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Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to make a submission focusing on the village of Liscannor, but relevant to the county as a whole.

Liscannor has a healthy village community, which is important considering that it's population temporarily swells and dwindles with the seasons. Although primarily, we need to pay attention to the needs of the permanent residents, tourism is something that would be foolish to ignore and something that with better planning, would be simple to tap into. With that in mind we need to recover some of its natural charm.

In order to make Liscannor more attractive to tourists, a few guidelines could be considered. When compared to Lahinch, Doolin or Ballyvaughan, for example, Liscannor has not managed to retain its inherent attractiveness, there are some ill planned developments and unfinished projects that have made the village look at one end like a building site and at the other an industrial estate.

I would like to suggest the following for consideration;

- Focus on maintaining older infrastructure or repairing it in the case of the old Liscannor Bay Hotel
- A more cohesive idea of how new buildings should blend in
- No more development without an end result. For example, tourists have often expressed dismay at the lack of parking in the village when there is an enormous, unattractive, unused car park plainly visible
- Better control of light pollution
- Restrict any inappropriate development within the village, no cheap holiday homes or glamping/camping sites etc
- Focus on the harbour area, which has been improved and could benefit further from more places in and around it celebrating the sea and perhaps seafood
- If we are going to have tourist focus retail premises, can we make them in context with other buildings and less like mall outlets

Thanks you for your attention

Regards

Steve Haigh