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1. Relevant Background and Introduction

- 1.1 The Census 2021 was undertaken on 21 March 2021. A series of results have now been published. The latest publication, on 21 February 2023, provides population and household statistics for areas within local government districts.
- 1.2 Data have been made available for District Electoral Areas, Super Data Zones and Data Zones. The latter two are new geographies, replacing Wards, Super Output Areas (SOAs) and Small Areas.
- 1.3 This paper provides an overview of the data, the trend and the new geographies.
- 1.4 The full publication and data can be downloaded at:
<https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/census-2021-person-and-household-estimates-for-data-zones-in-northern-ireland>

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 On Census day in 2021, there were 116,812 people living in 45,715 households in Fermanagh and Omagh. This was a 3.2% increase from 2011, or 3,651 additional people.
- 2.2 At a DEA level, there has been a noticeable trend in terms of urban / rural growth, with rural areas growing faster. Erne West (5.9%) and Erne East (5.4%) were the two

fastest growing DEAs in population terms. Conversely, Enniskillen (1.7%) and Omagh (2.2%) grew comparatively slower in percentage terms. Table 1 below provides an overview of the data:

Table 1: Population change, DEAs, 2011-2021

	Population		Change	
	2011	2021	#	%
Enniskillen	18150	18,451	301	1.7%
Erne East	15134	15,944	810	5.4%
Erne North	14675	15,083	408	2.8%
Erne West	13846	14,661	815	5.9%
Mid Tyrone	17053	17,590	537	3.1%
Omagh	18088	18,480	392	2.2%
West Tyrone	16215	16,603	388	2.4%
Fermanagh and Omagh	113,161	116,812	3,651	3.2%

- 2.3 The number of households in Fermanagh and Omagh has grown faster in percentage terms than population. In 2021, there are 10% more households than there were in 2011. This demonstrates the falling size of households across Fermanagh and Omagh.
- 2.4 At the DEA level, the trends are similar for households as they are for population, with rural areas growing faster. Table 2 below provides an overview of the results:

Table 2: Households and Persons Per Household, DEAs, 2011-2021

	Households		Change		Persons per household	
	2011	2021	#	%	2011	2021
Enniskillen	7262	7880	618	8.5%	2.50	2.34
Erne East	5457	6050	593	10.9%	2.77	2.64
Erne North	5498	6118	620	11.3%	2.67	2.47
Erne West	4852	5422	570	11.7%	2.85	2.70
Mid Tyrone	5525	6138	613	11.1%	3.09	2.87
Omagh	7347	8023	676	9.2%	2.46	2.30
West Tyrone	5571	6087	516	9.3%	2.91	2.73
Fermanagh and Omagh	41,512	45,718	4,206	10.1%	2.73	2.56

- 2.5 Super Data Zones (SDZs) are the new geographical tier below DEAs. They replace Super Output Areas (SOAs). (The 2021 Census will not be published at SOA level).
- 2.6 There are 49 SDZs in the Fermanagh and Omagh District and 850 in Northern Ireland. The naming convention is linked to the DEA. For example, Mid Tyrone_A, Mid Tyrone_B etc.
- 2.7 Data Zones (DZs) sit as a geographical tier below Super Data Zones (SDZs). They replace Small Areas (SAs). (The 2021 Census will not be published at SA level).
- 2.8 There are 233 DZs in the Fermanagh and Omagh District and 3780 in Northern Ireland. The naming convention is linked to the DEA and the SDZ. For example, Mid Tyrone_A1, Mid Tyrone_A2, Mid Tyrone_B1 etc.
- 2.9 The new tiers are coterminous with DEAs but not with the older SOAs or SAs. Appendix 1 provides a map of the new SDZs. Appendix 2 a map of the new DZs. Appendix 3 shows the overall picture of the DEAs, SDZs and DZs.
- 2.10 Unfortunately, there has been no 2011 Census data published for the new geographies. Therefore, a comparison over the decade is not possible.
- 2.11 Clarification has been sought from NISRA on whether there are plans to retrospectively publish SDZ and DZ data for the 2011 Census, and whether (or when) all lower tier statistical publications will now follow this new geographical structure.
- 2.12 The next Census 2021 publication is scheduled for 21 March 2023 and will include the following topics at the local government district (LGD) level:
- marital and civil partnership status
 - household composition and living arrangements
 - sexual orientation
 - qualifications
 - labour market
 - travel to work or study
 - communal establishments
 - migration.

3. Resource Implications

3.1 Financial

n/a

3.2 Human Resources

n/a

3.3 Assets and Other Implications

n/a

4. **Equality and Good Relations Implications**

4.1 Equality

No specific implications. Neutral impact on S75 groups.

4.2 Good Relations

No specific implications. Neutral impact on promotion of good relations.

5. **Sustainable Development Implications**

No specific implications.

6. **Rural Proofing Implications**

A rural proofing impact assessment is not required.

7. **District Electoral Areas Affected**

All

8. **Recommendations**

RECOMMENDED: that the Council notes the publication of the **Census 2021 Results**.

9. **Appendices and Attachments**

Appendix 1: Map – Super Data Zones

Appendix 2: Map – Data Zones

Appendix 3: Map – FODC DEAs, Super Data Zones and Data Zones

10. **Background Documents**

None

Key to Abbreviations:

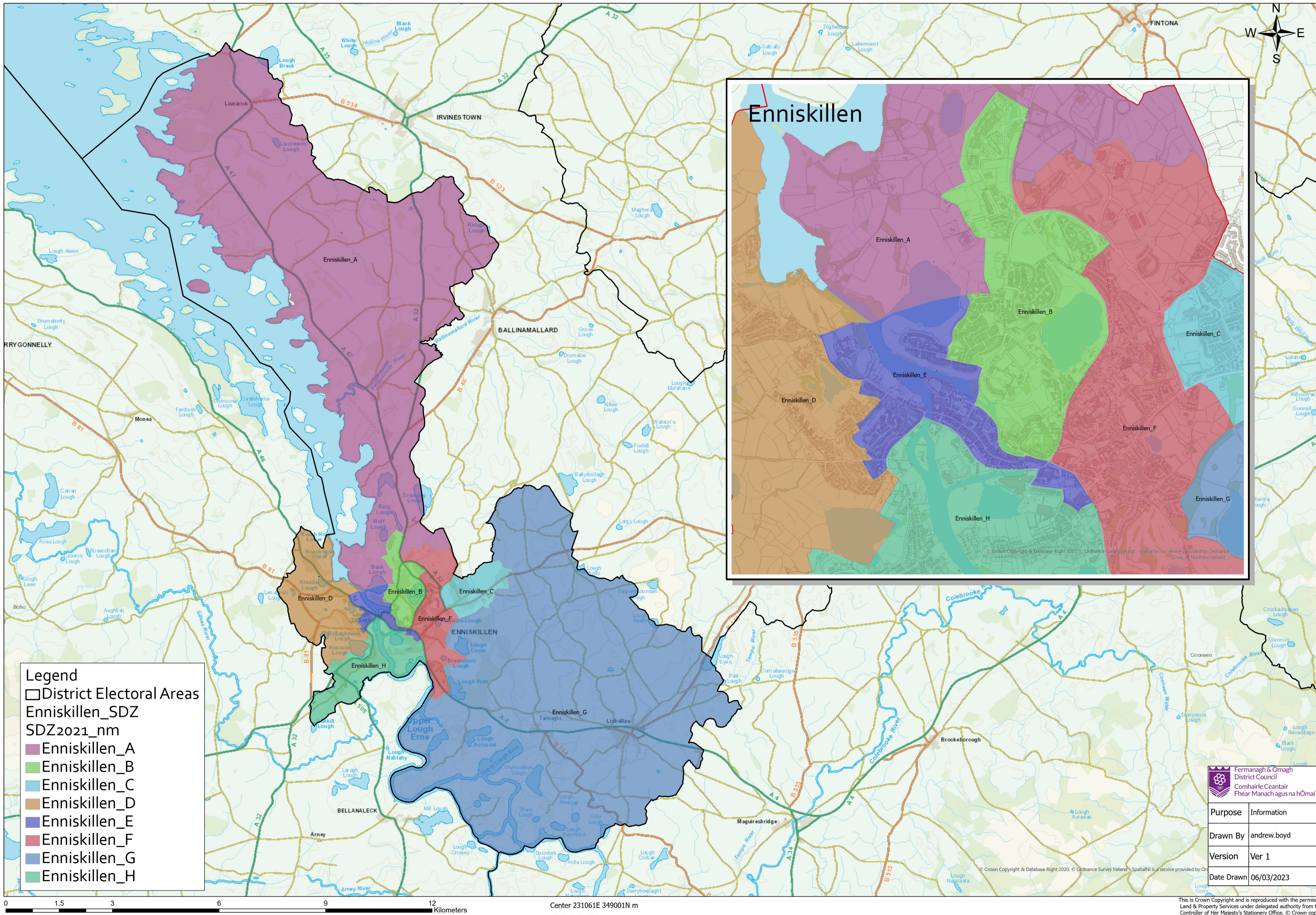
DEA: District Electoral Area

SDZ: Super Data Zone

DZ: Data Zone

SOA: Super Output Area

Enniskillen DEA SDZ 2021



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- District Electoral Areas
- Enniskillen_SDZ
- SDZ2021_nm
- Enniskillen_A
- Enniskillen_B
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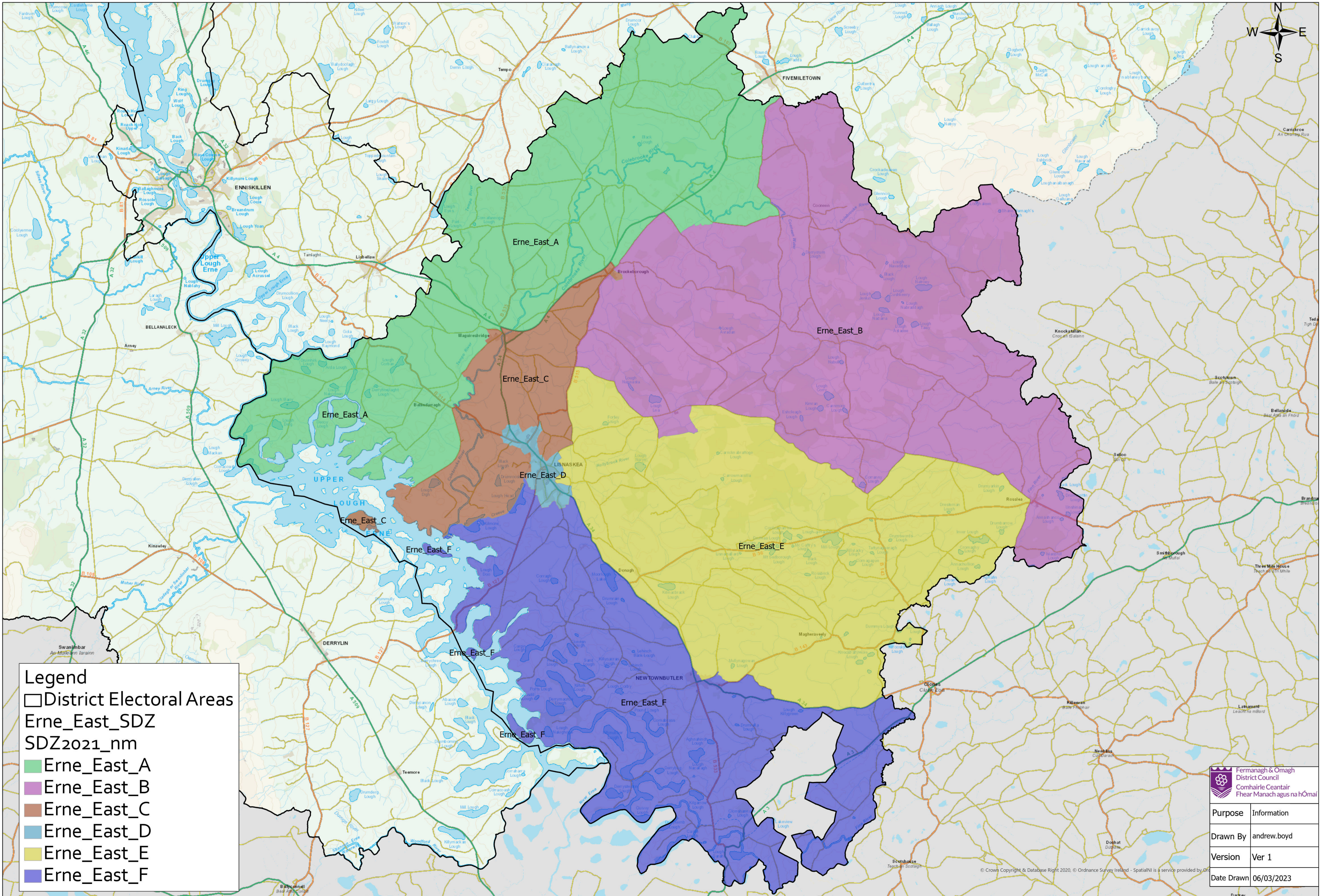
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Erne East DEA SDZ 2021



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- SDZ2021_nm
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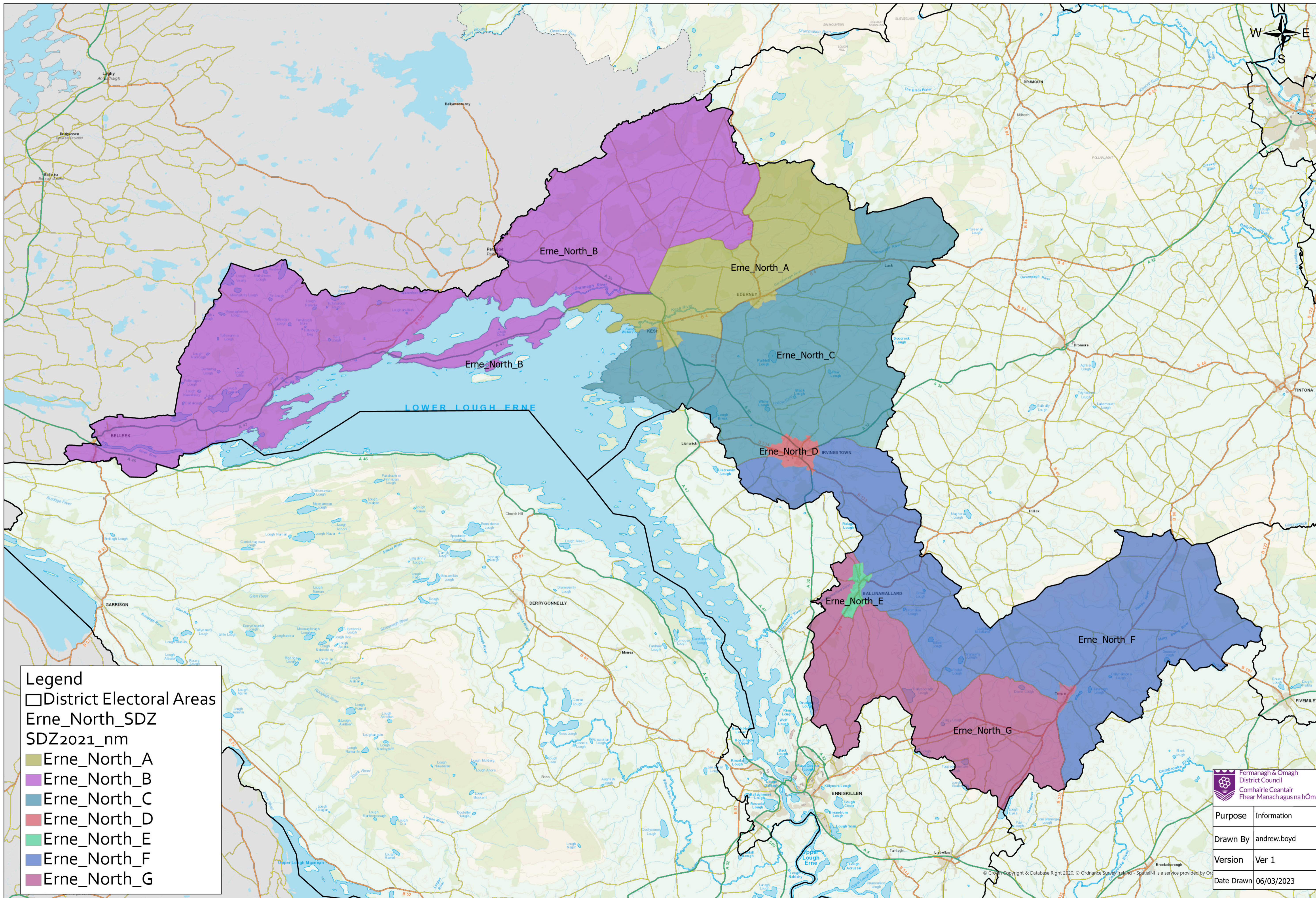
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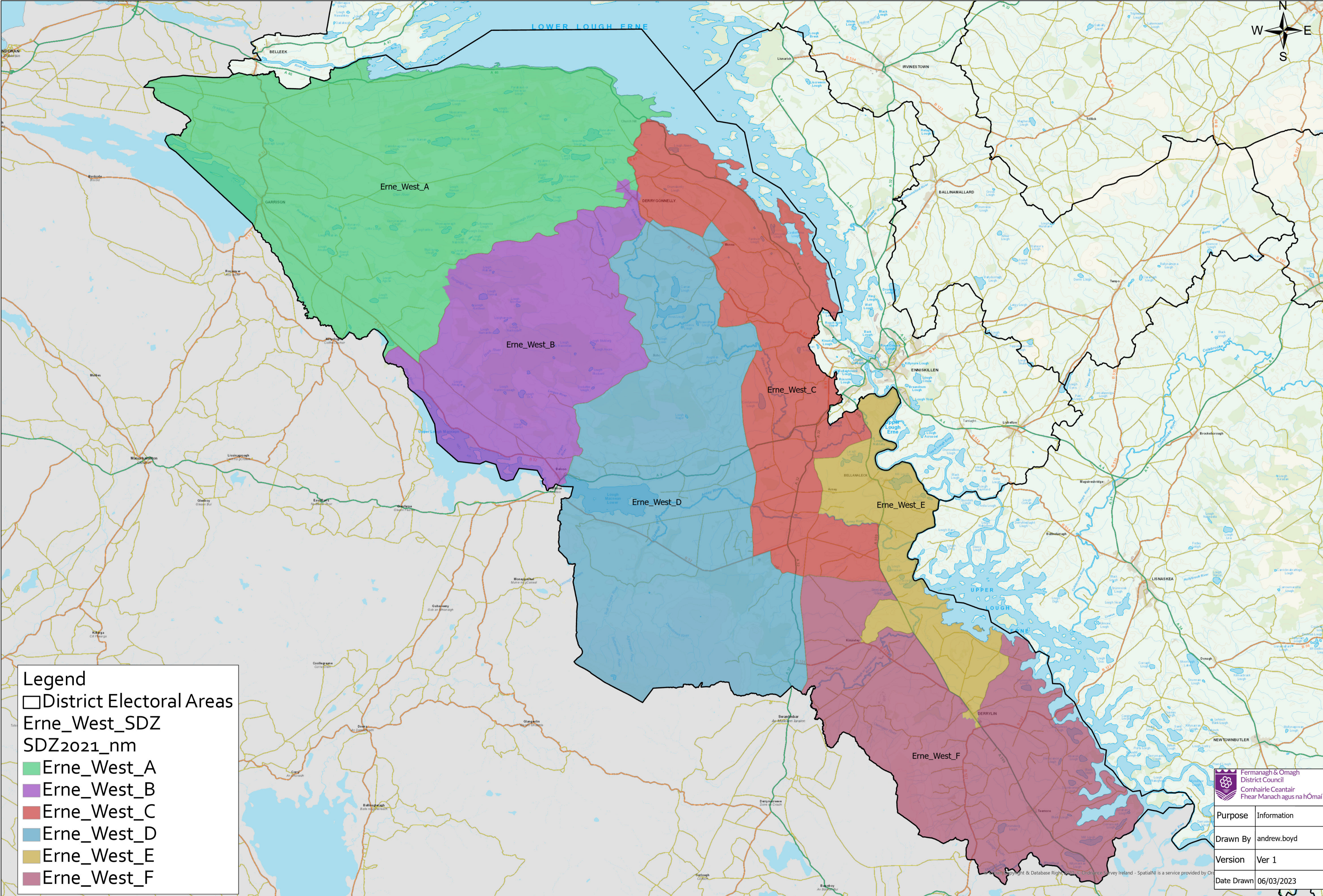
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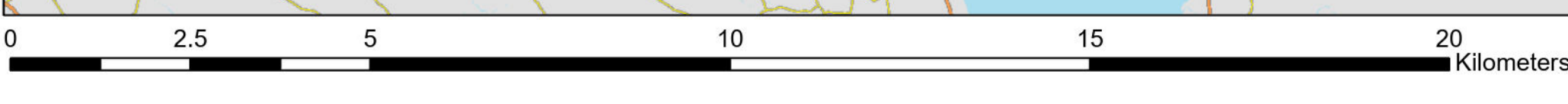
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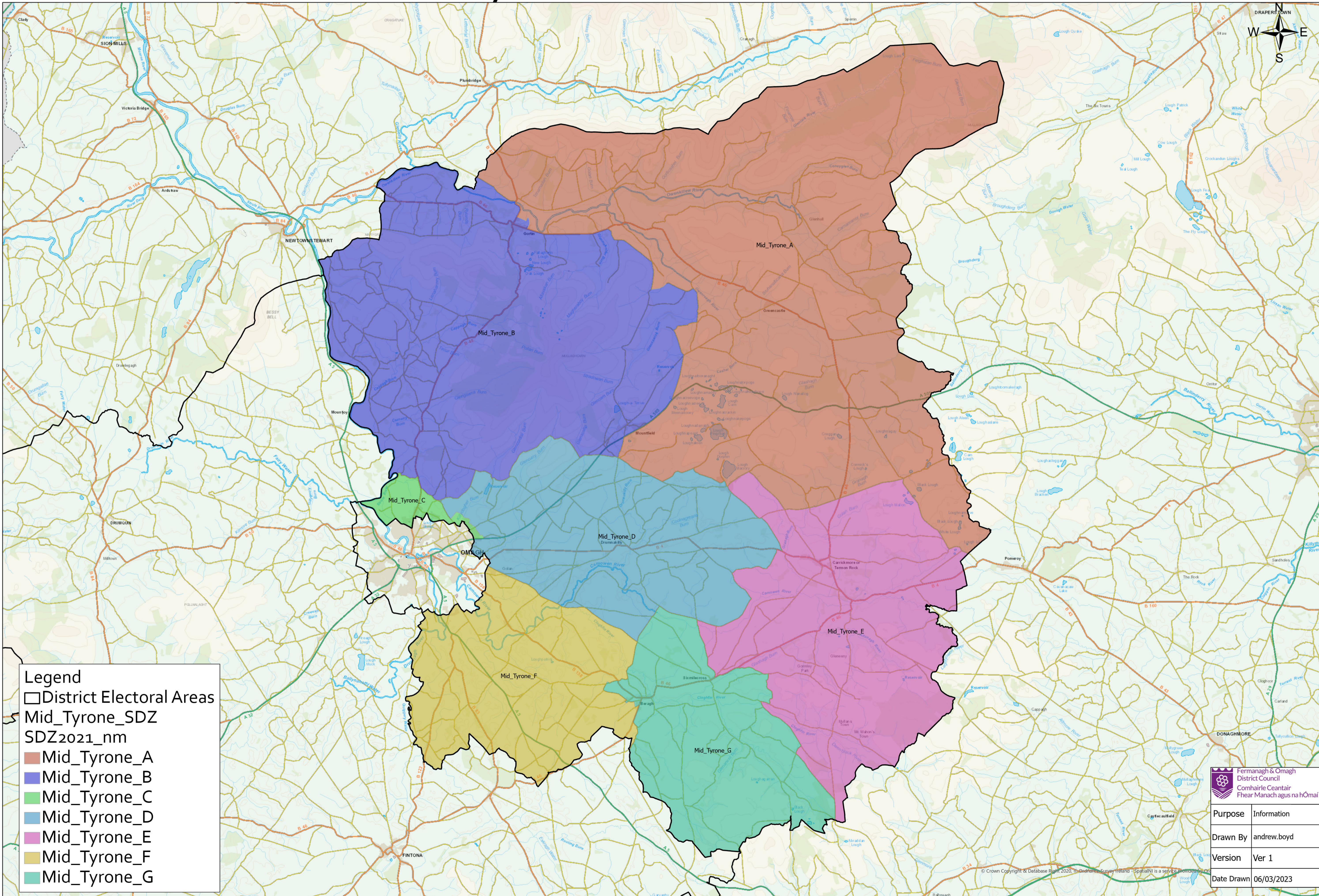
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Mid Tyrone DEA SDZ 2021



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- Mid_Tyrone_A
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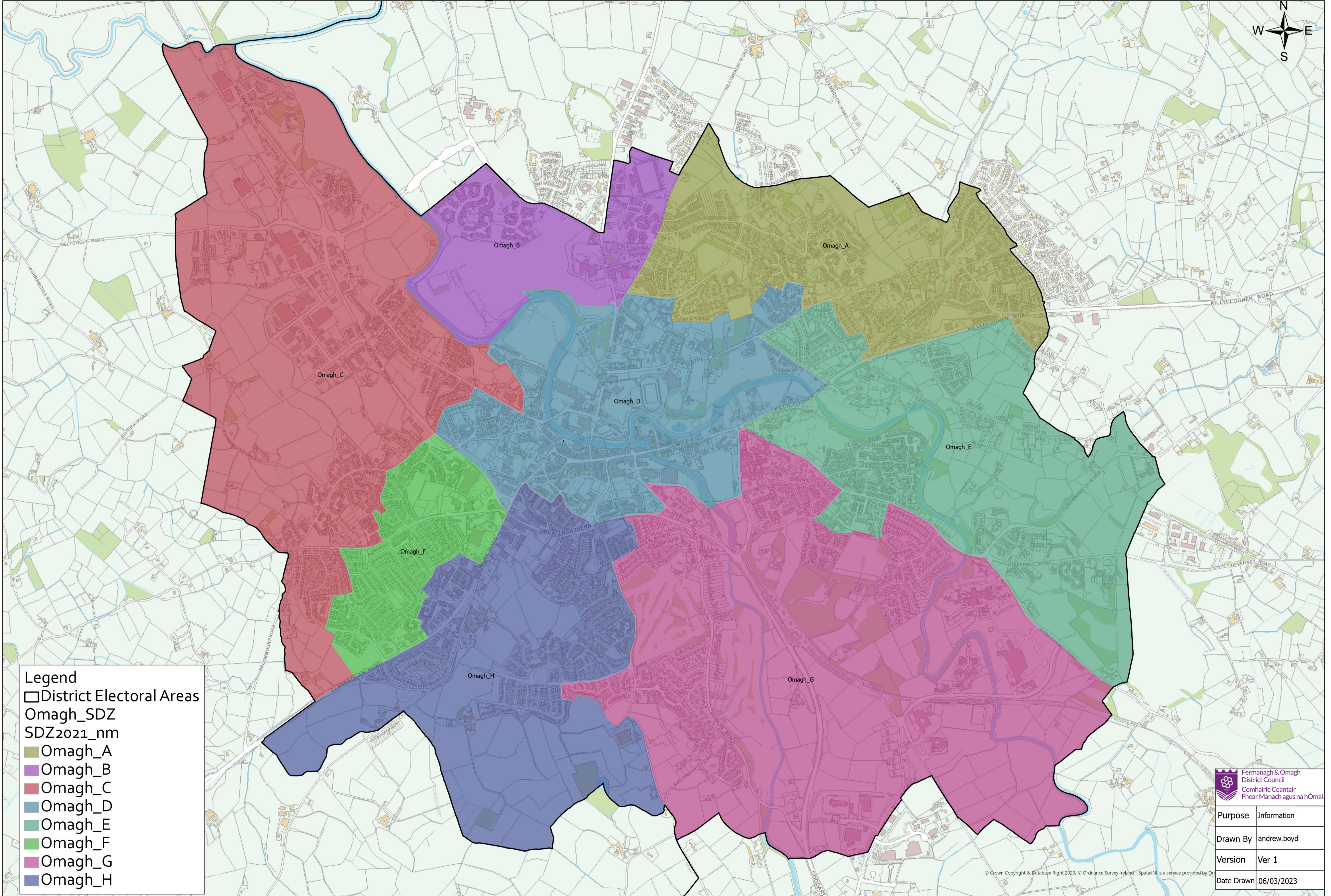
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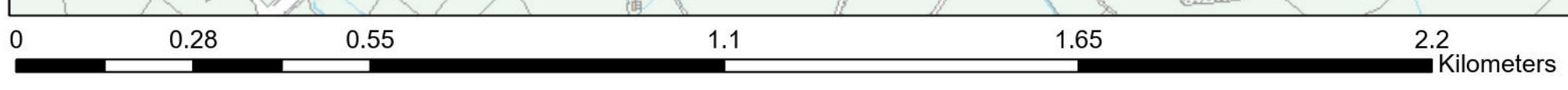


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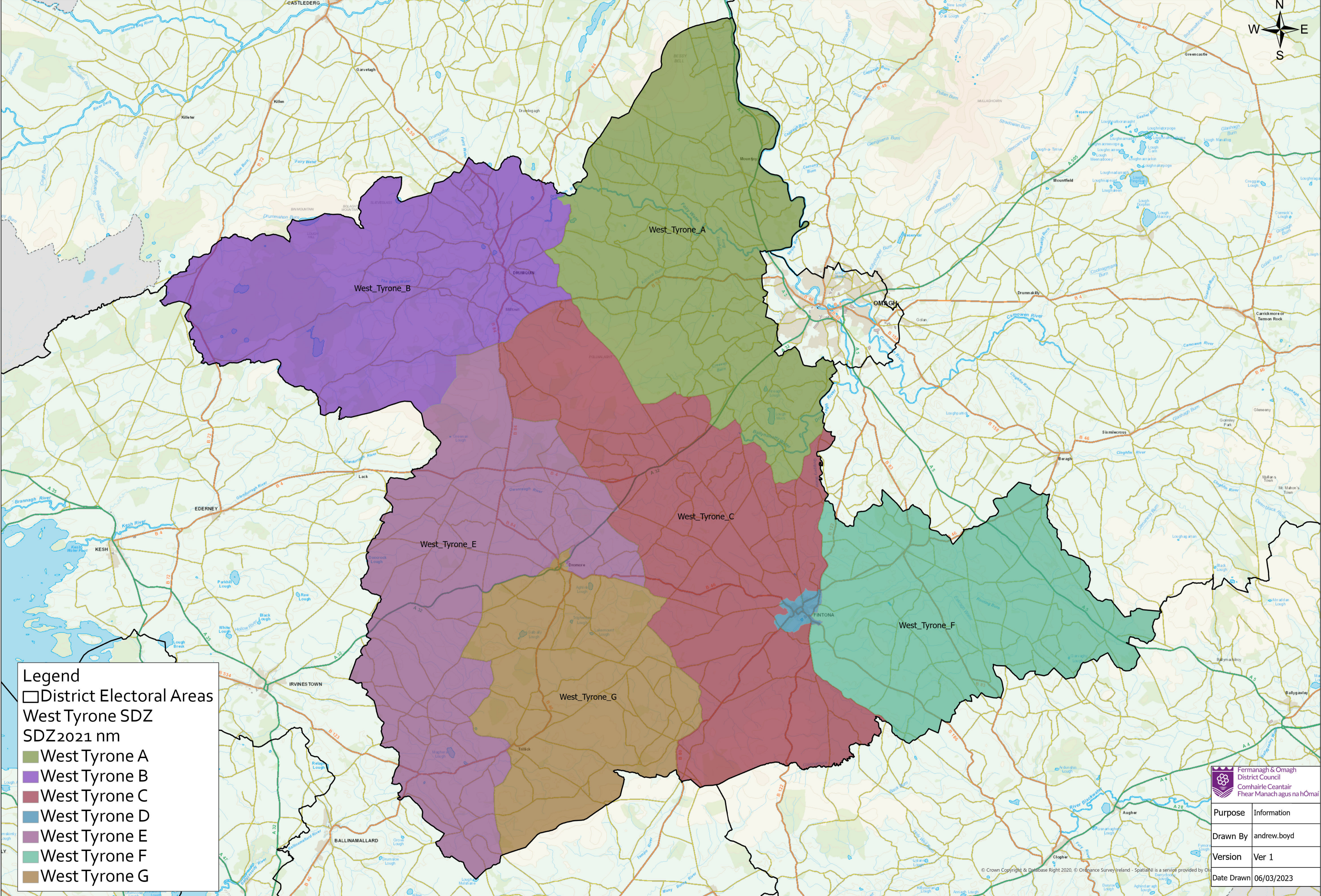


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West Tyrone SDZ 2021



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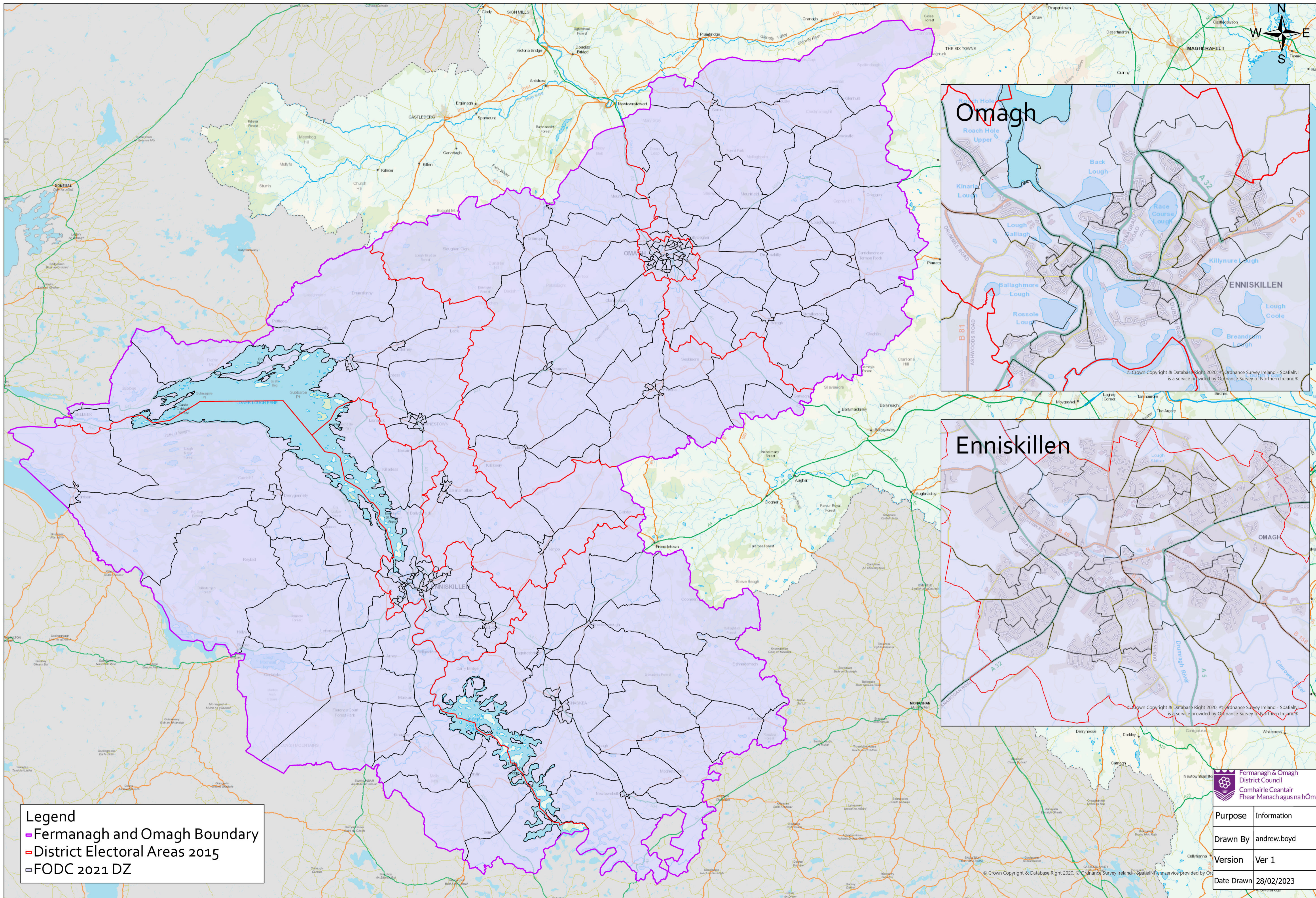
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FODC DZ 2021



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 - Fermanagh and Omagh Boundary
 - District Electoral Areas 2015
 - FODC 2021 DZ

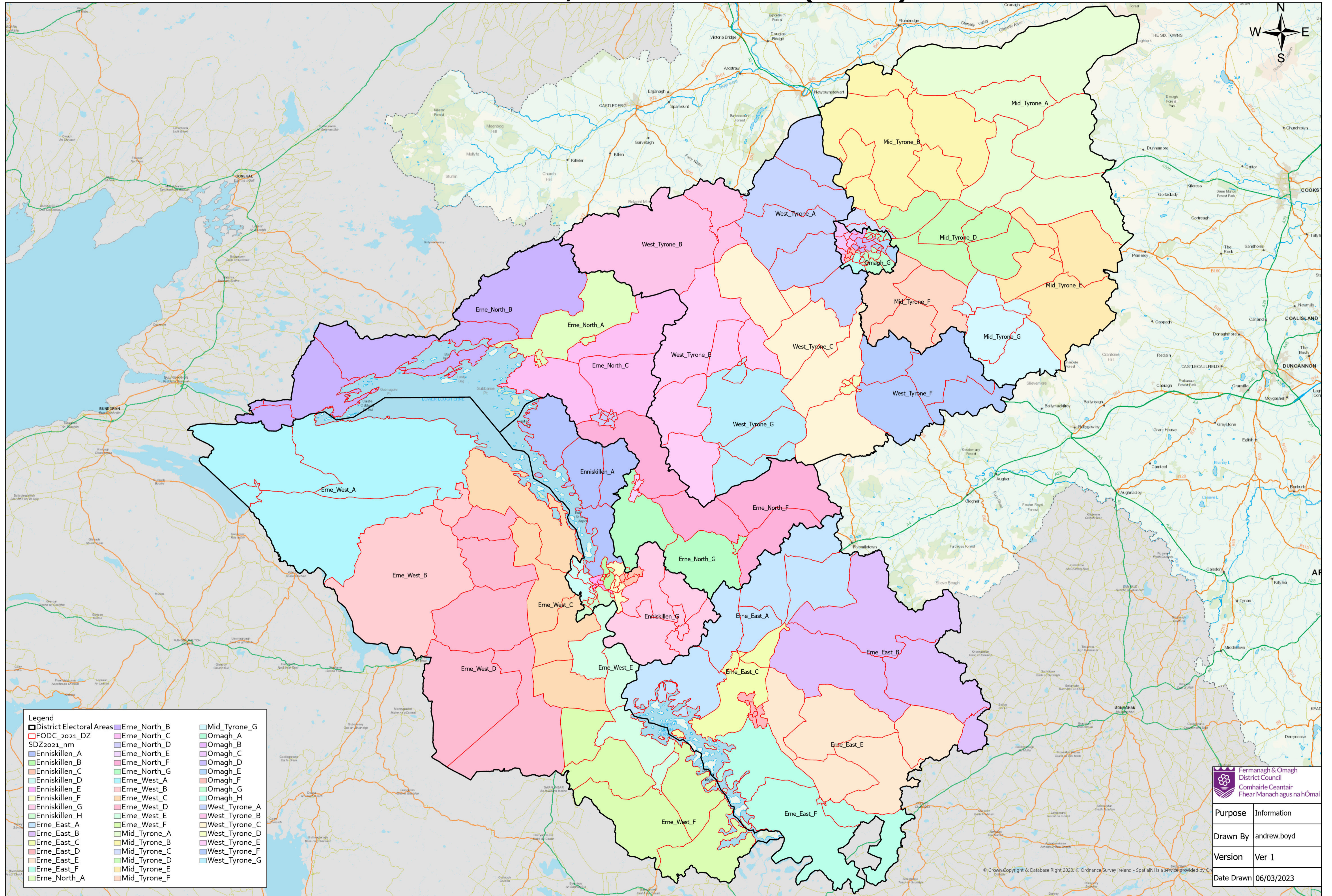
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FODC DEAs, SDZs & DZs (2021)



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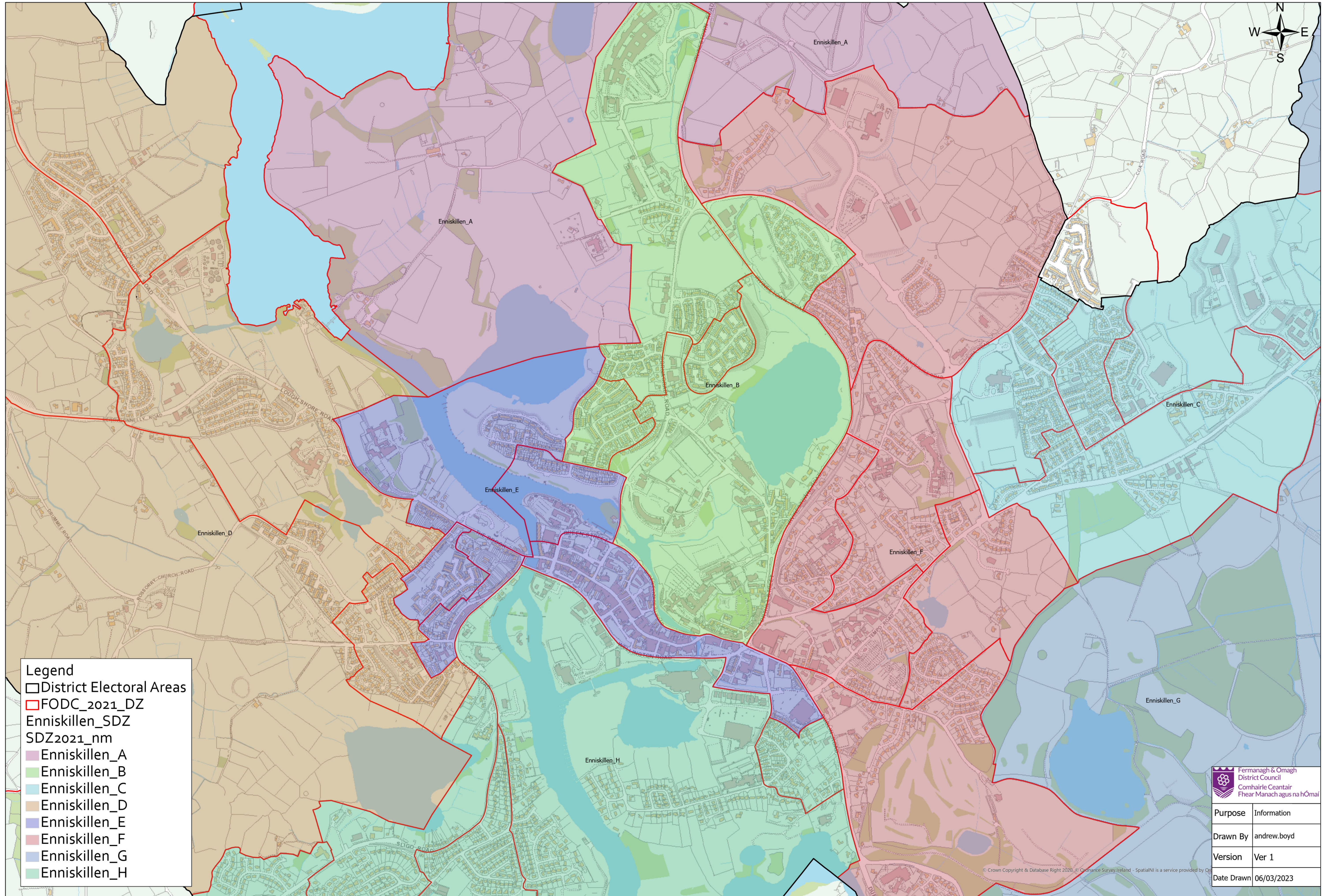
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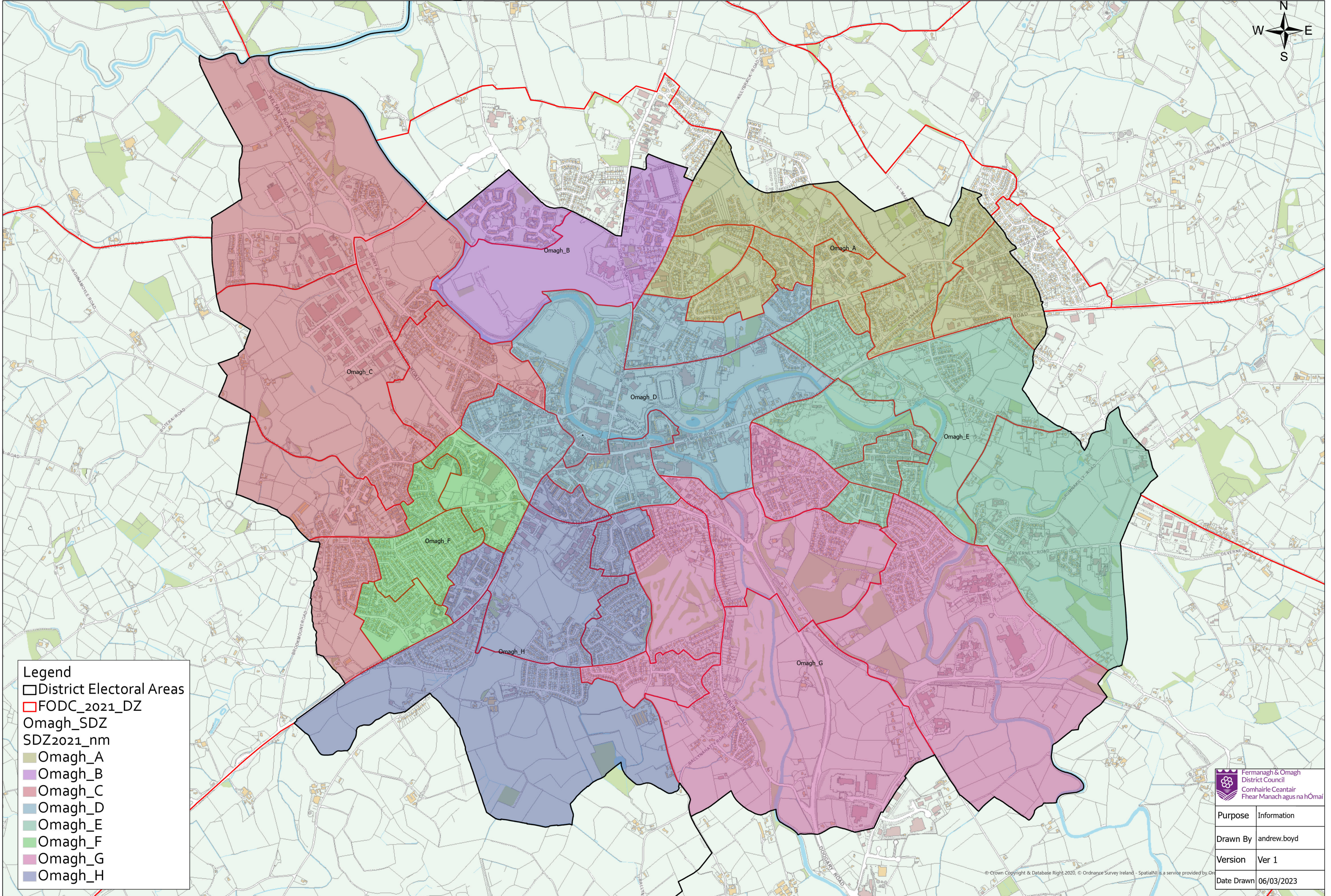
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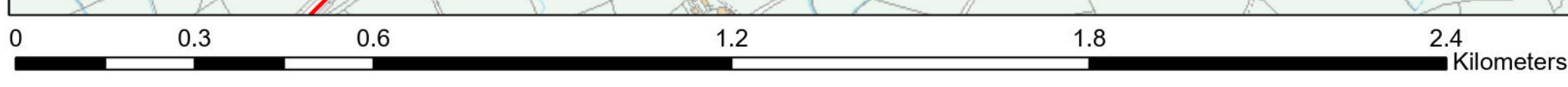


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