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Please note the enclosed submission on the County Development Plan:

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The submissions will follow:

## Submissions:

1.

It is the policy of the County Development Plan to encourage and facilitate the promotion and development of Theme Parks which would exploit our natural heritage and culture, thereby creating long term sustainable employment, together with economic and social advantage.

# Reason:

To provide county wide consideration of theme park concept

2.

That terms such as "appropriate", "inappropriate "and "will be considered" etc. will be clearly defined in a schedule of definitions and explanations.

## Reason:

Duty to be comprehensible and rights under right of appeal.

3.

That planning applications from persons who were born or have lived in the area of population decline for at least ten years and as who can establish a housing need be processed under the nsole considerations of Health and Safety.

# Reason:

Part of expressed commitment to restore population potential to areas which have suffered serious population decline and a part expression to undo the damage done by refusals in the past.

(Note For approx. 20 years post 1963, the only factors considered were Health and Safety.)

Explain clearly how

- (a) economic impact is assessed in the different areas where it is referenced as a consideration factor.
- (b) where it results in a growth in the different areas
- (c) where it results in a refusal in the different areas.

#### Reason:

Duty of the service provider to provide comprehensible reasons in the event of an exercise of the right of appeal.

5.

Amend the reference which deems landowners with in excess of 15hectares of land to the farmers by substituting the following:

"The CDP recognizes as farmers all those who have a Herd Number, Equine Number or a land holding which produces agri-food and or vegetables.

## Reason:

The existing definition would accord benefit to sons and daughters of 15Ha land owners.

6.

Remove the word "allocation" and replace it with "projection" and remove all references to plans and assumptions based on "allocation".

# Reason:

- (1) Allocation by its meaning implies control. Control of population growth is alien to the free world.
- (2) Accurate projection of population over a long period is almost impossible as economic or social changes (refugees) may have unforeseen impact.
- (3) It is almost impossible to have a fair allocation of population to different areas.
- (4) There may well be a temptation to initiate a count challenge to the concept and thus leave the council open to expense and embarrassment.
- (5) Before the allocation of 832 single rural houses over 6 years is totally inadequate.

7.

Remove sections of Roads, which pass through areas of declining population from a scenic route list.

## Reason:

Houses, which are symbols of life by their existence enhance the scenery of rural areas.

