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**Sent:** Monday 28 March 2022 12:12  
**To:** Development Plan  
**Subject:** Submission to Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029  
**Attachments:** Clare Co Co.pdf

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to make a submission regarding the proposed new interchange on the M18 onto the Quin Road, section 11.2.9.1 on the draft county development plan.

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- As an experienced competitive cyclist I witness the risks weekly on this road: The proposed plan ignores (or is unaware) of the scores of youths who cycle to matches at the soccer pitch on the Quin Road and the Doora Barefield sports facilities.

- Furthermore any recreational walker / pedestrian from any of the houses in the Ballaghboy area on this road will be seriously compromised as a result of increased traffic flow on this route.

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For convenience, a signed pdf document of the above is also attached.

Best,  
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