

**Submission to the Constituency Commission in relation to matters which should be considered in reporting on Dáil Constituencies**

**Re: Galway Constituencies with a focus on a Galway East Five Seater**

To the Secretary,

According to the preliminary results of the 2016 Census, the total population of All-Galway i.e. Galway City and Galway County is over 258,000 people. In accordance with the Constitution of Ireland, All-Galway therefore, should be represented in Dáil Éireann by a total of nine TDs.

This should be composed as follows;

**Galway East – Five Seater** composed of all of the Galway County Council Electoral Areas of Athenry-Oranmore, Ballinasloe, Loughrea and Tuam

And

**Galway West – Four Seater** composed of all of the Functional Area of Galway City Council and all of the Galway County Council Electoral Area of Connemara.

**This would avoid any breach of county boundaries.**

**Focus on Galway East – Five Seater**

**Natural boundaries: -**

- To the West; Black River, Lough Corrib, Oranmore Bay, Galway Bay and Kinvarra Bay
- To the East; River Suck, River Shannon and Lough Derg

**Rivers: -**

The entire length of each of the Ahascragh, Castlegar-Shiven, Clare, Clarin and Dunkellin rivers would be within the Galway East Five Seater as described above.

**Roads: -**

The entire length, within Galway County, of each of the following heavily used commuter routes connecting the North, East and South of Galway County with Galway City would be within the Galway East Five Seater as described above;

- M17/M18 Motorway and M6 Motorway including their intersection near Athenry
- N17 and N18 National Primary Routes including their junction at Claregalway
- N63 National Secondary Route including its junction with the N17 near Claregalway
- R339 Regional Route including its intersection with the N18 at Carnmore

- R446 Regional Route to the Galway City boundary west of Oranmore
- R348 Regional Route including its junction with the R446 at Derrydonnell
- N65 National Secondary Route including its junction with the M6 near Kiltullagh
- N84 National Secondary Route to the Galway City boundary at Carrowbrowne
- R347 Regional Route all the way from Tuam to Kinvarra

**Railways: -**

The entire length, within Galway County, of each of the following railways would be within the Galway East Five Seater as described above;

- Dublin to Galway including the following stations; Ballinasloe, Woodlawn, Attymon, Athenry and Oranmore
- Limerick to Galway including the following stations; Gort, Ardahan, Craughwell, Athenry and Oranmore
- The disused Sligo to Galway railway including the following stations; Milltown, Castlegrove, Tuam, Ballyglunin, Athenry and Oranmore

**Locations: -**

All of the following would be located within the Galway East Five Seater as described above; Tuam, Headford, Cloonboo, Carrowbrowne, Claregalway, Carnmore, Oranmore, Tawin Island, Clarinbridge, Gort, Kinvarra, Woodford, Portumna, Eyrecourt, Ballinasloe, Loughrea, Craughwell, Athenry, Monivea, Ahascragh Mountbellew, Ballygar, Ballymoe, Glennamaddy, Dunmore and Milltown.

Yours faithfully,

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