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To: Development Plan
Subject: Submissions to draft Clare County development plan 2023-2029

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> To whom it may concern
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> It is with sadness and great dismay I am writing these few lines regarding the fencing off and blocking the access to the river at Donass.
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> I was born and reared in Clonlara and as far as I can remember back people from Clonlara and surrounding areas were able to walk to the river and through the Cead Mile Failte arch, continue along the riverside and on up to the turret, a very safe , scenic and peacefull walk. Furthermore anglers had access to some good salmon pools along that stretch of the river.
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> Myself and my wife have relocated back to Clonlara to spend our declining years. I am a keen angler but my mobility is not anything like it used to be . I am unable to reach those aforementioned salmon pools as I would now have to walk from the foot bridge , a walk that I am unable to manage.
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> I along with many others feel it is not right or fair that an individual can come into the parish and block all access to a river that has been accessible for hundreds of years. I would like to know if that individual required planning permission or do they have a legal right to do what they are doing?
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> I would hope the County Council would be able to solve this unfortunate issue and restore the peoples access as before.
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> As mentioned I now live in Clonlara, along the canal bank which is accessible by a roadway. Three families use this roadway, all of which have cars. It is also a walkway for walkers. Mr Tom Bourke, the owner of this roadway puts a lot of time and endeavour into its upkeep but he seems to be in a loosing battle with the elements. When it rains it can get very wet and muddy. All three families are continually trying to keep cars in a reasonable condition . A layer of tarmac would solve the problem and make all affected very happy.
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> I trust you find all of the above is in order and will take my concerns as very valid ones and I look forward to seeing the outcome.
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> Go raibh mile maith agat
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> All the best
> John McEvoy
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> Sent from my iPhone