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Subject: "Submission to Variation No. 1 to the Clare County Council Development Plan 2023-2029"
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"I ask that the final draft of Variation No.1 fully reflects and commits to the Ennis Local Transport Plan objective for Droichead na Gabhair, 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 incorporates the Ennis Local Transport Plan into the Plan. My submission relates specifically to how Droichead na Gabhair is addressed in the final adopted documents.

The ELTP objective is clear: the Council will explore a separate active travel bridge, not any alteration to the existing vehicular bridge.

Request

I respectfully request that the final adopted Variation:

1. Retains the exact wording of WC209.
2. Clearly commits that any future intervention at Droichead na Gabhair will be a separate active travel bridge only, with no changes to vehicular access on the existing bridge.
3. Avoids any conflicting or ambiguous references that could imply alternative arrangements at this location.

Ensuring full alignment with WC209 will provide clarity, maintain consistency across the Development Plan, and support safe, sustainable, low-carbon mobility in Ennis in line with national and local transport and climate policy."

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