



24/03/2022

Clare Co. Council

Planning Department

New Road

Ennis

Co Clare.

Attention: Thomas Hogan. Candice Ingram.

Re: Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023--2029

West Clare Municipal District

Small Villages

Connolly

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I have studied the above plan insofar as it refers to the area where I live, which is at [REDACTED] situated on the R474 and approximately 100 yards from the junction with the R4202 (Connolly to Inagh road)

The area of interest on which I would like to make a submission is as follows:

The Connolly Settlement Plan Map

I take issue with the Settlement Plan Map which refers to Connolly as shown on the Draft Plan, following pages 155/156 on the County Development plan for 2022—2029.

The village of Connolly was always regarded as lying between the junction of the "New Line" (the link road which runs to the south of the R474) at both its western and eastern junctions with the R474. To simplify matters, the starting point for the village on the western side began at the licensed premises and then to the river bridge on the eastern side.

To look at it from a different angle, the entrance and exit points nowadays for any village or town is determined by the village notice signs or where they are absent, by the local authority speed limit signs. It is difficult therefore to understand why the area of the village takes in so much on the eastern side and so little on the western side.

My submission is that the Connolly Settlement Map should include the dwellings and lands adjacent to the R474, west of Connolly, which lie within the 50km signs, so that those dwellings and land areas are part of and thereby enhance the area for development purposes in the future. There is potential for low density development in that area also.

As working from home became the norm for many during the Covid pandemic, it is expected that should such arrangements persist, additional development areas will be required, sooner rather than later.

It could become a very attractive place for people to settle, with school, church and excellent broadband available in the village.

Yours Faithfully,

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