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I attache my submissions in relation to the county development plan. I attach photos of my submissions as I could not send from my email account.

Kindcregards,
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Violet-Anne Wynne TD
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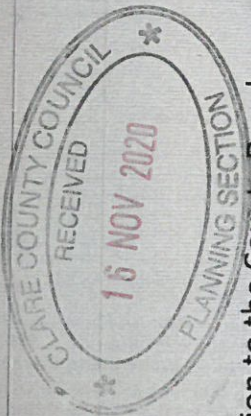
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Helen, A chara,

I wish to submit the following submissions in relation to the County Development Plan 2022-2028 for your attention.

1. First point to note is the lack of bus stops in Rural areas but also in our rural towns and villages. This should be addressed to allow more use of public transport and for the health and safety interests of those in our community.
2. Further to the first point, that there are more options for travelling in and out of our main town in Ennis – more routes and routes at times that are accessible. The idea that any of us would need to hitch hike in order to access healthcare appointments, work or education is absurd and an investment into public transport is more important now then ever before as we tackle Climate Change.
3. The North and West of the county not to be overlooked due to population size and instead, acknowledgement that the government did not prioritise regional balance and therefore beautiful areas like the North and West of Clare did not get investment and did not get services. If investment and services were put in place then we could see if [people would choose to live there. As we are now in a new normal it seems a lot more are interested in living rural as they now find themselves having to work from home.
4. For the five areas of Clare to get the much needed wastewater infrastructure. These communities cannot continue to live in these circumstances and longer. It is not good for their well-being as it is the source of anger and despair for these people. These people should not have had to fight to get told that the work will not be done for another two years. This will have a direct impact on new builds and businesses in these areas which will further compound the experience that they endure. It seems contradictory also, investment wont come as the population is not to a certain level but that will not increase until the investment into these areas comes from the government.
5. I would like to see provision for housing especially in rural areas. Keeping in mind the town of Kilrush, there is nothing currently available. It is too much to expect those from Kilrush or further to travel to Ennis everyday to access shelter. There needs to be something put in place for these people as no one should be left on the streets.
6. Further to my previous point, there is a deficit in one and two bedroomed properties, in particular for those that are elderly and adapted.
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7. There needs to be more engagement from Clare County Council and landlords of vacant properties. This can be done through information sessions for the public. Bringing in Citizens information centre as an idea to give landlords advise and information without any other agenda. Seek out these landlords to devise pathways for the council to take ownership.

8. Clare county council taking ownership of the heritage sites in Clare and ensuring our position as centre for tourism and culture and development and tying these in with Wild Atlantic Way.

9. Addressing broadband issues in rural towns and villages as the necessity has become hugely relevant in this covid19 world we live in today. People need to be able to access broadband for work and school, it is now affecting all ages.

10. Moneypoint needs to be tackled head on – there are talks from ESB of it being used for storage and as an emergency reserve that can be switched on if is required. There is also the option of running off- shore wind also. This needs to be explored further as this will mean job losses and if so that West Clare can be included in the Just transition fund.

and regards,

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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne TD

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