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19<sup>th</sup> of February 2018.

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to make a submission to the Local Electoral Boundary Committee 2018.

I am proposing that no change is made to the electoral areas of County Limerick on the grounds of population and balanced representation. The current municipal area configuration meets the criteria set out in the terms of reference as follows;

The number of councillors assigned to a local electoral area is not less than 5 and not more than 7.

The existing electoral areas are designed around urban centres and take due account of local and community identities and linkages. This facilitates the effective representation of those living within these electoral areas.

The current configuration of the Limerick electoral areas coincided with the historic amalgamation of Limerick City Council and Limerick County Council in 2014. As you will appreciate this amalgamation process has been a huge undertaking for both the elected representatives and council executive and any changes to the current boundaries would be unnecessary and unhelpful at a time when the organisational structures, staffing and boundaries have been fully adjusted to suit the current configuration.

Yours Sincerely,

Cllr. Stephen Keary