



Clare County  
Development Plan  
**2023-2029**

## **Draft Clare CDP 2023-2029 - Public Consultation Portal**

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**Volume 3(d) West Clare Municipal District Written Statements and Settlement Maps**

Lahinch

**Associated Documents**

Volume 8 Clare Housing Strategy

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None of the above

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I attached my submission

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## **Cllr. Liam Grant**

I would like to make the following submission/observations to the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (CDP)

### **West Clare Municipal District Settlement plans**

The priority for the West Clare MD should be to improve the quality of life for the people living in the area. Economic development is important but it shouldn't come at the cost of quality of life. The biggest constraint on economic development is the lack of housing for seasonal staff. Growing tourism is a benefit to the community but only if we see the investment in road infrastructure, housing and wastewater treatment plants. Looking to grow more sustainable industries should be a priority.

Planning based on social and economic conditions needs to be expanded. Many people who were raised in towns like Lahinch, Ennistymon and Kilkee can't afford to buy a house in the area. We are seeing a gentrification of the area with locals being pushed out for holiday homes. Many people want to buy a home close to their parents so they can support them as they age but this has become increasingly difficult. People from the area and/or working in the area should be the only ones buying houses and getting planning permission in these housing pressure zones. Economic planning should be given to those working in the emergency services and frontline healthcare services.

### **Doolin**

Recreational use of the Doolin Pier area needs to be prioritized. Doolin is a very popular place for swimmers, surfers, divers, kayakers etc. It had a lifeguard on duty for several decades. In recent years we have seen a shift away from recreational use to more commercial use. Commercial development should not come at the cost of recreational use and I believe both uses can operate in harmony. The CDP should prioritize the recreational opportunities as this brings much joy to the local community. Infrastructure needs to be put in place to support recreational use and this should be reflected in the CDP.

### **Ennistymon**

I would support the CBS lands vocational school being zoned for community development. There is a big opportunity to develop a much needed playground and all weather sports facility. A new bus stop must be progressed regardless of the outcome of the outer relief road.

### **Lahinch**

The development of a footpath along the length of station road should be a priority. Ironically many of the housing estates originally built for tourism now house many local people, like the links and the toblerone houses. While the Licannor rd. is zoned as residential, yet it has become a hot spot of holiday homes.

### **Liscannor**

With the improved Wastewater treatment plant due to be finished soon, there is a great opportunity to increase housing in the area for local people struggling to find somewhere to live. Liscannor is already plagued with holiday homes and all future developments need to be long term residential to ensure the community grows.

### **Tourism in North Clare and the Burren**

The cliffs of moher 2040 strategy needs to prioritize the economic development of all of North Clare. The benefit of visitors to the cliffs is not being seen by many residents of the area. Day trip tourists from Dublin are providing very little to most communities in North Clare but they have become a plague on the road. These day trip bus tours from Dublin should be banned and if tourists want to visit the cliffs of moher they can come and stay here and see all of Clare.