

The Secretary,
Constituency Commission
Room 1.65,
Customs House,
Dublin 1,
W6X0

January 10th, 2017.

Re: Submission relating to North East Kildare & Dublin Mid West

Dear Secretary,

Please find below considerations regarding the borders of North East Kildare and Dublin Mid West. North East Kildare It is noted that the north east tip of Kildare borders the two Dublin constituencies of Dublin West and Dublin Mid-West. Historically the towns of Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth formed part of the old Dublin West constituency, indeed the late Brian Lenihan Senior TD at one point would have represented Kildare as part of this constituency arrangement. Whilst these towns all have large populations and hinterlands of their own now, there remains a geographical and natural closeness with West Dublin and in particular there would be a degree of overlap in amenities and service provision between places like Lucan and the towns and urban footprints of Leixlip & Celbridge. Given that the neighbouring constituency of Dublin Mid-West, unusually amongst Dublin constituencies, must gain approximately 2,500 population to satisfy the required representative ratio and given that Kildare North must lose approximately 2,500 population to satisfy the same ratio, it is mathematically possible to transfer some section of the north east corner of Kildare into Dublin Mid-West in order to restore both constituencies to the required parity in one single move. Given the predominantly urban nature of this area all the electoral districts in that region are larger than the required 2,500 population however a number of townlands within could be transferred. It is submitted that some rural territory on extremity of the Kildare North border from the Donaghcumper electoral district could move into Dublin Mid-West to enable both constituencies satisfy the ratio. Examples may be the strip from Weston aerodrome down to Hazelhatch train station or the area surrounding the Lyons estate and Ardclough village. Whilst a somewhat crude measure, a transfer of this nature would correct two constituencies in one single re-alignment.

Yours Sincerely,

Shane O'Reilly