



Clare County
Development Plan
2023-2029

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Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Volume 3(a) Ennis Municipal District Written Statements and Settlement Maps

Volume 3(b) Shannon Municipal District Written Statements and Settlement Maps

Volume 3(c) Killaloe Municipal District Written Statements and Settlement Maps

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

Associated Documents

Volume 5 Clare Renewable Energy Strategy, Volume 6 Clare Wind Energy Strategy

Environmental Reports

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Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029,
Planning Department,
Clare County Council,
New Road,
Ennis,
Co Clare.

RE: DRAFT CLARE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023 - 2029

Clare County Council published the Draft Development Plan on September 18th, 2020. The plan sets out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the functional area of County Clare over the period 2023 – 2029.

The plan is an important blueprint for the development of County Clare from a physical, economic, social, and environmental viewpoint. The process included a review of the existing Development Plan and setting out the overall strategy for the sustainable development of County Clare for the period up to 2029. The development plan review process has a series of steps, and this submission is framed on the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029.

Volume 5 of the draft plan relates to Clare Renewable Energy Strategy and Strategic Environmental Assessment. Two strategic aims of this volume are outlined below.

- (a) To support the attainment of and to exceed in County Clare, where possible, the National targets and commitments to renewable energy.*
- (b) To identify/highlight the opportunities for various renewable energy technologies and resources and identify broad areas suitable for their development in full compliance with the requirements of all environmental legislation including the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive, Habitats Directive, Birds Directive and Water Framework Directive*

This aim clearly identifies the potential opportunity available in County Clare to become a national leader in the development and roll-out of renewable energy generation systems, thereby transitioning to a low carbon and climate resilient county.

GreenSource is fully supportive of the development of renewable energy projects in the county.

The draft plan highlights the requirements for further decarbonising the economy and the development of additional renewable energy projects in the county. This is all the more urgent due to current conflicts in Europe and the rest of the world and highlights the vulnerability of Irelands energy systems and our over-reliance on imported energy. GreenSource appreciates that the Development Plan seeks to achieve regional balance between areas and accept that some areas are not suitable for wind farm development. The economic activity associated with renewable energy projects is vital for redressing the trend of rural de-population, leading to more sustainable and vibrant communities.

GreenSource are fully supportive of the Clare Wind Energy Strategy and the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 and support the proposed plan in relation to renewable energy and the transition to a low carbon society.