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Draft County Development Plan 2023 - 2029

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To: Forward Planning, Planning Department, Clare County Council

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The Project Management Office, Clare County Council are currently working on the development of a Greenway along the former route of the West Clare Railway where feasible.

Regarding the Draft County Development Plan 2023 – 2029, the Project Management Office propose the following changes;

New suggested text in green: **example**
Suggested deletions in red strikethrough: ~~example~~

1. Volume 1 Written Statement
Objective CDP 10.11 (b)

The following text suggestions are made for this objective:

(b) To support and facilitate the development of a network of interlinked greenways and necessary supporting infrastructure along the former route of the West Clare Railway ~~Greenway and necessary supporting infrastructure~~ subject to project level environmental assessments.

(Refer to Volume 3 for the indicative route of the West Clare Railway Greenway)

2. Volume 2 Maps
Maps I1 – I12

It is suggested that the legend for maps I1 to I12 should refer to the West Clare Railway Greenway route as follows:

Indicative Route of the West Clare Railway Greenway

3. Volume 3a Ennis Municipal District Settlement Plans
1.11.3 Tourism Products
West Clare Railway Greenway (pg.37/38)

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The following text suggestions are made for the first paragraph:

The West Clare Railway Greenway ~~is~~ **will form** an off-road, low-gradient path for walking and cycling along the former route of the famous 'West Clare Railway'. When complete, the greenway will form part of the National Cycle Network and will link Ennis, Shannon and Limerick to the 'Wild Atlantic Way' at Lahinch and continue southwards to Kilrush and Kilkee. Currently the **indicative** route commences in the Town Centre and the cycleway **is envisaged to follow** an existing riverside trail along Cloughleigh Road, Lahinch Road and Drumcliffe Road to the Active Ennis Lee's Road Sports and Amenity Park. The **indicative**, diverse route will then follow a forest trail before following the line of the West Clare Railway through the stunning local landscape.

Ennis Map (page 102)

It is suggested that the legend for the Ennis Map on page 102 should refer to the West Clare Railway Greenway route as follows:

Indicative Route of the West Clare Railway Greenway

4. Volume 3d West Clare Municipal District Settlement Plans

For the following settlement Plan Maps; Ennistymon (pg.16), Lahinch (pg.17), Kilrush (pg.37), Kilrush Town Centre (pg.38), Cappa (pg.382), Kilkee (pg.51), Miltown Malbay (pg.63) Corofin (pg.78), Doonbeg (pg.85), Quilty (pg.100) and Moyasta (pg.237), it is suggested that the legend be updated to refer to the route of the West Clare Railway as indicative, as the route is only indicative at this stage:

Indicative route of the West Clare Railway Greenway

Draft West Clare Municipal District Settlement Plan - Ennistymon/Lahinch

It is suggested that the Objective relating to the West Clare Railway Greenway within the Ennistymon/Lahinch Settlement Plan be updated as follows:

- To prioritise the development of the West Clare Railway Greenway **between Ennistymon/Lahinch and Ennis.**

It is also suggested that the Ennistymon/Lahinch Settlement Plan could include similar text to the Kilrush and Kilkee Settlement Plans outlining the benefits of improved linkages between the towns.



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For example:

The benefits of improving linkages between Ennis, Ennistymon and Lahinch are extensive. It will enhance the existing linkages between the towns in terms of community infrastructure, strengthening the co-benefits between the settlements and also supporting the economic development including, tourist base & facilities, expansion of the tourism base for both towns and it will also support sustainable mobility between the towns. Proposals to redevelop the former railway line will be subject to the appropriate project level environmental assessments.

Signed:

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