



Dear Carmel Brislane,

Please see below, the written statement from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class students in Feakle NS for the Clare County Development Plan 2022-2028. The written statement has been created based on the students' drawings and ideas in their Town Planning School Workbook. Please also see attached a few samples of the students' posters on what they would like Feakle to look like in 2028.

Written Statement:

1. The students would first, and most importantly, like for the Clare Bus services and offices to remain in Feakle. The students are aware of recent events, where it was being suggested to move the offices to Limerick and reduce the services the bus provides to Feakle and its environs. This would directly affect our school community as it affects students' parents in our school who are employed in the Clare Bus office in Feakle. It would also affect our school community as many of our students' grandparents avail of the Clare Bus Service. The students all expressed wishes for the Clare Bus service and offices to remain in Feakle and for the County Council to fully support this.
2. Students would also like for a local community café to be established in Feakle. Students specifically liked the idea of the Holly Tree café in Tulla and the Estuary Way café in Ballynacally. They would like a similar café to be set up in Feakle. They like how both previously mentioned cafés have a rural cottage kitchen feel to them, while also producing high quality food. The students thought that it would be a good idea to have this café, as it could provide daily dinners to be sold to the elderly population of Feakle. Students would like the café to be built with the environment in mind, using local naturally sourced materials and have the building as renewable as possible, energy-wise.
3. Students would like a cycle lane to be installed in Feakle. A lot of our students are enthusiastic about cycling but note that the winding roads in Feakle limits them in how far they can cycle without being accompanied by their parents. Students would like for a circular cycling route to be installed that would loop around the outskirts of Feakle village as well through Feakle village. Students would like the cycle lane to pass by key facilities that they interact with, e.g. the GAA pitch, the school and the playground.
4. Students would like there to be a play school and crèche to be set up on, or close by, the school grounds. The students said that all parents have to bring their children to a play school that is outside of Feakle village. Students said that having a playschool and crèche on the school grounds would allow for these students to remain in Feakle village, have the same group of friends from creche, through play school and into junior infants. The students pointed out that this would make the transition from playschool to primary school easier, as students would be in the same grounds and

have the same group of friends. Similar to the café, students would like the playschool and crèche building to be built with the environment in mind (See point 1).

5. Students would like there to be forestry walks created in the forests that surround Feakle. Students liked the idea of having forest walks similar to Lees Road in Ennis and Dromore Woods in Ruan. Students would also like if a natural jungle gym could be created from the wood in the forestry, creating a natural playground for kids.

Yours Sincerely,

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