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Subject: Submission to Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029. - Regarding SpencilHill Village

Dear Planning Section

Please accept this submission seeking the change of the proposed zoning designation of SpencilHill (SpencilHill Cluster) Village from a "Cluster " to a " Small Village " in Vol 3a of Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 currently under public consultation.

Zoning Spencilhill as a "Small Village" would assist in dealing under roads legislation to reduce speed limits in order to address dangerous levels of traffic & speed passing through the village which effectively splits the village in two.

In order to reflect the famous SpencilHill Cross and it's famous annual Horse Fair around which the Village grew and has its historic Place making I believe the settlement boundary should be extended to include the homes on the southern side of the main road at the Crossroads which would mean a minimum 20 homes would be in the revised settlement .

The adjoining village of Clooney is not zoned as a Cluster but is zoned as a "Small Village" with circa 16 houses within its settlement boundary. This has meant that infrastructural and speed limit improvements for road safety reasons has been possible in Clooney unlike at SpencilHill Crossroads.

Local link bus service passes through the village and maintaining/growing the population of the village would be greatly assisted by greater use of the bus links.

The change to a " small village" is I believe correct in terms of the proper planning and development of SpencilHill Village during the term of the proposed Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 .

Under the strategy for Growth and Sustainable Communities objective, to identify lands within the environs of the village for the provision of small cluster housing, reflective of the character of the existing village. This inclusion will require a review of the current settlement boundary, to identify and include potential lands to be zones as Village Growth Areas"

Conclusion.

I submit that SpencilHill village is inappropriately zoned as a "Cluster " , in Vol 3A of the draft Clare CDP due to its size , settlement pattern , comparison to other zoned " Small villages" (in terms of population) such as Clooney .

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