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A Chara,

Thank you for your email of 9th October 2020 regarding the above.

The Climate Action Regional Offices have been established in 2018 in response to Action 8 of the 2018 National Adaptation Framework (NAF), to co-ordinate climate action at both regional and local authority levels. In recognition of the significant obligation to develop and implement climate action measures, the four regional offices are mandated to assist engagement across the varying levels of government and help build on experience and expertise that exists in the area of climate change and climate action. The composition of the four Climate Action Regions has been determined by the geographical and topographical characteristics, vulnerabilities and shared climate risks experienced across local authority areas. The Atlantic Seaboard South Region consists of the administrative areas of Clare County Council, Cork City Council, Cork County Council, Kerry County Council and Limerick City & County Council.

Climate change is already happening and is one of the greatest global challenges of our time. In that regard, CARO supports the importance placed in the Issues Paper on climate action and wish to make the following observations:

- The Issues Paper makes reference to key climate action policy drivers and due consideration of these policies is recommended in the further development of the process:
 - **The Climate Action Plan (2019)** is cited on p.26. The objective of the Plan is to enable Ireland to meet its EU targets to reduce its carbon emissions by 30 per cent between 2021 and 2030 and lay the foundations for achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050. The Plan sets out 180 actions that need to be taken and extends to all sectors of the economy. The Plan addresses key issues and themes, including:
 - Governance
 - Monitoring
 - Renewable Electricity
 - Built Environment
 - Waste and the Circular Economy
 - Transport
 - Agriculture
 - The National Adaptation Framework, which was published in January 2018, as a requirement of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015, set out the national strategy to reduce the vulnerability of the country to the negative effects of climate change and to avail of positive impacts. It outlines a whole of government and society approach, in which local authorities share the responsibility for climate action and are key drivers of the energy transition and climate adaptation of communities to the impacts of climate change.
The Framework led to the requirement upon all local authorities to secure the approval by their members of their respective **Climate Change Adaptation Strategy** (referenced on p.5).
- Other policy drivers of relevance that have not been specifically referenced in the Issues Paper but I suggest should be included are:
 - **Climate Action Charter for Local Authorities and Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment on behalf of Government (2019)** (<https://assets.gov.ie/75714/dbcaf03a-2f1b-4514-803e-f3ab6d9dc76a.pdf>). The Charter (which is requirement of the Climate Action Plan) is a list of 24

commitments that underlines the leadership role of local authorities in delivering effective climate action. The Charter requires local authorities to put in place a process for carbon-proofing major decisions, programmes and projects, including investments in transport and energy, as well as in procurement.

- While not strictly a policy document, it would be prudent to be mindful of the implications of the **2020 Programme for Government** (https://www.fine Gael.ie/app/uploads/2020/06/ProgrammeforGovernment_Final_16.06.20-1.pdf), which has a range of commitments on carbon reduction measures and greater sustainability.
- **Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2020** (<https://assets.gov.ie/90167/93bd2ab8-fde8-40ae-b896-38b1f0854321.pdf>) which was published on 7th October 2020. The Bill includes the following key elements:
 - Establishes a 2050 emissions target
 - Introduces system of successive 5-year, economy-wide carbon budgets starting in 2021
 - Strengthens the role of the Climate Change Advisory Council in proposing carbon budgets
 - Introduces a requirement to annually revise the Climate Action Plan and prepare a National Long Term Climate Action Strategy at least every decade
 - Introduces a requirement for all Local Authorities to prepare individual Climate Action Plans which will include both mitigation and adaptation measures
 - Gives a stronger oversight role for the Oireachtas through an Oireachtas Committee

Thank you for the opportunity afforded to the CARO in making these observations and we look forward to working with you in the future.

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Subject: Review of Clare County Development Plan 2017-2023 and Preparation of new Clare County Development Plan 2022-2028

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A Chara,

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and Article 13B of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004, as amended, Clare County Council hereby gives notice that it intends to review the existing Clare County Development Plan 2017-2023 and to prepare a new Clare County Development Plan 2022-2028 for the functional area of Clare County Council.

Pursuant to Article 13B of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004, as amended, the Planning Authority will carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as part of the review of the existing Development Plan and the preparation of a new Development Plan. For this purpose, the Planning