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DÁILCHEANTAR PORT LÁIRGE

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The Courthouse,  
Catherine Street,  
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Dear Honor,

I refer to your letter of 12<sup>th</sup> September last regarding a motion of the Comeragh District of Waterford City and County Council relating to voting facilities in Portlaw.

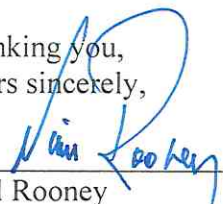
In this regard, I wish to inform you that as Returning Officer for the Constituency of Waterford, I am obliged to provide polling facilities which are compliant with guidelines issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with particular attention to Health, Safety and Welfare at Work legislation.

I have carried out a survey through my Area Inspectors of all the Voting Centres throughout the Constituency of Waterford. As a result of this and through a process of consultation, I have decided to up-date Polling facilities to comply with Departmental guidelines.

I am very conscious of the need to provide facilities at Polling Stations for voters with reduced mobility, wheelchair users, parents with strollers and voters with impaired sight or hearing to ensure compliance with guidelines issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. I am also obliged to take steps to minimise risks to the safety of voters while attending Polling Stations and for the provision of modern working facilities for my polling staff who are required to attend on Polling Days for 16 hours from 6.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Taking all these matters into account, I decided to relocate the Polling Station from Portlaw Community Hall to Portlaw National School for all future elections. I have notified the Chairperson of Portlaw Community Hall Committee of my decision by letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

Thanking you,  
Yours sincerely,

  
Niall Rooney  
Returning Officer  
Constituency of Waterford.

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Dear Honor,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2019.

I note the content of same and would advise that it is my policy to keep all polling stations under review on an ongoing basis. Where better facilities become available, I must examine the potential, given the provisions of Health and Safety legislation, for improvement of services to the public.

I have a duty of care to the voters and my staff to ensure, as far as possible, their safety on polling day. It is for this reason that I look to modern buildings, especially those constructed under the watchful eye of the OPW, to see where improvements can be made to polling day facilities. This I will continue to do.

Yours sincerely,

Niall Rooney,  
Returning Officer,  
Constituency of Waterford.  
4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.