



THE
Shannon
AIRPORT GROUP



**Proposed amendments to the
Draft Clare County
Development plan 2023 - 2029**



Introduction

The Shannon Airport Group welcomes the opportunity to provide input to the proposed amendments to the Draft Clare County Development Plan. We wish to highlight the following three issues for consideration.

Volume 4 Record of Protected Structures

In the Stage 3 Part IV - Chief Executives Report on Submissions to the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (Record of Protected Structures), *it is recommended that Shannon Airport, RPS 328 is included on the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029 and that the reference in the description to “the exterior of the semi-detached, four-bay, two-storey, flat-roofed departures building c.1960.” is not included on the Record of Protected Structures 2023 - 2029.*

However, this recommendation from the Chief Executive’s Report has not been carried over and included as a proposed amendment to Volume 4 Record of Protected Structures of the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029.

The Shannon Airport Group respectfully request that this recommendation be included as a proposed amendment in Volume 4 Record of Protected Structures of the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029.

Volume 5 – Clare Renewable Energy Strategy

Consideration and mention of the recently published (Oct 5th 2022) regulations titled: *Planning and Development (Solar Safeguarding Zone) Regulations 2022* should be made in the section dealing with solar power within this volume of the plan. The solar safeguarding zone regulations set out 43 solar safeguarding zones (SSZs) countrywide which are areas around an airport, aerodrome or helipad in which there is potential for glint and glare from solar panels to impact aviation safety. Specific mention of Map 12 – Coonagh solar safeguarding zone which extends into County Clare and Map 34 – Shannon Airport solar safeguarding zone which covers the county’s International airport and hinterland, should be made with inclusion of these maps in Volume 2 - Maps.

Volume 1 Written Statement

The Draft County Development Plan makes reference to the IASC cluster at Shannon in CDP6.5 and CDP11.19. In August 2022, The Shannon Airport Group consolidated a number of its brands and we would respectively ask any references to IASC in the County Development Plan are referred to as ‘the Aviation Cluster at Shannon’ as set out below.

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CDP 6.5 It is an objective of Clare County Council:

b) To facilitate the continued development of the ~~International Aviation Services Centre (IASC)~~ **Aviation** cluster at Shannon as recognised in Ireland’s *National Aviation Policy*;

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d) To facilitate and support the further development of the ~~International Aviation Services Centre (IASC)~~ **Aviation** cluster at Shannon as recognised in National Aviation Policy and to work to ensure that cross agency cooperation will continue to develop the ~~IASC~~ cluster to meet industry demand;



