1. Scope of the amendment. The Irish National Body disagrees with the suggestion made by the Project Editor in N3146 that Irish comments were “out of scope” of the Amendment under ballot. The intention of Action Item AI-46-10.e taken in Xiamen was not to ban the addition of characters in ballot comments, but rather to restrict requests for additions to matter related to what was in fact on the ballot. The characters which Ireland requested be added to the ballot were requested to be added to four blocks which were under ballot: Greek, Myanmar, Latin Extended-C, and Latin Extended-D.

We note that two national bodies in addition to Ireland requested a character to be added to the Myanmar block, along with other characters for the Mon language, and that the Project Editor did not rule this out of scope, saying “Myanmar is being revised by this amendment”.

Most of the characters in Ireland’s comment are requested for addition to Latin Extended-D, where many new characters for medievalist use are under ballot. The insular letters we requested were first proposed in document N3027 which contains the bulk of the additions balloting in Latin Extended-D. The insular letters were not accepted when N3027 was presented to WG2, pending further study. N3122 provides detailed evidence for the medievalist and Celticist use of the insular characters, plus a few additions used alongside the insular characters in an 18th-century orthography for Late Cornish. The set of characters completes the set of characters proposed in N3027, and are not, we believe, out of scope of the amendment. One of the characters used for Late Cornish, the LATIN CAPITAL LETTER TURNED A, was proposed for inclusion in the Latin Extended-C block simply because it is more modern and less medieval than the insular letters, and the character seems to “fit” better there although it is part of a set most of which is encoded in Latin Extended-D. We admit that the proposed GREEK CAPITAL KAI SYMBOL has a less obvious relation to the archaic Greek consonants under ballot in the Greek block. However, all three of the blocks mentioned here are “being revised by this amendment”.

Comments which do seem to us to be out of scope of the Amendment are two requests for glyph corrections from the U.S. National Body. These comments, which the Project Editor proposes to accept, will add the Combining Diacritical Marks block and the Cyrillic block to the ballot. While Ireland agrees with the changes proposed, it seems peculiar that the Project Editor would treat these as within the scope of the amendment while treating our requests as out of scope.

Ireland believes that the correct proposed disposition of comments for our T1, T3.a, and T4 should be “WG2 decision”, not “Out of scope”.

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2. The name FINIAL. The Irish National Body appreciates the advance warning of this comment by the Project Editor, because it gave us just enough time to be able to respond to it. The Project Editor is quite right that in architecture, the word finial refers to features of parapets and balustrades. However, in typography the term has the precise meaning given in our ballot comment. We show below three references for this term as requested by the Project Editor. In answer to his question as to whether we need to introduce new terminology here, it is our view that we do need to add this term at this time. It differs considerably in shape from the typical “tail” or “hook” which is normally made out of the terminal of a j or an f. The letter in question, LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH DOUBLE FINIAL is part of a larger set of phonetic characters used in the Nordic countries. There are quite a few unique characters in that set, and a number of them have double finials. The technically correct term is finial, and we stand by our request for a name change here.

APPENDIX 1 The Parts of a Letter

Rounded characters, such as o, e, and s, extend slightly above and below the x-height to maintain a visual rather than a mathematical alignment. In many typefaces the height of the ascenders is greater than the height of the capital letters.

![Image of Polxyl]

The counters of a letter, marked c in the figure below, are the white spaces enclosed or defined by the strokes of the letter.

![Image of Tsgvfe]

![Image of IIIee]

Figure 1. Table from Chicago University Press showing the typographical names for the different parts of a number of letters. Shown is the term finial applied to the part in question of the letter e. Source: Richard Eckersley, Richard Angstadt, Charles M. Ellertson, Richard Hendal, Naomi B. Pascal, Anita Walker Scott. 1994. Glossary of typesetting terms. (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) Chicago & London: University of Chicago Press. ISBN 0-226-18371-8
Figure 2. Definition of *finial* as a typographic term, showing its position on three letters including the letter *e*. Source: Jacci Howard Bear. 2006. *Desktop Publishing: Type Anatomy Glossary*. desktoppub.about.com/cs/typeanatomy/g/finial.htm
Figure 3. Glossary from Microsoft Typography describing the typographical names for the different parts of a number of letters. “The end of a loop, like the bottom right finish on the C or e, is called a finial.” Source: Microsoft Typography. 1998. A disagreeably facetious type glossary for the amusement & edification of people beginning a love affair with fonts. Chapter 4: Bits and Pieces. www.microsoft.com/typography/glossary/ch4.htm