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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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To whom it may concern

Please find attached our submission (objection) to Variation No. 1 Clare County Council Development Plan 2023-2029, Vol.3a (iv) adoption of Ennis Local Transport Plan - Connecting Tulla Road to Gort Road Ennis.

Kindest regards,

Rose-Marie Flanagan

Principal/Secretary of the Board of Management





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RE: Variation No. 1 Clare County Council Development Plan 2023-2029, Vol.3a (iv) adoption of Ennis Local Transport Plan - Connecting Tulla Road to Gort Road Ennis.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Board of Management of our school, I, the undersigned, wish to formally object to the proposal to connect the Tulla Road to the Gort Road via the Corrovorrin Graveyard pathway within the Corrovorrin Estate.

Our objection is based on the following key concerns:

1. Existing Established Cycle Route

There is already a well-established, clearly signposted pedestrian and cycling route connecting the Tulla Road to the Gort Road via St. Senan's Road, The Crescent, and Ivy Hill. This route is in daily use by both walkers and cyclists and makes appropriate use of existing infrastructure. Directing users to this established route represents a more suitable, efficient, and sustainable solution than creating a new pathway through a residential area.

2. Traffic Safety Concerns

The junction at Tulla Road and Kevin Barry Avenue is frequently congested and, at times, unsafe due to the narrow roadway and the presence of parking spaces serving nearby commercial premises. Introducing additional pedestrian and cycling traffic into this already restricted junction would significantly increase safety risks. From a traffic management and road safety perspective, this would be entirely inappropriate.

3. Risk of Anti-Social Behaviour

There is a well-documented history of anti-social behaviour along the Corrovorrin Graveyard pathway. The closure of the adjoining field belonging to our school (at the school and diocese expense) has resulted in a substantial reduction in such incidents. Previously, anti-social behaviour in this area posed serious health and safety risks, including broken glass bottles and used needles being thrown into the school yard.



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Reopening and formalising this pathway would, in our view, lead to a recurrence of these issues, causing significant distress and concern for both the school community and the residents of Corrovorrin Drive.

4. Child Protection Concerns

Given the close proximity of the proposed cycleway to our school grounds, serious concerns arise regarding child protection and supervision. Increased public access along this route would present additional risks during school hours and at times of pupil arrival and dismissal. It is unclear how these risks would be adequately managed or mitigated, and the proposal raises significant safeguarding concerns for our pupils.

Conclusion

In light of the above, the Board of Management strongly believes that the proposed pathway would have a negative impact on community safety, residential amenity, and the wellbeing and protection of children attending our school. We respectfully request that this proposal be reconsidered and that alternative solutions, making use of existing infrastructure, be prioritised.

Yours faithfully,

Rose-Marie Flanagan
Principal and Secretary of the Board of Management
St. Anne's School