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To: Development Plan
Subject: Submission re Draft County Development Plan (dCDP) 2023-2029 - Ennis Vol 3A - Proposed Amendment re Site R8/R23 adjacent to Parc na Coille Nursing Home. To protect biodiversity zone to green space .

Dear Forward Planning

I refer to the amended text and maps amending SR8 site in the dCDP in "proposed amendments" dated 28th November of the Draft County Development Plan (dCDP) 2023-2029 - Ennis Vol 3A.

I believe the proper planning and development of this combined 10 acre wooded wild site is to rezone it as a buffer zone or green space to protect its significant biodiversity for the following reasons

- 1) without this site the proposed quantum of zoned residential in the dCDP Vol 3a throughout Ennis is more than what is required under its " Core Strategy " targets of population growth.
- 2) such green space or buffer zoning of this site would assist in achieving Vol 1 of the dCDP document CDP Objective 4.1 (n) " To support Ennis in realising its full potential in grey , green and blue infrastructure;"
- 3) such green space or buffer zoning of this site would assist in achieving CDP Objective 15.1 (e) re Biodiversity " To identify ecological buffer zones , where appropriate, in the Plan area ; "
- 4) the text in the amended dCDP regarding Site R23 states " This site is located less than 1km from a known bat roost" . Any residential zoning and subsequent development on this combined site would be contrary to dCDP Objectives ; 15.12 (a), (b), & (d) regarding " Biodiversity and Habitat Protection "
- 5) such green space or buffer zoning of this site would assist in achieving dCDP Objective CDP 15.14 in preventing " Habitat Fragmentation and Green Infrastructure Corridors "
- 6) The wooded site provides essential carbon sink in this urban town . It also assists with air quality in particular at this location close to the EPA air quality sampling station at Waterpark House that during cold still winter evenings demonstrates very poor air quality.

Conclusion

I submit in the interest of proper planning and development and to reverse biodiversity loss that the combined sites R8/R23 - adjacent to Parc na Coille Nursing Home In the Cloughleigh/Drumbiggle Neighbourhood in Ennis should be zoned as green space or buffer ecological area.

Regards

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