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To: [Development Plan](#)
Subject: Submission to Variation no1 to the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029
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To whom it concerns,

I, Martin Vernon, Chair of Hands Off Ennis Post Office Field Campaign, wish to make the following submission on behalf of our group.

A. We support proposed Vol 3a(iii) and Vol 3a(iv) of proposed Variation No 1. Clare County Council Development Plan 2024-2029 which removes all references to development proposals to build on Ennis Post Office Field which were included within the original Ennis 2040 Strategy dated May 2021 and Draft Ennis Local Transport Plan dated 04/04/2025.

B. We wish to support and request changes, as outlined below, in Vol 3a(I) Ennis and Clarecastle Settlement Plan, Proposed Variation No. 1 of in order to protect Ennis Post Office Field as a nature Reserve & Flood Plain.

We support the following in Vol 3a(I) Ennis and Clarecastle Settlement Plan

Deletion of Transformation Site S3 Proposals including

- (1) Proposed Amendment PA 3a-42a - which among other things in connection with development proposals for the Post Office Field proposes to delete text that included “ The creation of raised boardwalks and pedestrian bridges over the River Fergus
- (2) Proposed Amendment PA 3a-42b - which among other things in connection with development proposals for the Post Office Field proposes to delete the following “ and a boardwalk “ and “ its potential development , as outlined in OP5 below,”
- (3) Proposed Amendment PA 3a-42c - which among other things in connection with development proposals for the Post Office Field proposes to delete references to boardwalks, foot bridge , etc
- (4) Proposed Amendment PA 3a-42d - which among other things in connection with development proposals for the Post Office Field proposes to delete references to “ A new pedestrian bridge across the River Fergus ..” , boardwalks, etc

2. We object and request amendments In connection to wording associated with Opportunity Sites OP4 and OP5 in Volume 3a(i) Ennis and Clarecastle Settlement Plan .

We object to any proposals for development on what is referred to as the “ adjoining Infill Site “ which is very important for biodiversity, flooding and visual links to and from Bindon Street , undeveloped portion at the top of the Post Office field located between the old P&T Analogue Building and the Church of Ireland on Bank Place.

We request the removal of all written references to “ adjoining Infill Site “ , and of any development on , within the wording of both Proposed Amendment PA 3a-42b and Proposed Amendment PA 3a-42c. .

We request the removal of the wording of “ adjoining Infill Site “ in the title of “ OP4 Analogue Building and adjoining Infill Site , Bank Place .” of proposed PA 3a - 42a and proposed PA 3a-42b .

3. We request amendment of two maps associated with PA 3a-39b and PA 4a-40b Vol 3a(I) Ennis and Clarecastle Settlement Plan as follows;
to ensure that the so-called “ adjoining infill site “ , which is a large undeveloped portion

of the Post Office Field fronting onto Bank Place, is removed from within the boundary of Opportunity Site OP4 and included within the boundary of Opportunity Site OP5 which is titled “ The Post Office Field “

In addition we request amendment of the map on page 34 Vol 3a(I) Ennis and Clarecastle Settlement Plan to remove from the map the “ proposed pedestrian route” within the Post Office Field OP5

Conclusion.

We request that no development proposals to build on any part , including the so called “adjoining infill site “ of Ennis Post Office Field be included in any of the final documents when Variation No 1 , referred to above , is adopted by our elected representatives.

We see the Fields beauty and nature playing its part in improving our Capital Town by developing sustainable alternatives. We think this could be facilitated by transforming the nearby derelict Analogue (Old Telecom) building, which is beside the Post Office. We envision a biodiversity education centre, visitor centre and a tourist attraction in one. This initiative would provide ecological and green enterprise benefits without compromising the town's last central green space, felt by many to be the vital organ that allows our Capital Town to breathe, the Lung of Ennis.

Many thanks

Martin Vernon

