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The housing development situation in the rural areas is not working at present with no apparent policy on how to provide additional houses in rural villages with no public sewer system. A definitive policy must be introduced. Co.Clare introduced a "cluster" policy which allowed or negated the rural needs policy thus allowing for controlled areas of housing in specific areas to reinforce small established communities, these allowed individual treatment plants rather than public sewers. Whilst we have policies to control rural housing in the countryside it is still a high percentage of the builds in rural Galway over the last few years. The "cluster" concept could be incorporated into Galway's development plan but the restriction on site size for a treatment plant should be governed by EPA regulations been adhered to rather than the half-acre stipulation at present from previous development plans. This would allow a more natural growth, an organic growth and natural progression to villages and I feel would be more socially accepted by the villages and communities. There should be a methodology to any housing increase in these areas to be matched by a fund/grant to allow expansion of services to the local community be it schools / playgrounds and parks and recreation.