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**Subject:** Submission to Variation No.1 to the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I object to Proposed Amendment No. 3a-23 regarding the rezoning of lands at Pairc na Coille, Drumbiggle, Ennis.

The individual listed is the one making this submission and is included in this email. The sender is acting only to forward it.

This woodland is a feeding ground for the lesser horseshoe bat, a protected species under Irish and European law. These bats depend on dark, connected habitats with tree cover. Even small changes in lighting or land use can disrupt feeding and movement.

Rezoning this site for development would remove critical habitat and fragment ecological corridors. This type of loss has long-term impacts and cannot be reversed.

This site also supports wider biodiversity within an already urban area.

I request that this rezoning is not approved and that the site remains protected.

Yours faithfully,

Susan McDonnell

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