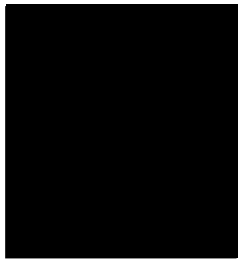


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To whom it may concern
Attached please find my submission for your consideration in relation to the above.
Please acknowledge receipt of same.

Yours Sincerely
Joseph Quinlivan



16/03/2022

Ref : Submissions to Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029.

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to make a submission, in relation to the inclusion of the Doonass Looped Walk public right away in the Clare County Development Plan 2023- 2029 for the following reasons.

- 1) I have always enjoyed walking along the bank of the River Shannon, Listening to it, and especially the Falls of Doonass. In my opinion it is one of the best rivers in Ireland for fishing. I have enjoyed listening to the dawn chorus as I walked along the bank. Unfortunately, I cannot do this anymore, because the walkway is now blocked to public access.
- 2) I feel that now more than ever, this looped walk at Doonass is needed, for people to get out in the fresh air and to enjoy it. Therefore, this would in turn improve their overall health and wellbeing.
- 3) It upsets me greatly, that this walkway is now inaccessible. Because when my children were young, we used to take them for a walk in Doonass, go out through “ Ceád Mile Fáilte” Then on for a picnic at the Turrets, and on to Castleconnell. This pure enjoyment is and will continue to be lost to the next generation and generations to come. If the looped walk at Doonass is not included in the Draft County Development Plan.
- 3) From speaking to others in relation to the lack of access to the Shannon and the walkway. It has become very clear to me that the community of Clonlara and surrounding areas feel very strongly about this. Because, this is just not a walkway, it is where community members met others along the route, stopped for a chat, and it meant that they got out of the homes for a while. This in turn, helped then not to feel isolated and cut off from having some company.

In conclusion, as you all are aware, people have lost a lot over the past few years. Times are hard then and now. I do not want to lose the ability to walk unhindered along the banks of the beautiful River Shannon as well. Therefore, I am now respectfully asking, you to ensure that the Doonass looped walk as a public right of way is included in the Clare County Development Plan for 2023-2029.

Yours Sincerely

Joseph Quinlivan.