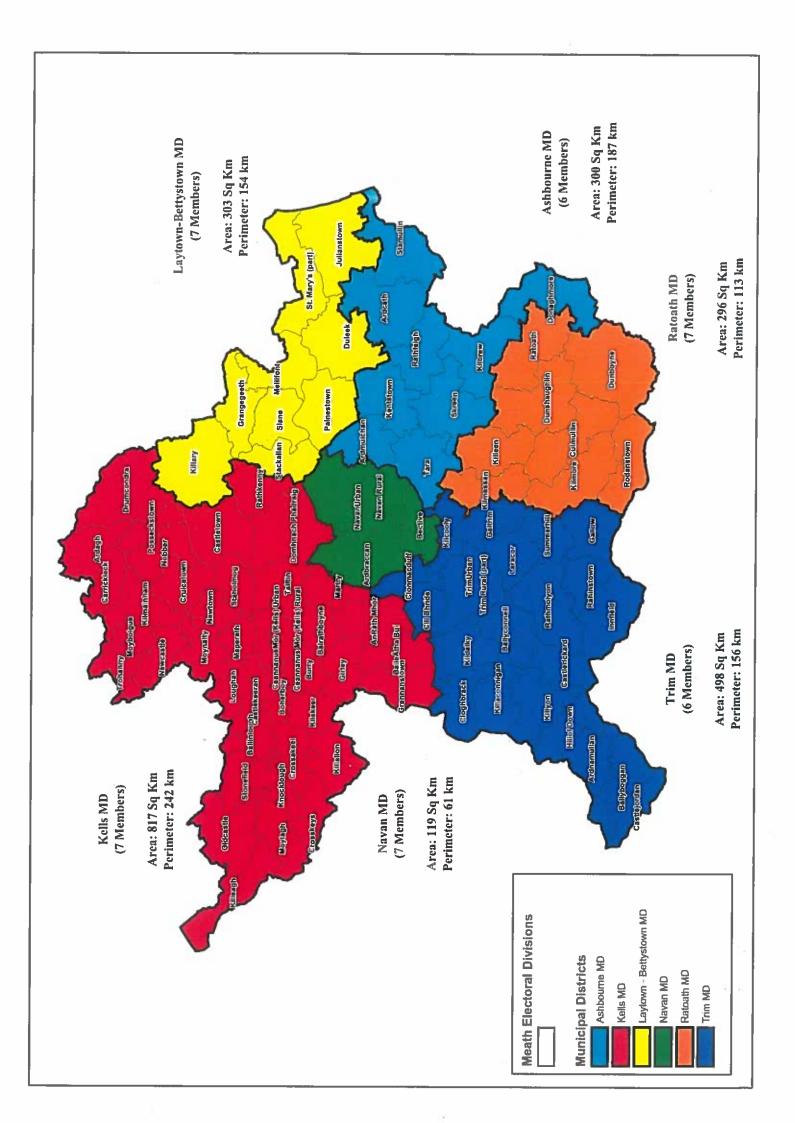
Meath Popultaion Statistics per MD

		2011		
Local Electoral Area	Number of Members	Population	Population per Member	Percentage Variance from County Average +/- %
Ashbourne .	6	27,164	4,527	-1.7
Ratoath	7	31,894	4,556	-1,0
Kells	7	31,534	4,505	-2.1
Navan	7	32,934	4,705	2.2
Laytown-Bettystown	7	31,557	4,508	-2.1
Trim	6	29,052	4,842	5.2
Total	40	184,135		

2011 Population for Meath	184,135
1 Member per 4830 of the population	38
184,135/4830 = 38.12	
Additional Members: 1 per town council, subject to a maximum of 4	3
New Number of Councillars	40

		2016		
Local Electoral Area	Number of Members	Population	Population per Member	Percentage Variance from County Average +/- %
Ashbourne	6	29,178	4863	-0.27
Ratoath	7	33,590	4799	-1.58
Kelis	7	32,398	4628	-5.09
Navan	7	34,931	4990	2.30
Laytown-Bettystown	7	33,752	4822	91.11
Trim	6	31,195	5199	6.62
Total	40	195,044		

2016 Population for Meath	195,044
1 Member per 4876 of the population	4876
195,044/40 = 4876	
Plus/ Minus 10%	487.6
Range for Meath	4388.4 - 5363.6
Percentage Variance from County e.g. 4863-4876/ 4876 *100	



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	Rathfeigh	15	98
	Skreen	18	148
	Ardcath	43	194
	Stamullin	48	500
	Ardmulchan	50	97
	Kentstown	54	215
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	Drumcondra	4	130
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	Balrathboyne	20	21 52
	Boherboy	22	31
l.C	Burry	23	27
	Carrickleck	24	45
	Castlekeeran	25	48
	Ceannanus Mór (Kells) Rural	26	463
	Cruicetown	27	40
	Girlay	28	36
Marie Control	Kilmaetham	29	27.
	Kilskeer	30	42
	Löughan	31	
	Maperath	32	47.
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	Maybolgue	3.4	24
	Moymalty Newcastle	35	63
		36	44
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	Posseckstown	39	76.
	Staholmog	40	40
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	Trohanny	42	32
	Castletown	52	999
	Domhnach Phádraig	53	180
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	Crossakeel	61	51:
	Crosskeys	62	32:
	Killallon	63	30:
	Killeagh	64	421
	Knocklough	65	212
	Afaylagh	66	399
	Oldcastle	67	229
	Stonefield	68	210
	BarleÁtha Buí	70	2581
	Grennanstown	79	1259
Marina.	Anfláth Mhór	90	1074
Laytown - Bettystown	Grangegoeth	5	655
	Killary	6	124
	Duleek	44	5561
	Julianstown	45	10176
	Mellifont	46	541
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