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Planning Department, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare. V95 DXP2.

28th March 2022



Re: Submission to Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 – Lands at Gaurus

Dear Sir/Madam,

The projected sustainable growth of Ennis will require the development of local employment opportunities. Currently Ennis is a commuter town for large numbers of its residents who are employed in Galway, Limerick, and Shannon. The development of the Council Lands at Gaurus into modern Enterprise Zone / Park facility adjacent to the M18 is of strategic importance to the sustainable development of Ennis.

The site is currently zoned agricultural, and we would formally request that this is changed to allow the development of an Enterprise zone with the ability to host light industry, business hubs, and enterprise uses

The development of the opportunity site will be facilitated by the early construction of the associated infrastructure:

- 1. Skehanagh to Quin Road development
- 2. Quin Road upgrade
- 3. Associated utility upgrades including water and wastewater

The associated infrastructure will need to be fast tracked for the full potential of the site to be unlocked.

The Gaurus Enterprise zone would

- Enable the further expansion of business, enterprise, and manufacturing within the Ennis
 area.
- Provide a more diverse employment base with significant additional jobs
- Allow Ennis to further develop its role as a regional hub of economic and enterprise development

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Yours faithfully,

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