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Variation to Clooney Settlement Plan - Creation of Village Growth Area 4 ("VGA4") in Clooney

Dear Clare County Council,

As local residents we wish to make a submission in relation to Variation No.1 to the Clare County Council Development Plan 2023-2029 with regard to the creation of Village Growth Area 4 ("VGA4") in Clooney, County Clare.

We are of the opinion that the creation of Village Growth Area 4 ("VGA4") in Clooney is not appropriate for the following reasons:

1. Sustainable agriculture

The lands set out in VGA4 are predominately used for sustainable agricultural practices. We are of the opinion that the move to make these lands VGA4 will not advance means of local sustainable food production. Local sustainable food production is essential for meeting for Ireland's climate goals.

2. Protection of native animals and native species

The lands set out in VGA4 are home to native species, including but not limited to, native Barn Owls and native Frog species. We are of the opinion the creation of VGA4 in Clooney will negatively impact these native species.

3. Safeguarding biodiversity including native trees and shrubs

The lands set out in VGA4 are a biodiverse environment. There are a large number of native trees (e.g. ash, willow and sycamore trees) and native shrubs on these lands. Protecting biodiversity is essential for future generations and we are of the opinion that any move to make these lands VGA4 will not be advantageous for the natural biodiversity in this area.

4. Safety of pedestrians, cyclists and other road users

If the lands set out in VGA4 were subject to further development in the future, we would be concerned at the impact such development would have on all road users (pedestrians, cyclists and other road users). The R352 road and the LP4074 local primary road could see extraordinary levels of traffic congestion if lands at VGA4 were further developed. We are of the opinion that the possibility of such traffic congestion would be a negative experience for all road users and residents of Clooney.

We would be grateful if our submission above could be considered when deciding in relation to Variation No. 1 of the Clooney settlement plan under the Clare County Council Development Plan 2023-2029.

Kind regards,
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