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Re: Submission to the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029

Dear Sir/Madam,

TFI Local Link Limerick Clare welcomes the draft stage consultation on the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029. We submit the following observations for the Councils consideration which may inform the preparation of the County Development Plan. We are also available for any further consultation if required.

Many thanks for taking on board our points in our pre-draft submission dated 16th November 2020.

Could all references to 'Local Link' in the document be replaced with 'TFI Local Link Limerick Clare'. The company now comes under the banner of Transport for Ireland (TFI), the brand name for all public transport in Ireland.

Ennis Municipal District Volume 3a

We support the proposal put forward for the Friar's Walk Transformational Site (TS4). In particular, a new bus shelter to promote and provide for public transport infrastructure is most welcome.

We support the delivery of a town bus service for Ennis. We will work closely with Clare County Council to support and improvements to public transport services and infrastructure in the settlement area including the delivery of an Ennis town bus service.

Barefield Village p.104

The following is a quote from the Barefield village written statement

'The village is not currently served by public transport, however securing a bus service will be encouraged in any future active and sustainable travel plans'

TFI Local Link Limerick Clare as a public transport operator does serve Barefield village.

Our C13 service operates every Saturday serving Barefield village twice a day to Ennis, Crusheen, Ballyalla Lake and Ballinruan.

Shannon Municipal District Volume 3b

Sixmilebridge P.14

To include: TFI Local Link Limerick Clare serves Sixmilebridge on a Thursday weekly through the C10 service given access to Shannon.

Newmarket on Fergus P. 80

To include: TFI Local Link Limerick Clare serves Newmarket on Fergus through the C4 service. This service runs Monday-Friday and links to Ennis and Shannon and runs twice a day.

Killaloe Municipal District Volume 3c

Scarriff/Tuamgraney P. 11

Amend to the following:

Scarriff/Tuamgraney is serviced by both the TFI Local Link Limerick Clare C1, C2 & C10 Services to Ennis, Killaloe and Shannon and Bus Eireann Service to Limerick.

Killaloe P.28

Amend to the following:

The Killaloe is serviced by public transport with a regular Bus Eireann Service to Limerick and a TFI Local Link Limerick Clare C2 service from Scarriff to Killaloe, Monday to Friday.

Whitegate P. 73

Amend to the following:

Bus Eireann and TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide a valuable bus service to Whitegate. This service provides a valuable alternative to the private car for local residents and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option. The TFI Local Link routes C2 Monday-Friday's and C1 on Saturday's serve Whitegate.

Kilmurry P.116

'Local Link provides a convenient and valuable bus transport service with a drop off/collection point in the village.'

TFI Local Link Limerick Clare don't currently service Kilmurry.

Tulla P. 37

Amend to the following:

Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann provides two services which stop in Tulla, a Limerick- Tulla- Scariff-Whitegate route and Scariff-Flagmount-Feakle- Tulla- Ennis route. TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provides three services which stop in Tulla, the C1 Feakle-Scariff-Tulla-Ennis route and the C4 Feakle-Ennis route and the C11 Feakle-Flagmount-Tulla-Ennis route. These are valuable bus services for the town which provides an alternative to the private car and aids and encourages a modal shift towards more sustainable modes of transport.

Crusheen P. 44

Amend to the following:

Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann provides an hourly service to/from Crusheen on the Galway to Limerick route. This is a valuable bus service for the village which provides an alternative to the private car. TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provides a twice a day Saturday service through its C13 connecting to Barefield, Ballyalla and Ennis.

Feakle P. 49

Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Feakle is served by Clare Bus with a three times a day weekday service from Feakle to Ennis. This service provides a valuable alternative to the private car and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.'

Point of clarification: TFI Local Link Limerick Clare currently provide this service.

Amend to the following:

Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Feakle is served by TFI Local Link Limerick Clare by the following routes; C1 Feakle-Scariff-Tulla-Ennis Monday to Friday, C4 Feakle-Ennis Monday to Friday, C7 Feakle-Gort Friday's, C9 Feakle-Ennis Thursday's and C11 Feakle-Ennis on a Saturday. These services provide a valuable alternative to the private car and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.

Kilkishen P.54

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Kilkishen is served by Clare Bus with a weekday service on the Feakle to Ennis route however services in the village are not as frequent as other villages along the route. The village is also serviced by Bus Eireann on the Limerick to Tulla route via Sixmilebridge. These services provide a valuable alternative to the private car and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Point of clarification: TFI Local Link Limerick Clare currently provide this service.

Amend to the following:

Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Kilkishen is served by three TFI Local Link Limerick Clare services. The C1 runs from Feakle to Ennis via Scariff and Tulla Monday to Saturday. The C3 runs from Ennis to Feakle via Kilkishen Monday to Friday and the C9 Feakle-Kilkishen-Quin-Ennis runs every Thursday. The village is also serviced by Bus Eireann on the Limerick to Tulla route via Sixmilebridge. These services provide a valuable alternative to the private car and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.

Mountshannon P.60

Amend to the following:

Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann provides a Saturday Service from Limerick to Mountshannon and the expansion of the bus service would greatly support the tourism product in the area and would provide a valuable alternative to the private car for local residents, encouraging a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.

TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide two services from Mountshannon, the C1 Scariff-Whitegate on Saturdays and the C2 Scariff-Whitegate Monday to Friday’s.

Quin P.67

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Quin is served by Clare Bus with a weekday service on the Feakle to Ennis route. This service provides a valuable alternative to the private car for local residents and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Point of clarification: TFI Local Link Limerick Clare currently provide this service.

Amend to the following:

Quin is served by TFI Local Link Limerick Clare with three services. These include the C1 Scariff to Ennis on a Saturday, the C3 Ennis to O’Callaghan’s Mills Monday to Friday and the C9 Feakle-Kilkishen-Quin-Ennis on Thursday’s.

Clooney P.97

'Location and Context

Clooney comprises a small linear group of houses based around a church, petrol station and shop. The Clare Bus provides a convenient and valuable transport service with a drop off/collection point at the church in the village'

Amend to the following:

'Location and Context

Clooney comprises a small linear group of houses based around a church, petrol station and shop. TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provides a convenient and valuable transport service with a drop off/collection point at the church in the village. The C1 Feakle to Ennis via Scariff and Tulla service stops in Clooney six times a day Monday to Friday and twice a day on a Friday. The C4 Feakle to Ennis stops in Clooney twice a day Monday to Friday. The C11 Feakle-Flagmount-Tulla-Ennis stops in Clooney twice a day every Saturday.

O'Callaghan's Mills P. 129

'Clare Bus provides a convenient and valuable transport service in East Clare, while O'Callaghan's Mills is not on the main route, stops in the village can be requested as needed as part of this service.'

Amend to the following:

'TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide a C2 Scariff-Killaloe-Scariff service. It provides a convenient and valuable transport service in East Clare. The stop is the Church in O'Callaghan's Mills and it stops twice a day Monday to Friday. The C1 Feakle to Ennis via Scariff and Tulla service stops twice a day Monday to Friday and three times on a Saturday. The C9 service Feakle-Kilkishen-Quin-Ennis stops in O'Callaghan's Mills once a day.

Ballinruan P.80

There is no mention of the transport TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide in Ballinruan.

The C13 Ennis-Ballyalla-Barefield-Crusheen-Ennis Saturday service can stop in Ballinruan on a demand responsive basis.

Bodyke P. 84

There is no mention of the transport TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide in Bodyke.

The TFI Local Link Limerick Clare C1 Feakle to Ennis via Scariff and Tulla stops at Bodyke church six times a day Monday to Friday and four times on Saturdays. The C2 Scariff- O'Callaghan's Mills-Scariff service stops in Bodyke twice a day Monday to Friday. The C10 Scariff- Shannon stops in Bodyke twice on Thursdays.

Broadford P.87

There is no mention of the transport TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide in Broadford.

The TFI Local Link Limerick Clare C10 Scariff-Sixmilebridge-Shannon stops in Broadford twice on Thursdays.

Caher P. 93

There is no mention of the transport TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide in Caher.

The TFI Local Link Limerick Clare C10 Scariff-Flagmount-Scariff stops in Caher twice on Thursdays. The C11 Feakle-Flagmount-Tulla-Ennis stops in Caher twice on Saturdays. The C7 Flagmount-Derrybrien-Gort service stops twice on Fridays.

Flagmount P.101

There is no mention of the transport TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide in Flagmount.

The TFI Local Link Limerick Clare C10 Scariff-Flagmount-Scariff stops in Flagmount twice on Thursdays. The C11 Feakle-Flagmount-Tulla-Ennis stops in Flagmount twice on Saturdays. The C7 Flagmount-Derrybrien-Gort service stops twice on Fridays.

Killanena P.112

There is no mention of the transport TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide in Killanena.

The TFI Local Link Limerick Clare C10 Scariff-Flagmount-Scariff stops in Killanena twice on Thursdays. The C7 Flagmount-Derrybrien-Gort service stops twice on Fridays.

Ogonnelloe P.133

There is no mention of the transport TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide in Ogonnelloe.

The TFI Local Link Limerick Clare C2 Scariff-Killaloe-Scariff stops at the National School twice a day Monday to Friday.

West Clare Municipal District Volume 3d

From the Draft Plan P.11:

‘Ennistymon/Lahinch

Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann and Local Link provide a regular bus service to and from Kilrush and Ennis. This service provides an alternative to the private car for local residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Amend to the following:

‘Ennistymon/Lahinch

Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann provide a regular bus service serving Ennistymon and Lahinch. TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provides connections to Ennistymon through its C5 Ennis-Corofin-Lisdoonvarna-Ballyvaughan-Ennistymon service on Tuesdays. This service provides an alternative to the private car for local residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Lahinch P.6

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity –

Lahinch as noted above, Bus Eireann and Local Link provide a regular bus service to and from Kilrush and Ennis. This service provides an alternative to the private car for local residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option’

TFI Local Link Limerick Clare doesn’t presently provide services in Lahinch.

Kilrush P. 23

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann and Local Link provide a valuable bus service to and from Kilrush. This service provides an alternative to the private car for local residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann and TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide a valuable bus service to and from Kilrush. This service provides an alternative to the private car for local residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option. The TFI Local Link Limerick Clare R337 Ennis to Kilrush via Kildysart Road operates Monday to Sunday. The R335 Ennis to Kilrush via Quilty operates Monday-Friday and the R339 Kilrush to Loop Head operates Monday to Friday September to April and Monday to Sunday May to August. The C19 Kilrush to Cooraclare and Cappa service stops in Kilrush six times on Fridays.’

Kilkee P. 49

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann and Local Link provide a regular bus service to and from Kilrush and Ennis. This service provides an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann and TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide a regular bus service to and from Kilrush and Ennis. This service provides an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option. The TFI Local Link Limerick Clare R335 Ennis to Kilrush via Quilty operates Monday-Friday and stops at the Bus shelter in Kilkee and the R339 Kilrush to Loop Head operates Monday to Friday September to April and Monday to Sunday May to August and stops at the Bus shelter at the Square in Kilkee.’

Lisdoonvarna P.55

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann and Local Link provide a regular bus service to and from Ennis. Bus Eireann also provides a regular service to Galway City. These services provide an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann and TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide a regular bus service to and from Ennis. Bus Eireann also provides a regular service to Galway City. These services provide an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option. The TFI Local Link Limerick Clare C5 Ennis-Corofin-Lisdoonvarna-Ballyvaughan-Ennistymon service stops at the square in Lisdoonvarna and the Stella Maris day centre on Tuesdays.’

Miltown Malbay P. 61

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity Bus Eireann provides a regular bus service to and from Kilrush and Ennis and there is also a Saturday Local Link service to Ennis. These services provide a valuable connection to other service centres and an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity Bus Eireann provides a regular bus service to and from Kilrush and Ennis and there is also a Friday and Saturday TFI Local Link Limerick Clare service to Ennis which stops in Jones’s SuperValu in Miltown twice a day on those days. These services provide a valuable connection to other service centres and an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Ballyvaughan P.70

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann provide a regular bus service to and from Ennis and Galway City and Local Link also provide services to Corofin and Ennistymon. These services provide a valuable connection to other service centres and an alternative to the private car and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann provide a regular bus service to and from Ennis and Galway City and TFI Local Link Limerick Clare also provide services to Ballyvaughan through its C5 Ennis-Corofin-Lisdoonvarna-Ballyvaughan-Ennistymon service twice on Tuesdays. These services provide a valuable connection to other service centres and an alternative to the private car and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Corofin P. 75

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann provides a regular bus service to and from Galway City, Ennis and Kilkee and Clare Local Link also provides a regular service to Ennis as well as Lisdoonvarna and Miltown Malbay. While there is an identified need for additional public transport services, the existing services offer the potential to provide an alternative to the private car and encourage a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann provides a regular bus service to and from Galway City, Ennis and Kilkee and TFI Local Link Limerick Clare also provides a regular service to Ennis as well as Lisdoonvarna through its C14 service on Saturdays and C5 service on Tuesdays. While there is an identified need for additional public transport services, the existing services offer the potential to provide an alternative to the private car and encourage a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Doonbeg P.82

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity In terms of public transport, Bus Eireann provide a regular bus service to and from Ennis and Kilkee and Clare Local Link also provide a daily service to Ennis and Kilrush.’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity in terms of public transport, Bus Eireann provide a regular bus service to and from Ennis and Kilkee and TFI Local Link Limerick Clare also provide a daily service Monday to Friday to Ennis and Kilrush through their R335 service. This stops four times a day in Doonbeg’

Quilty P.98

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann and Local Link provide a valuable bus service to Quilty. This service provides an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann and TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide a valuable bus service to Quilty. TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide a daily service Monday to Friday to Ennis and Kilrush through the R335 service. This stops twice a day in Quilty. The service provides an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option’

Kilfenora P.109

Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity in terms of public transport, Bus Eireann provides a regular bus service to and from Ennis and Kilrush and Clare Local Link also provides a daily service to Ennis and Lisdoonvarna. These existing services have the potential to provide an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourage a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option

Amend to the following:

Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity in terms of public transport, Bus Eireann provides a regular bus service to and from Ennis and Kilrush and TFI Local Link Limerick Clare also provides a service on Tuesdays through its C5. These existing services have the potential to provide an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourage a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option

Killimer P.115

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Clare Local Link provide a regular bus service to and from Ennis and Kilrush. While there is a need for additional public transport services, the existing services offer the potential to provide an alternative to the private car and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide a regular bus service to and from Ennis and Kilrush. The R337 service runs Monday to Sunday. The bus stops at the Ferry terminal ten times a day Monday to Friday and eight times on a Sunday. These services offer the potential to provide an alternative to the private car and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option’

Creegh P.166

‘The village is also served by the Clare Local Link bus with daily services to Ennis and Kilrush. The reuse, redevelopment, or enhancement of existing vacant buildings in the village centre is encouraged as a means of promoting its regeneration and sustainable development.’

Amend to the following:

‘The village is also served by TFI Local Link Limerick Clare with daily services to Ennis and Kilrush. The R335 stops at St. Mary’s Church twice a day Monday to Friday. The C9 service stops in Cree twice on a Thursday. The reuse, redevelopment, or enhancement of existing vacant buildings in the village centre is encouraged as a means of promoting its regeneration and sustainable development.’

Fanore P.186

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann provides daily bus services to and from Galway City and Ennis, and Local Link provides a regular bus service to Ballyvaughan, Lisdoonvarna and Ennis. These services provide a valuable connection to service settlements and an alternative to the private car and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Bus Eireann provides daily bus services to and from Galway City and Ennis, and TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provides a service to Ennistymon through its C5 on a Tuesday. This stops in Fanore twice on Tuesdays. These services provide a valuable connection to service settlements and an alternative to the private car and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Inch P.190

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Clare Local Link provides a bus service to Ennis on alternate days. This service provides an alternative to the private car and could help encourage a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provides a bus service to Ennis on Fridays and Saturdays through the C12 service. This service provides an alternative to the private car and could help encourage a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Kilbaha P.192

‘The village is also served by Clare Local Link and Clare Bus with daily services to Kilrush and Kilkee and onward services to Ennis.’

Amend to the following:

‘The village is also served by TFI Local Link Limerick Clare with daily services to Kilrush and Kilkee on the R339 and onward services to Ennis.’

Kilmurry McMahon P. 204

‘General objectives

To support the Local Link Rural Transport strategy including the development of direct rural bus links from Kilmurry McMahon to larger settlements such as Ennis and Kilrush; and’

Bus link s have been created.

Amend to the following:

Kilmurry McMahon is well served by the TFI Local Link Limerick Clare R337 ten times a day Monday to Saturday and twice on a Sunday. The stop is Morrisseys Post Office.

Knock P.211

‘The village consists mainly of close-knit residential buildings and has two public houses. It is served by Clare Local Link with regular services to Ennis and Kilrush.’

Amend to the following:

‘The village consists mainly of close-knit residential buildings and has two public houses. It is served by TFI Local Link Limerick Clare with regular services to Ennis and Kilrush through the R337 which stops at The Fisherman’s Hut nine times a day Monday to Saturday and four times on a Sunday.’

Labasheeda P.221

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

Local Link provides a regular bus service to Ennis which provides a valuable connection to the County town and also offers an alternative to the private car and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provides a regular bus service to Ennis and Kilrush which provides a valuable connection to the County town and also offers an alternative to the private car and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option. The service is the R337 and stops at St. Kieran’s church ten times a day Monday to Saturday and four times a day on a Sunday.’

Lissycasey P.226

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

In terms of public transport, Bus Eireann and Local Link provide regular bus services to and from Ennis and Kilrush. These services provide a valuable connection to the service towns and an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

In terms of public transport, Bus Eireann and TFI Local Link Limerick Clare provide regular bus services to and from Ennis and Kilrush. These services provide a valuable connection to the service towns and an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option. The TFI Local Link Limerick Clare service is the R335 Ennis-Quilty-Kilrush and stops at the cemetery and Fanny O’Dea’s bar twice a day Monday to Friday. The C19 on Fridays stops in Lissycasey twice that day.’

Moyasta P.236

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

In terms of public transport, Bus Eireann provide a regular bus service to and from Ennis and Kilkee and Clare Local Link also provide a daily service to Ennis and Kilrush. As well as providing a valuable and important connection to other service centres and areas of the County, these services also offer an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

Amend to the following:

‘Transport, Active Travel and Connectivity

In terms of public transport, Bus Eireann provide a regular bus service to and from Ennis and Kilkee and people in Moyasta can hail the TFI Local Link Limerick Clare buses who also provide a daily service to Ennis and Kilrush. As well as providing a valuable and important connection to other service centres and areas of the County, these services also offer an alternative to the private car for residents and visitors and encourages a modal shift to a more sustainable transport option.’

TFI Local Link Limerick Clare ask for consideration for inclusion in the consultation process in the preparation of Clare Local Transport Plans.

Yours sincerely,

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