



Draft Clare County Dev Plan 2023 – 2029
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Clare County Council
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Re: Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029: Athlunkard settlement plan

A Chara,

As a local resident I welcome the publication of the proposed draft Clare County Development plan 2023 – 2029.

Specifically, I welcome the continued designation of an open space area close to our residential development which is newly designated within the Athlunkard settlement plan as OS3.

This site remains one of the few open space areas in the Westbury housing development for utilisation by residents, their families and pets as a recreational zone and is also an area of valued biodiversity containing numerous field bird species along with foxes, hedgehogs, shrews and field mice to name but a few. The residents of the area also continue to contribute annually to grass cutting costs of the OS3 area even though we are not the landowners.

Although OS3 is part of a larger private land holding, I am of the view that it should continue to retain Open Space status in perpetuity for the benefit of the residents of the area and that no future plans for residential type development should be entertained in this area as it would deprive current and future generations of a much valued resource and amenity.

Also, parts of OS3 have a propensity to be subject to seasonal flooding (e.g. autumn) due to the interconnection of drainage channels with the river Shannon and given the Athlunkard settlements designation as an area for further assessment under SFRA and being within Flood Zone A & B, it would be foolhardy to pursue any residential type development in this area into the future.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Hennessy