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To: forwardplan
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To Whom it Concerns,

I was appointed as the Age Friendly Housing Technical Specialist for Clare County Council at the start of 2020.

While there are some age-friendly principles in the County Development Plan currently, the advice from Age Friendly Ireland is that more robust measures need to be incorporated into County Development Plans nationally.

As such, I have the following comments/submissions to make:

- Promoting/ensuring the development of age-friendly specific 2-bed units, with good connectivity to services, needs to be incorporated into the Co. Development Plan.
- Developments should be designed with age-friendly design in mind, not just with regards to the actual dwellings themselves, but including the green spaces, footpaths on desire lines, benches at certain distances to act as 'rest stops', the omission of dead ends within developments that could allow for anti-social behaviour etc.
- Could pockets of land in town centres be identified within the plan as suitable for age-friendly developments? It is key that older persons' housing is located close to services, where reliance on a car to access these services is not necessary.
- Can the Development Plan include for the provision of common rooms within the developments, allotments, exercise equipment on green areas etc.?
- Any development with multiple units should be sent to the Age Friendly Housing Technical Specialist for comment, including planning permission applications from AHBs and private developers.

In the context of my role as AF Housing Technical Specialist, I request that I be a stakeholder in this review of the County Development Plan.

Thanks and regards,

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