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The Secretary

Local Boundary Area Boundary Commission 2017

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Dear Secretary

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Local Electoral Boundary Commission.

I'm a member of Meath County Council and I'm elected to the Laytown Bettystown Area.

I wish to make the following points in relation to the current Ashbourne Electoral Area.

1. In 2014 I was forced to run in both the Laytown/Bettystown Area and the Ashbourne area due to the split in the electoral area. The Main Street in Duleek was split between the 2 electoral areas.
2. The parish of Duleek & Bellewstown has been split. This parish serves right up to Cushenstown- Kilmoon area where there is primary school.' Putting people First 'is what we set out to do, so supporting communities within our district are best served from the local administration area, which is Duleek currently in the Laytown Bettystown Area.
3. The areas of Ardcath & Clonalvy, Stamullen and Gormanston should be returned to Laytown Bettystown Area as this is on the East Coast of our county and these areas have little or nothing in common with the growing urban areas of Ashbourne.
4. I run a full-time office in Duleek as an elected county councillor for our area and I believe the people of these areas are best served by having a full time democratically elected person who can deliver to the areas mentioned above as often these rural areas get side-lined for the bigger urban areas. This is not good for the survival of rural Ireland and certainly not for an area so close to Dublin, Drogheda or Navan.

I would ask to committee to change the following areas from the Ashbourne Electoral Area to Laytown Bettystown.

Mill Race, The Deenes, The Reask, Athcarne, Cushenstown

Ardcath, Bellewstown, Stamullen, Clonalvy, Gormanston. Map Included

Kind Regards

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Duleek - Google Maps

