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Submission from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Submission regarding the Draft Clare County Development Plan. The National Monuments Service (World Heritage Unit) of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has reviewed the draft Clare Development Plan and propose the following changes to the text surrounding World Heritage. it's important to distinguish between a World Heritage Tentative List **site** and a World Heritage **Property**.

A World Heritage Tentative List **site** is a proposed site that may (or may not) have **potential** Outstanding Universal Value while a World Heritage **Property** is an actual property inscribed on the World Heritage List. Being on the latter is the ultimate goal whereas the Tentative List is only one step on the journey. The National Monuments Service considers its important that the Draft Development Plan should be ambitious to reflect the possibility that Tentative List **sites** in Clare may become World Heritage **properties** in due course.

Section 15.2.21 UNESCO World Heritage

The protection of the world's cultural and natural heritage is of high importance for present and future generations and, to this end, the State is committed to the identification, management, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission of its World Heritage Properties in accordance with Article 4 of the World Heritage Convention.

Development Plan Objective:

World Heritage Site Status CDP15.26

It is an objective of Clare County Council:

- a) To collaborate with landowners, local communities and other relevant stakeholders to identify sites of global significance in County Clare that may be added to Ireland's World Heritage Tentative list, and in due course achieve full World Heritage status by being inscribed onto the World Heritage List*
- b) To protect the attributes that convey the potential Outstanding Universal Value of sites that are included on Ireland's Tentative List in County Clare
- c) To protect the attributes that convey the Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage Properties inscribed on the World Heritage List
- d) To engage with other national and international initiatives which promote the special built, natural and cultural heritage of places in the County.

In the event that sites in County Clare are included on Ireland's Tentative List or inscribed on the World Heritage List, the following objectives will apply when assessing proposals for development within the proposed and designated World Heritage areas/landscapes.

Development Plan Objective:

Development Proposals in Designated World Heritage Sites CDP15.27

It is an objective of Clare County Council to:

- a) Ensure that proposals for development in Tentative List sites and their proposed buffer will be assessed having regard to the contribution of the development to the preservation, conservation, management, and enhancement of the special qualities of these areas and their impact on the potential Outstanding Universal Value of the designated site.
- b) To ensure that proposals for development in World Heritage Properties and their buffer zones will be assessed having regard to the contribution of the development to the preservation, conservation, management, and enhancement of the special qualities of these areas and their impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the designated Property

*The Tentative List is an inventory of those sites which a country considers to have potential Outstanding Universal Value and intends to nominate for inscription onto the World Heritage List

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