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Development Plan Review:

Issues Paper



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Dear Sir,

In relation to the proposed Clare County Development Plan 2022-2023 the Road Design Office, Transportation Department, Clare County Council would like to make the following comments in relation to same:

Transportation Strategic Planning:

The National Planning Framework, the National Development Plan 2018 – 2027 (Project Ireland 2040) and the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Southern Region set the policy framework for strategic transportation planning within County Clare. Within this context the following must inform the development of the new CDP 2022-2027, namely:

- The Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS) has been developed by the National Transport Authority (NTA) in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council, Clare County Council and strategic stakeholders. The LSMATS is an integrated strategy for walking, cycling, bus, rail and road to support planned growth within the Metropolitan Region. Currently at Public consultation stage.
- The Limerick Northern Distributor Road (LNDR) is a critical infrastructure project at planning development stage, is supported by RSES and LSMATS, will support planned growth in rural areas of east Clare, enhanced modes of transport into County Clare and tourism while also facilitating the development of the University of Limerick and employment connectivity to strategic development zones (SDZ's).
- The N19 upgrade, funded by the TII, will provide enhanced linkage to Shannon international Airport and Shannon Industrial Zones while incorporating the principals set out in LSMATS. A review of the rail link infrastructural safeguard from Limerick to Shannon is committed as part of the N19 upgrade.

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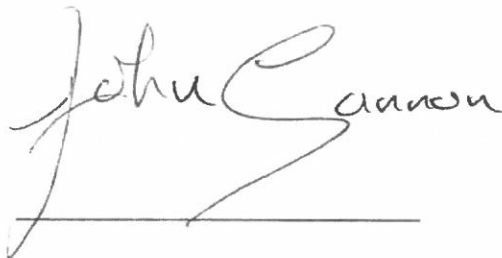
- County Clare's Transportation Strategy is being developed in collaboration with the NTA. This strategy will inform transportation modes both at local and county level and will complement the four pillars of Clare County Council's Corporate Plan - Rural, Economic, Physical and Social.
- Ennis Mobility Plan.
- Active Travel Measures being developed across the county.

Infrastructure Safeguards:

In order to sustain planned growth, accompanied by infrastructural investment, multilateral infrastructural development bank safeguards need to be strengthened, not weakened. With this perspective the transportation infrastructural safeguards identified in the Clare County Development Plan 2017-2023 must continue to be included, or and until viable alternatives are identified, within the new CDP 2022-2028. Existing safeguards are identified therein such as, but not limited to, the following:

- Ennis Northern Relief Road.
- Ennistymon safeguard
 - The safeguard intersection point with the N67, as identified in previous development plans, needs to be unambiguous.
- Kilrush safeguards.
- N19 rail link (Shannon – Limerick).

Yours faithfully,

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