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28/3/2022

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed my submission for the
Development Plan 2023-2029 re: Lisdoonvarna.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss. Christine Scullane.

Clare County Council Development Plan 2023-2029 Lisdoonvarna.

I am objecting to the land use zoning strategic residential reserve SR4 and agriculture AG1 in state owned land at Rooska, Lisdoonvarna.

I agree with existing land use zoning residential R2 and agriculture AG5 in the existing County development plan 2017-2023 Lisdoonvarna settlement plan. This plan is applicable as it creates a balance in accommodation type private and social.

Why has R2 in the existing plan been frozen to SR4 when in the existing plan it ticked all the boxes regarding service roads, treatment serviced by existing sewer from existing housing estate. It is compact, secure, safe and within walking distance from the town centre and most importantly it is manageable.

Rooska housing estate has three public right of ways designed for vehicle entrance on the North side of the estate. This was and is the only option available other than creating a third social housing estate in this small town.

Due to long term social leasing for 24 houses on St. Brendan's road, it is now a local authority estate.

If land use zoning AG1 becomes residential, it means it is in complete contradiction with government policy with town centre first, bringing life back into the town. It won't create life in the town but only at the town boundary, the longest pedestrian distance from the centre and no balance whatsoever in accommodation type.

The local link road L-1032-0 was previously used by local vehicular traffic and since the Cliffs of Moher new centre opened in 2007 this road is now a busy tourist and commercial route. This road now due to the popularity of the Cliffs will have to cope with a higher and unfamiliar vehicular traffic.

Lisdoonvarna has gone from one to two social housing estates, if a third is added the chances of further residential development is only a pen stroke away.

Over concentration of social housing in any one area is a complete conflict of the planning rules.

Land should have been purchased previously in other communities to deal with this housing issue instead of now trying to use Lisdoonvarna as a dormant town for social housing, to accommodate staff etc in an elitist society. Lahinch and Doolin for example want accommodation for their staff as long as it's not built on their own doorstep. We are informed that the services are not there yet the building of private houses there has never paused.

Balanced planning means private, social and affordable housing for town renewal, not an over concentration of any one type in any settlement plan.

There is very little full time employment in the town, although the population is on the increase. This is not an area that needs more housing without careful consideration regarding jobs, facilities, infrastructure, educational resources.

The employment prospects in Lisdoonvarna are in decline, will Lisdoonvarna ever recover as a holiday resort? At present it looks extremely bleak. Building houses means people need to be provided with employment.

It is in people's interest at the moment to have the new secondary school based within the town and it should liaise with the existing school. Taking it outside the town will show that the local businesses will suffer financially.