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To: [Development Plan](#)
Subject: Submission to Variation No.1 to the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029
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Dear Team,

Trust all is well.

I write to make the following submission to the above mentioned variation.

I ask that the final draft fully reflects and commits to the findings of the Ennis Local Transport Plan in relation to Droichead na Gabhair Bridge which states "WC209 Droichead na Gabhair Bridge - Clare County Council will explore a separate active travel bridge."

I refer to the public consultation on Proposed Variation No.1 to the Clare County Development Plan 2023–2029, which includes the incorporation of the Ennis Local Transport Plan (ELTP) into the County Development Plan.

My submission concerns the treatment of Droichead na Gabhair Bridge in the final adopted Variation and associated documents.

The Ennis Local Transport Plan includes the following specific objective:

This wording is clear and unambiguous: it commits the Council to exploring a separate active travel bridge..

Request

I respectfully request that the final adopted text and maps of Variation No.1, including the Ennis Local Transport Plan and any related settlement plans or transport objectives, should:

1. Fully reflect and retain the exact wording of WC209 as set out above.
2. Clearly commit that any future intervention at Droichead na Gabhair would be a separate active travel bridge, with no alterations to the vehicular access on the current bridge.
3. Avoid any conflicting or ambiguous references elsewhere in the Variation that could be interpreted as supporting any alternative arrangement at this site.

Aligning the final Variation with the ELTP objective WC209 in this way will ensure consistency across the Development Plan, provide clarity for future decision-making, and support safe and sustainable, low-carbon mobility in Ennis in line with national and local transport and climate policy.

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