

N.O.M. NO 48 - PUBLIC LIGHT - CLLR. K. QUINN

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Quinn:-

"The above works will be considered along with others in the preparation of the 1996 Public Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. NO 49 - FAIR GREEN - CLLR. M. REGAN

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Regan:-

"It is proposed to improve the junction of the road through the Fair Green with the Gort Road by squaring off the junction approximately 30 metres east of the present junction. This will leave a triangular section on which car parking for about 12 - 15 cars can be provided, west of the new junction and beside the children's playground.

It is also proposed to remove the unsightly concrete fencing and provide, as far as finance will allow, a small decorative stone wall around the park, approximately 600mm high with a smooth flat top. Subject to funding, it is also proposed to carry out tree planting and provide some seating."

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN

Submitted, Approved and Signed.

John W. Shannon
CHAIRMAN

23/10/95

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18th September, 1995.

To the Chairman and Each Member of the Council.

**RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
REGULATIONS) 1994.**

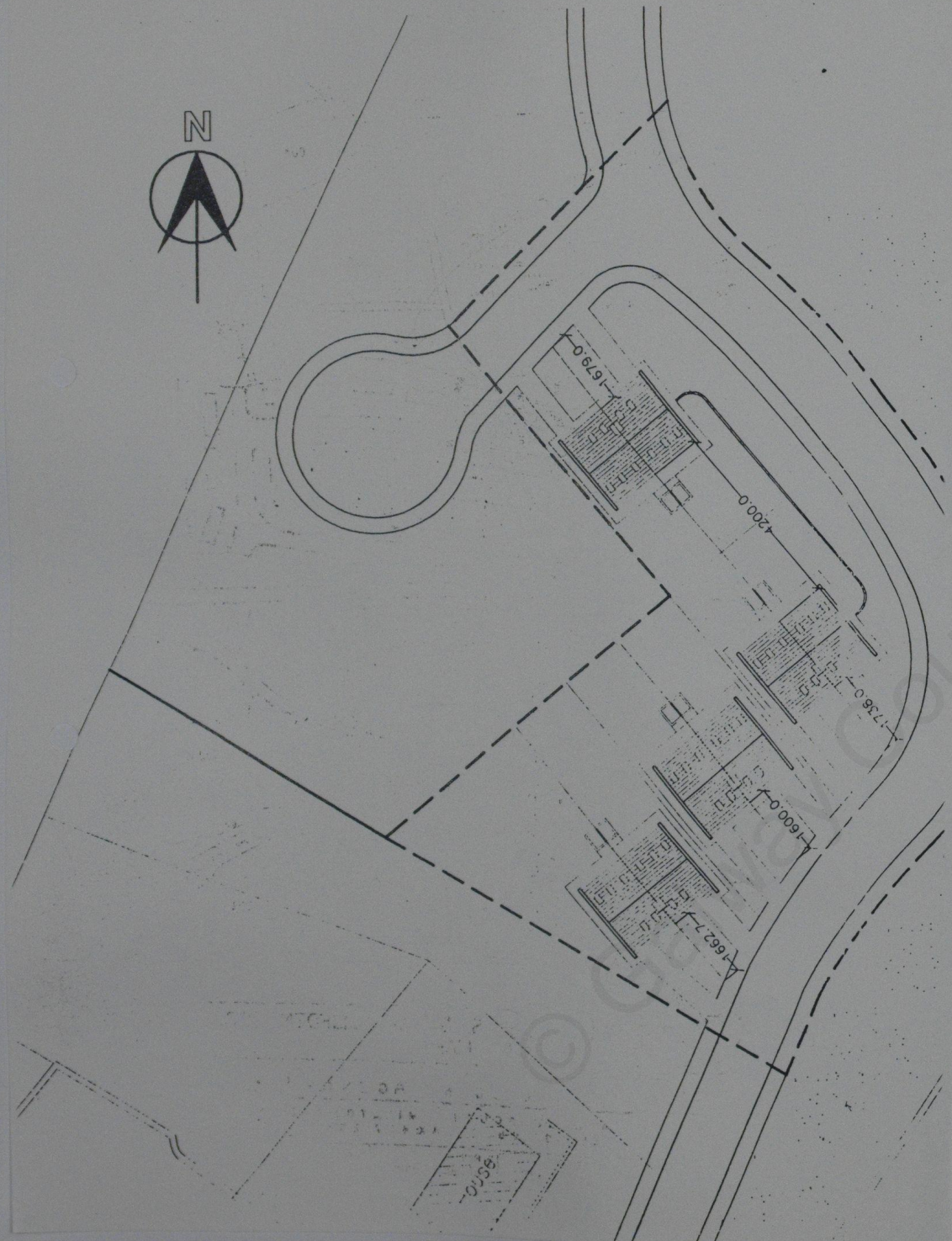
Article 134 Report on Proposed Development

SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT

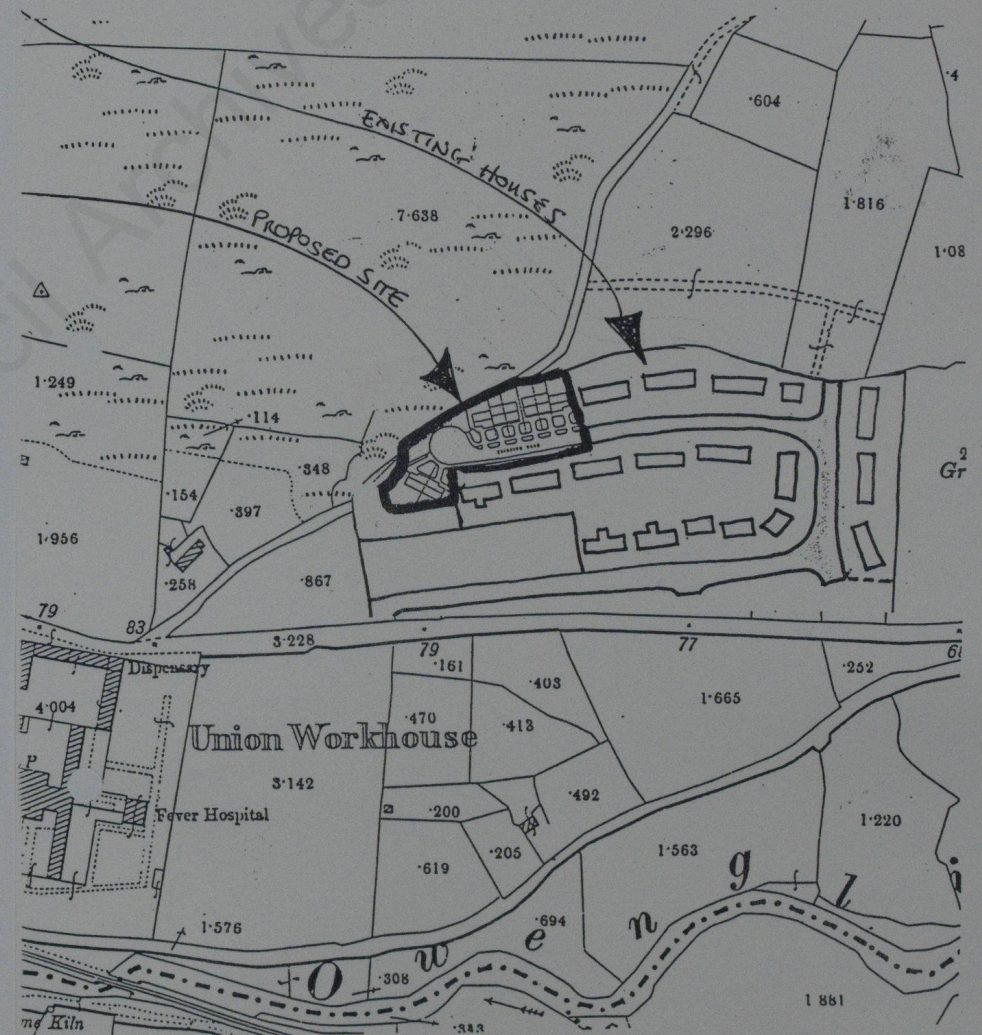
The provision of scheme houses with services at the following locations. Layouts and site maps are attached.

- * Carna - 6 houses (4 x 2 bedroomed single storey houses,
2 x 3 bedroomed single storey houses).
Effluent treatment will be by means of a puraflo system to comply with the requirements of S.R.6 (1991).
- * Rosmuc - 4 houses (2 x 2 bedroomed single storey houses,
2 x 3 bedroomed two storey houses)
Effluent treatment will be by means of a puraflo system to comply with the requirements of S.R.6 (1991).
- * Carraroe - 8 houses (8 x 3 bedroomed two storey houses)
The houses will be connected to existing services.

HOUSES AT CARRAROE - LOCATION PLAN



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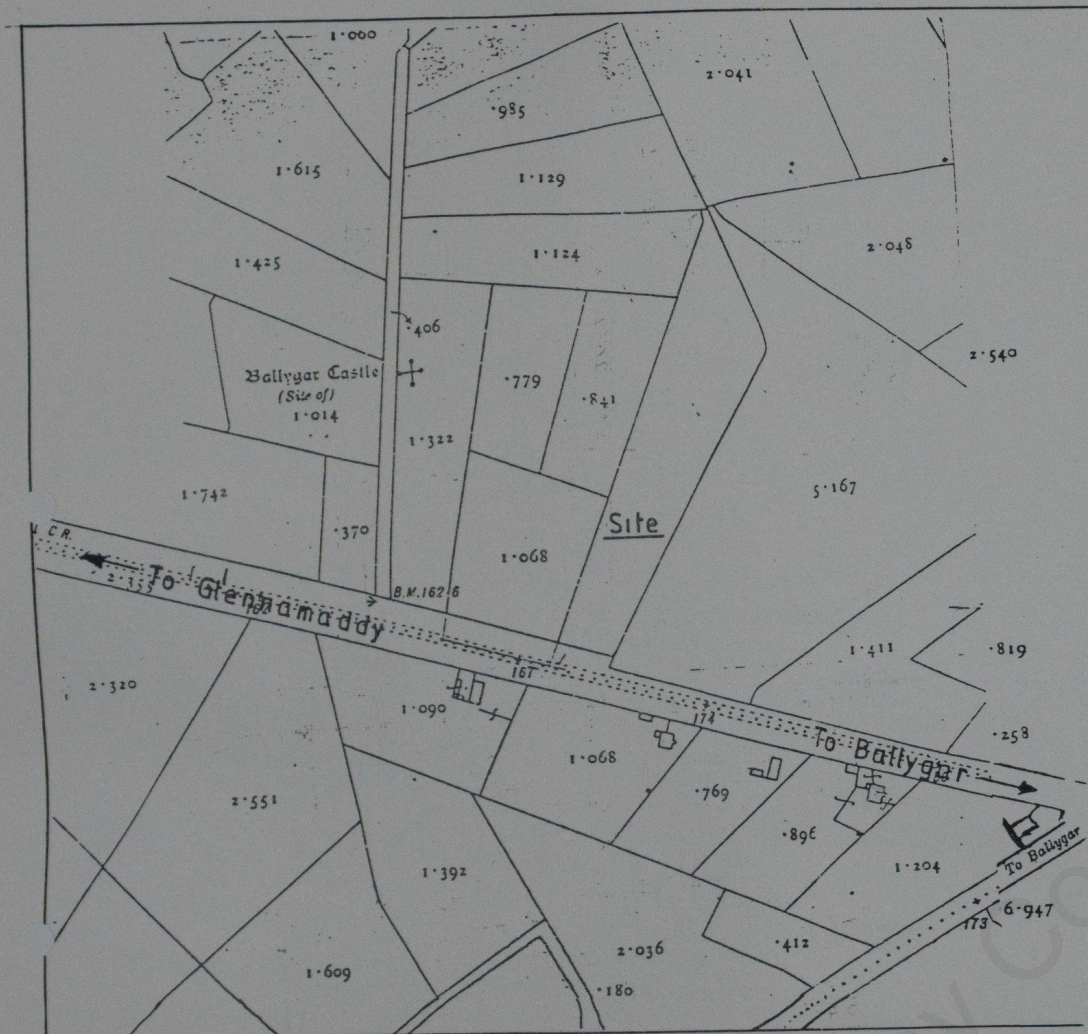
JOB TITLE PROPOSED HOUSING AT CLIFDEN CO. GALWAY
 DWG. TITLE SITE LOCATION MAP

NATIONAL BUILDING AGENCY LTD.

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SITE LOCATION MAP

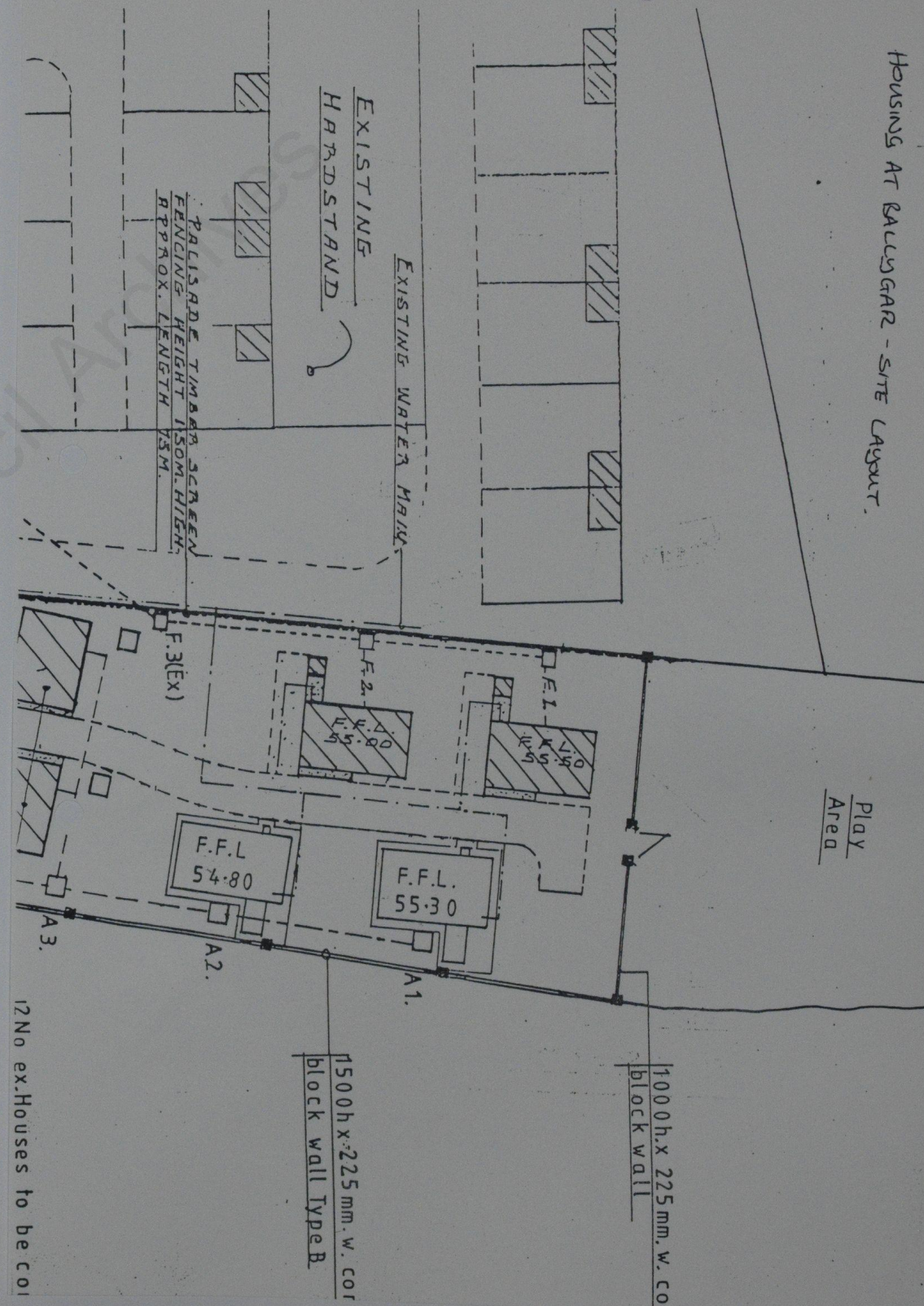
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Townland Ballygar

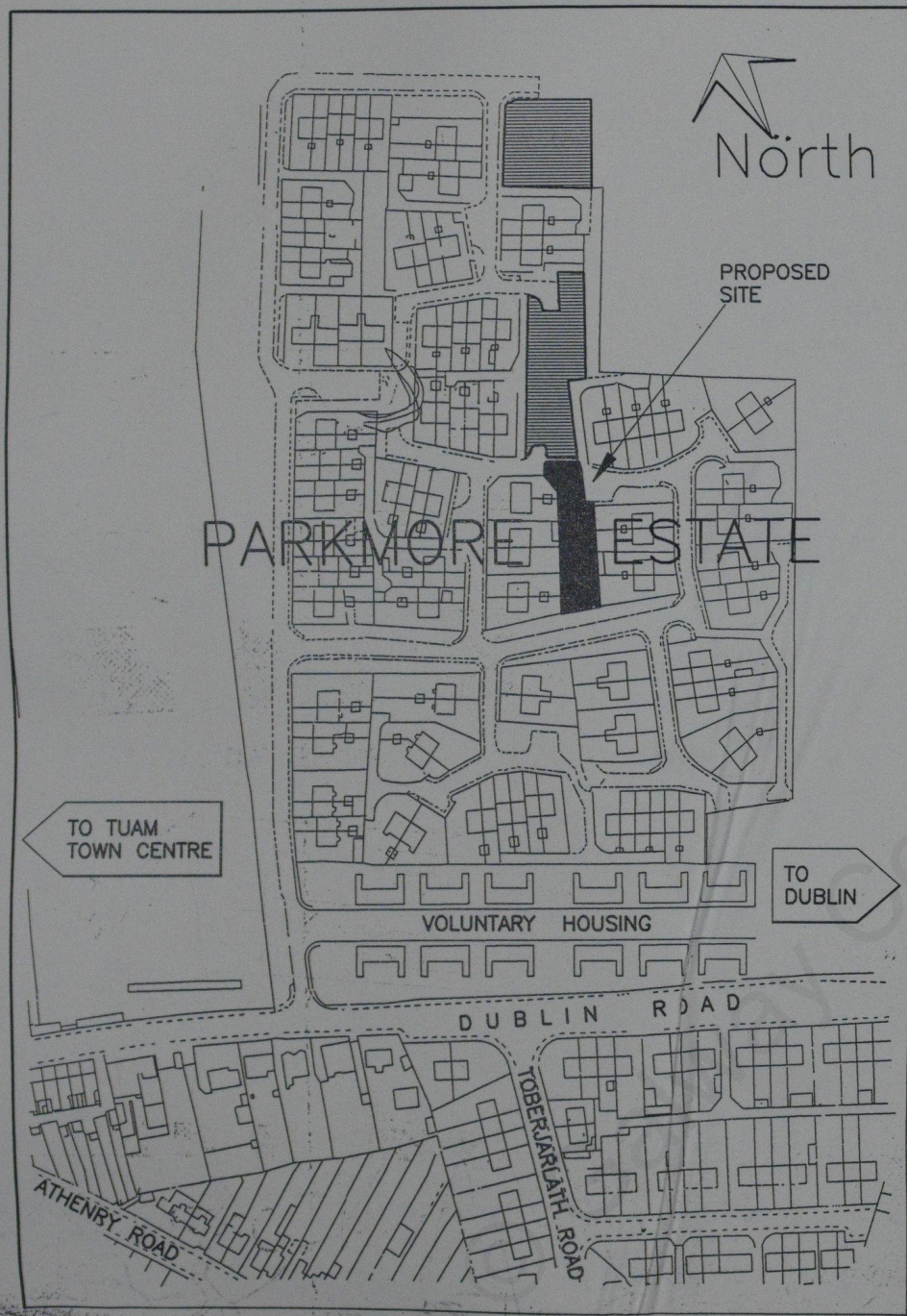
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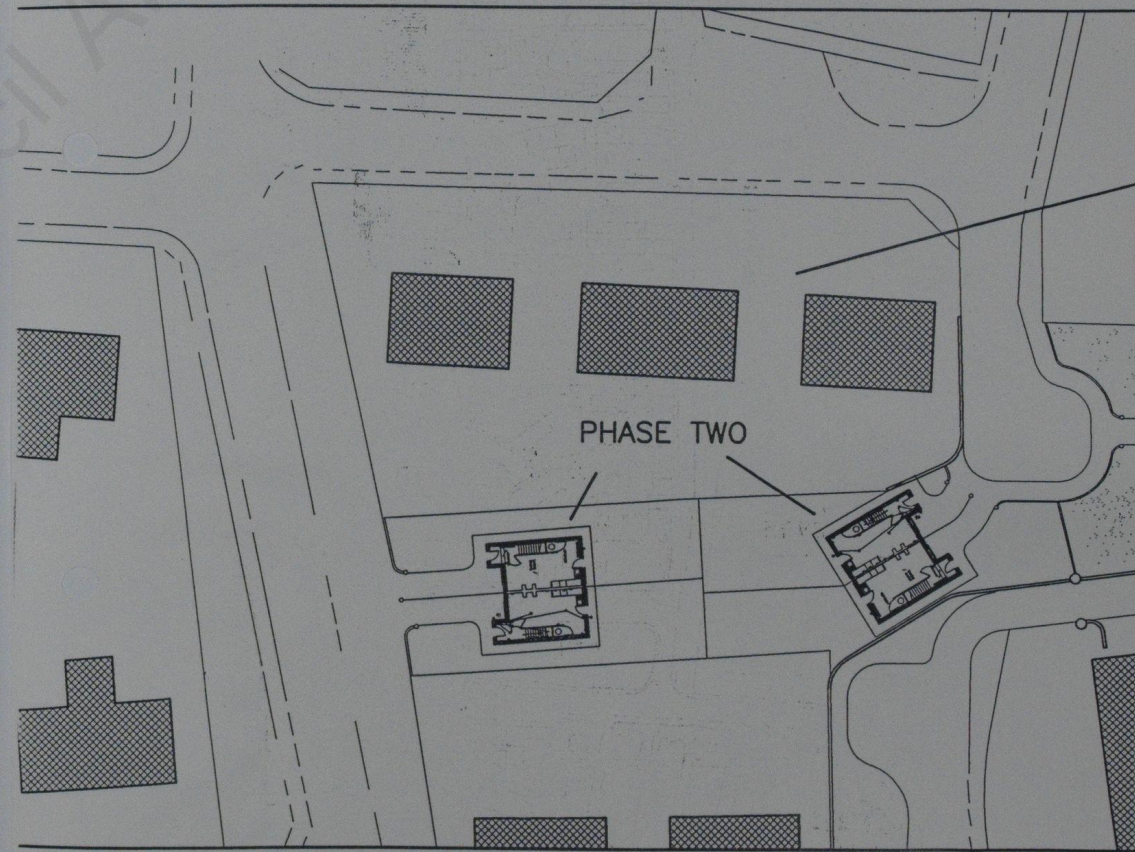


HOUSING AT BALLYGAR - SITE LAYOUT



LOCATION MAP Scale: 1

4 HOUSES AT PARKMORE - SITE LAYOUT



PROPOSED

HOUSING AT PARKMORE

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

19 Mean Fomhair, 1995.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu Miosiul de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 25u la Mean Fomhair, 1995, ag tosnu ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

B. O'DUILL,
Runai Sealadach

CLAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Minutes of Special Meeting held In Committee, on 31st July, 1995.
 - (c) Minutes of Special Meeting held In Committee on the 21st August, 1995.
 - (d) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 28th August, 1995.
2. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads - details enclosed.
 - a) In the Townland of Stradbally North.
 - b) In the Townland of Caherapheepa.
3. Disposal of Land at Townparks, Tuam, to Iarnoid Eireann. Section 83 Notice dated 7th September, 1995, refers.

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4. To consider report under Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 1994, in connection with construction of Houses under the 1995 House Construction Programme. Report Attached.
5. Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 - report attached.
6. To approve Amenity Grants and Economic Activity Grants for 1995 - recommendations herewith.
7. To consider making of submission in relation to study on Local Government Financing.
8. To fix date for extra Planning Meeting for review of Development Plan.
9. To fix date for Estimates Meeting.
10. Business submitted by the Chairman.
11. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Adjourned From Previous Meeting :

CLR. MICHAEL MULLINS
- I will propose :

12

That Galway County Council take over road at Glennaghloghaun South, Monivea, Athenry, Co. Galway.

CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN
- I will propose :

13

That the roadside drain from Brennans' house to Sheppards' house in Kellysgrave, Ballinasloe be cleaned immediately.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
- I will propose :

14

That Galway County Council erect a public light at Maree Cross. If funds are not available in this years estimate I am requesting to have same included in next years list.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
- I will propose :

15

That Galway County Council extend the footpaths on the Ennis Road towards Lough Cutra, and if necessary, funding to be sought from N.R.A.

CLR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
- I will propose :

16

That Galway County Council provide an extension of the lighting at Ennis Road, Gort. I would like to have this included in next years programme and representations made immediately to N.R.A. for funding for same.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

17

That Galway County Council carry out improvement works on raising of the roads that were flooded last Spring ie Co. Road at Coogans, Lough, Ardrahan, the Corcor Co. Road at Kiltartan, Gort, Co. Roads at Roo, Gort. That the improvement works be carried out before Christmas to avoid flooding.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

18

That Galway County Council provide as many FAS schemes in 1996, as in 1995. FAS schemes require to be extended in Gort, Ardrahan, and Craughwell, also Peterswell and Kilchreest. Will the same number of people be employed in these schemes.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY
- I will propose :

19

That Galway County Council provide Bus-Bays on the Ballyglass Co. Road leading to Ballyglass National School, Ardrahan. Parents collecting children have problems meeting the Bus on this narrow road.

CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN
- I will propose :

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That the County Council take steps to reduce traffic speed

at Upper Dublin Road, Tuam due to the danger which is being caused to residents and in particular to children at this location.

CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN
- I will propose :

21

That flashing lights be provided to improve safety at this very busy location (details supplied)

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :

22

That a continuous white line be placed on the extremely dangerous section of the N.59 National Secondary Route from Corcullen-Clooniffe Road - Clydagh. This section has been the location of numerous traffic accidents and near misses due to overtaking.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :

23

Iarraim ar Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe obair dheisiuchain a dheanamh ar Bhothar Bhaile an Logain Cornaron Thoir i gCois Fharrage.

CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN
- I will propose :

24

That works are carried out on the Pribbaun Road in Rosscahill to Mr. Christy Roche's House and also on Tumnasragh-Clooniffe Road in Moycullen.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :

25

That the following safety measures be implemented at Derrycoober N.S., Woodford.
Provide Warning Lights, adequate signage and a continuous white line in the centre of the road.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :

26

That a continuous white line be painted on the N6 for distance of 300m on both sides of the Hanleys Cross Junction.

CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE
- I will propose :

27

That Galway County Council repair the footpath at a specified location.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS :

- Other Motions Received :

CLR. PADRAIC MC CORMACK
- I will propose :

28

That "Go Slow" signs be erected on the 2 dangerous corners on the road at Baranna - this is a location between 2 dangerous turns on the Baranna Road between Clonboo Cross and Annaghdown.

CLR. PADRAIC MC CORMACK
- I will propose :

29

That Galway County Council take immediate steps to alleviate the danger on the road at Park, Corrandulla leading to the houses of Maureen Walsh and Martin Walsh. This road is in danger of collapse because of the undermining of the road by removing sand over the years on each side. I propose that the road be restored to ground level on each side as it is in a very dangerous position at present

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH
- I will propose :

30

I wish to propose that Galway County Council erect new bigger school signs and Yield Right of Way Signs (details attached).

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH
- I will propose :

31

That Galway County Council provide Booster Pump in order to enhance inadequate supply of water to Group Scheme (details attached).

CLR. JARLATH MC DONAGH
- I will propose :

32

That Galway County Council repair dangerous damaged patch in road at Gort - Cloonmore (300 yards approx), or if Council conclude that damage has been done by a 3rd Party, seek that this party repair road.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

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Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe solas poiblí idir Seipeal agus Schoil Naisiunta an Tulach. Tá gear ga don Solas seo.

CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

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Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe "Aire Paisti

ag Trasna" ar an dha taobh den bothar ag S.N. Leitir Muca.
Bionn go leor tracht ar an mbothar seo.

35 CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA
- I will propose :

Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ait parcaill
ag Tra an Dolin, An Cheathru Rua. Nil busanna in ann
casamh ag an tra agus bionn go dear carranna thios ann sa
samhradh.

36 CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV
- I will propose :

Molaimse go dtogfar balla cosanta ag crosbhothar Cuilin,
in aice le Carna, le cosaint a thabhairt do charannai ann.
Ta an bothar an-chontuirtach anseo o ardaíodh an bothar
ag spota seo dha through.

CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV
- I will propose :

That a sign post would be placed at the head of the
Rosadiliske Road indicating that there is a beach at the
end of the road.

38 CLR. EAMONN O'CUIV
- I will propose :

Go gcuirfear caoi laithreach ar Bhothar Ruisin an Tamhan,
ata ag dhul as Carna go dit an Crompan agus a bhfuil fíor
droch chaoi air.

39 CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council would relieve flooding on the
R336 at Furbo. Gullies are blocked at Furbo Filling
Station and Furbo School causing a very hazardous driving
situation along an already dangerous stretch of road.

40 CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council would continue footpaths at
Furbogarve and Knocknagreaney on the main Galway-Spiddal
road. Some yards of footpath have been left out on an
otherwise continuous stretch from Galway City to Furbo
Bridge. This is a very busy pedestrian route.
Consequently, public safety is at risk. I propose that
this improvement be itemized for forthcoming road
estimates.

41 CLR. SEAN O'NEACHTAIN
- I will propose :

That Galway County Council would now purchase land in the
vicinity of the Galway-Moycullen road from Woodstock to
Moycullen village to facilitate major funding for road
widening and realignment of this very busy national
secondary route.

42 CLR. MICHAEL O'NEILL
- I will propose :

That new piping be provided for the Tully/Tullycross Water
Supply which proved totally inadequate during the summer
due to lack of pressure caused by faulty piping.

43 CLR. MICHAEL O'NEILL
- I will propose :

That the County Council take in charge the Derryherbert
and Rusheenduff Roads which have been recently
re-surfaced.

44 CLR. MICHAEL O'NEILL
- I will propose :

That a solution be found to the car parking problem in
Cleggan Village created by visitors to Inishbofin.

45 CLR. PAT O'SULLIVAN
- I will propose :

That immediate works be carried out on the roadside drain
at Cartron, Aughrim.

46 CLR. KATHLEEN QUINN
- I will propose :

That the Kilmore Road, Williamstown, be included for
tarring in the 1996 Estimates, as it is in bad repair.

47 CLR. KATHLEEN QUINN
- I will propose :

That the Briarforth Road, Williamstown be included for
tarring in the 1996 Estimates, it is in very bad repair.

48 CLR. KATHLEEN QUINN
- I will propose :

That one light be erected in front of Cloonbeirne Post
Office, as this is a completely dark area.

CLR. KATHLEEN QUINN

CLR. MICHAEL REGAN
- I will propose :

49

That Galway County Council outline proposals for works if any to be carried out at the Fair Green, Loughrea.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY

COUNCIL HELD IN COMMITTEE AT THE COUNTY

BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER, 1995

Cathaoirleach:- Councillor J. Mannion.

Baill:- Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke,
W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan,
Deputy E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs.
M. Cunningham, M. Fahy,
P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin,
T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, Deputy
P. McCormack, Senator J. McDonagh,
Cllrs. P. McHugh, M. Mullins,
C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain,
M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan,
K. Quinn, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and
T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:- Messrs. D. O'Donoghue Co.
Manager, D. Nelson, Asst. Co.
Manager, P. Flood, Co. Engineer,
R. C. Killeen, B. Callagy, S.E.E.'s
T. Connell, Senior Staff Officer,
B. Ginnelly, C.T. and
T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

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A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mrs. Nora Boyle, Abbeyknockmoy, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Maureen Costello, Parkmore, Corofin, Tuam.
Mrs. Noreen Hayes & Family, Blackwater, Gort.
Mr. Tomas O'Tuairisc, Cnoc Dunleodh, Beal Atha na Slua.
Roddy O'Chonghaile, Na Doireadha, Baile na hAbhann.
Ms. Bridie Neary, Knockagonnell, Ballymoe.
Joe & Carmel Kearns, Athenny Road, Tuam.

REVIEW OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

3277

CHAPTER 7

The meeting commenced with a discussion on Objective No. 7.2.4 which pertains to the capacity of the road system. Councillor Ni Fhatharta proposed that Deputy O'Cuiv's submission on the definition of Economic

Activity be amended to include the words "Industry and services". This proposal was agreed by the members. Objective No. 5 on traffic hazards was then discussed by the members. Councillor O'Neachtain stated that the Development Control Policy statement under this heading was not clearly defined. He referred to a recent planning application which was refused for a traffic hazard reason. Mr. Callagy stated that the Area Engineer initially comments on a proposed planning application. He cannot recommend permission where a traffic hazard exists. Councillor Neachtain stated that the interpretation of this paragraph could be very wide and would be used to restrict development along county roads. Deputy McCormack stated that he objected to this clause being included in the Plan. He added that reasonable development would be refused as a result of it and referred to a planning application lodged for a Pitch & Putt course in Roscahill. This application was refused, whereas in other neighbouring counties such applications would be granted. Councillor O'Neachtain requested that the definition of "traffic hazard" be defined. He stated that a traffic hazard on a county road cannot be of the same degree as that on a regional road. He added that it was very difficult for a person to be refused permission and then see holiday cottages being built on regional routes. Councillor Quinn stated that where a housing need exists and land is available on a county road, then permission should be granted. She requested clarification on the difference between a by-road and a county road. Mr. Callagy stated that where a traffic hazard exists, the Engineer must point it out. A traffic hazard reason is a planning consideration which must be assessed. Councillor O'Neachtain stated that the definition of a traffic hazard must be stated and it must be specific. The County Engineer replied that the Technical Guidance Document RT181 sets down the guidelines in relation to traffic. He added that 95% of all planning applications are granted on local roads. He added that if you decide to put restrictions on this statement then this will result in more planning applications being refused. The paragraph on traffic hazards 7.2.5 was then agreed. Mr. Callagy then discussed 7.2.6, Objective No. 6 on the assimilation of development. Deputy McCormack, referring to the provision in the present plan on Beneficial Tourism, stated that he could not understand how houses granted under this provision could be assimilated into the landscape and referred in particular to a development in Ballyconneely. Mr. Callagy stated that the objective was that buildings would blend into the landscape and that the design of a house would comply with the characteristic of the countryside. Councillor Brennan requested to know if there was a danger that someone would draw up an elaborate plan of a dwellinghouse and then be refused permission because it would not be assimilated into the landscape. Mr. Callagy stated that discussions should take place with the relevant planning officer prior to the application being lodged, also the application

could be amended accordingly while it was being processed. Councillor Ryan stated that the Council should make it easier for people to get planning permission. He referred to Ballygar where permission was difficult to obtain. He stated that on the Roscommon side of the N63 permissions were being granted on either side of the road this did not apply to the Galway side. He added that people were leaving rural areas. Councillor Callanan supported Councillor Ryan's statement. Councillor Quinn in supporting Councillor Ryan added that he would like to see people living in rural areas. Objective No. 7.2.6 was then agreed by the members. Objective No. 7.2.7 on signage was then discussed by the members. Councillor Ni Fhatharta stated that the Council must look at the proliferation of signage along roads. She stated that a lot more must be done in the control of the unauthorised signage and felt that the County Council were not strict enough. Councillor Loughnane stated that he agreed with the previous Councillor's statement. He added that people were experiencing difficulty in obtaining permission for signs and referred to one particular case. He stated that a distinction must be made between commercial signs and advance warning signs. Councillor Loughnane referred to Aughrim and the difficulty in obtaining permission for signage at this location - was there anything that could be done in this situation. Councillor O'Neachtain expressed his agreement with Councillor Ni Fhatharta in relation to signage. He stated that nothing was being done about signage and referred to a case in Spiddal where a sign had been tied to a pole in the village and had not been moved. He stated that the signs can be more obtrusive than a dwellinghouse and that the Council should operate a strict policy in this area. The Councillor then referred to Wales, whose signs reflect the ethos of particular areas. Councillor Byrne expressed his agreement that there was a glut of unauthorised signage in certain areas. He would like to see more control operated in the location of signs. He stated that it would be difficult for the Planning Authority to take action under the terms of 7.2.7 and added that this clause should be more specific against the hoardings which are causing the trouble. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that the biggest problem he had was with old signs which were pre-planning. Was there anything that the County Council could do about these particular signs he wished to know. Mr. Callagy stated that unauthorised signs was a matter for the development control area. A statement of policy requiring the removal of unauthorised signs can be included in this chapter. He added that signs which were in place for over 5 years cannot be removed. Councillor Hussey wished to know how the law applied in relation to unauthorised posting. He stated that the signs belonging to private individuals were on poles for months on end. The meeting then considered Objective No. 8 on Environmental Protection, the contents of which were read through by Mr. Callagy. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that the SR6 1991 document should

be available from the Planning Office and this proposal was agreed by members. Article 7.2.8 was then agreed. Objective No. 9 on site requirements was then considered by the members. Councillor Cunningham stated that he agreed with the 1/2 acre requirement, but requested that the minimum road frontage of 100 feet be reconsidered. Councillor Callanan expressed his agreement with Councillor Cunningham and added that there were sites which had planning permission with an area of less than 1/2 an acre which were now being refused for renewal of permission. Councillor O'Neachtain stated that he had no difficulty with the acreage requirement but was not in agreement with 100 foot road frontage. He stated that on non county roads a 100 foot road requirement is creating ribbon development and that the 100 foot road frontage is a very severe requirement. He felt that reasonable applications would be refused because of this provision. He added that many sites do not lend to building parallel to the road. Where there is sparse population in an area the siting of a house should be to suit the site in question and not the criteria that it be parallel to the road. Senator McDonagh expressed his support for the last two speakers. He referred to an incidence where a person had 50 acres of land with only 200 feet road frontage in the entire holding. His 4 sons wished to build on the land, but under the present criteria of the County Plan, permission would only be granted for two sites. He wished to know if this particular case could be facilitated in the Development Plan. Councillor Loughnane referring to the renewal of derelict buildings stated that their restoration would have to be catered for in the County Development Plan and proposed that less restrictions apply in these instances. Mr. Callagy stated that it was impossible to allow for all exceptions. He stated that the basis for the 100 foot rule frontage requirement was on septic tank requirements. He then referred to item no. 3 under Development Control Policy which provides for exceptional cases which will be considered on the basis of their overall merits. Deputy O'Cuiv referred to his own site, stated that he has not got the required 100 foot road frontage and added his objection to this particular requirement. He stated that this requirement is causing ribbonisation. Councillor Cunningham proposed that the road frontage requirement be reduced. Councillor Ni Fhatharta referring to the provision in the present plan which pertains to previous permissions and policy to renew these permissions requested that this be included in the draft. This proposal was seconded. Councillor Loughnane stated that there was no alternative but to delete the road frontage requirement. Councillor Joe Burke stated that where the 100 foot road frontage is not available could a larger site be required. The members then agreed to defer this section for further consideration at a later date.

Objective No. 10 on town by pass routes and major road alignment schemes was considered and agreed by the members. Deputy O'Cuiv stated that many people were unhappy about the definition of an essential housing need category and felt that it was too restrictive. Mr. Callagy stated that the Council cannot allow every county road to be built up. He referred to the change in the plan on cluster developments within a 1/2 mile of a National School. He was in favour of rural development and not urban living. He realised that this goes against professional planning. Councillor O'Neachtain stated that he could not see the reason against removing the word "farmlander" definition. A local person should not be prohibited from buying a site in his local area and suggested that farmholders be replaced with the word "land owner". This was seconded by Councillor Brennan. Mr. Callagy asked what was the definition of "land owner". Councillor Byrne then proposed that 7.2.1 on Urban sprawl be deleted from the draft plan. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Quinn.

CHAPTER 8

Chapter 8 was then considered by the Council members. Mr. Callagy went through the document as circulated. Deputy O'Cuiv referring to point 8.0 on the definition stated that the speed limits should be changed to 40 m.p.h. in place of 30 m.p.h. This was agreed. 8.1 on Development Control objective was agreed. 8.2 on the Review was agreed. On 8.3, Development Control Policies, Deputy O'Cuiv proposed that people should be encouraged to build on county/local roads and encouraged off national routes for their own safety. This proposal was agreed. 8.3.3 referring to other land use types was agreed. 8.3.4 on Visual Amenity was agreed. 8.3.5(i) - Ribbon Development, Deputy O'Cuiv proposed the omission of the paragraph on top of page 3. Councillor Callanan seconded this proposal. 8.3.5(ii), Road Alignment and (iii) Site Distances were agreed. (iv) Hazardous Junctions and National Routes - Deputy O'Cuiv stated that if putting a factory down a county road, will permission be refused for this structure as a result of the junction with the national roads. He stated that such cases should not arise. Mr. Callagy expressed his disagreement with this statement and stated that a major consideration is traffic hazard and protection of peoples lives. The County Engineer stated that the permission could be conditioned so that prior to development taking place, the junction could be improved. The following provisions were then agreed: 8.3.5(v) Off Road Parking, (vi) Surface Water Drainage, (vii) Side access road grading, (viii) Advertising signage, (ix) Minimum site requirements, and (x) Other planning requirements.

The County Manager referring to Councillor Callanan's enquiry as to the signs at Aughrim stated that this matter was being looked at in conjunction with the Interpretative Centre located at Aughrim. Councillor Callanan enquired as to the timescale in relation to the draft plan. Mr. O'Connell, Senior Staff Officer, advised the members of the procedure involved in the review of the County Development Plan and the timescale envisaged. An extension of time was granted until 31st March 1996. It was likely that a further extension of the period would be required from the Minister.

DAYS FOR NEXT MEETING FOR REVIEW OF PLAN

3278

It was decided that this matter be put on the Agenda for the next Monthly Meeting.

RADIO MASTS

3279

On the proposal of Deputy O'Cuiv, it was agreed to ask a representative of the Radiological Institute to address the Council in relation to any potential hazards from these masts.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - POTABLE WATER SUPPLY

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At the request of Cllr. Callanan at a previous meeting, it was agreed that this matter be put on the Agenda. The matter complained of was that an applicant for planning permission could be asked to spend a lot of money carrying out water tests and then be refused planning permission.

The Secretary stated that this matter had been reviewed as requested by the Members. He said it was by no means a major problem as it only arose very rarely. He said it was a requirement of the Building Regulations that a potable water supply be available. It was also a material matter in so far as the proper planning and development of the area was concerned. To include a condition in the planning permission requiring the provision of a potable water supply would not adequately deal with the question. In fact, a permission with such a condition would be questionable. He said that in future, the Council's aim would be not to ask to have expensive tests carried out unless at that time, everything else in relation to the planning application appeared to be in order. The members felt that this was a reasonable proposal and should be tried out.

HEDGE-CUTTING

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It was decided that this matter would be discussed at Area Meetings.

CONFERENCES

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On the proposition of Councillor M. Ryan, seconded by Councillor T. Hussey, it was agreed that the following Members be nominated for attendance at the following conferences, details of the estimated cost of attendance at the conference having been circulated to each Member at the Meeting.

Conference: Travellers and the Settled Community - Dunleary, 21st & 22nd September

Councillor J. Mannion
Councillor M. Finnerty
Councillor P. McHugh

Conference: Housing Options for People with Disabilities - Irish Council for Social Housing - 27th September

Councillor M. Ryan
Councillor E. Varley
Councillor C. NiFhatharta.

The attendance of Senator J. McDonagh as substitute for Cllr. Ryan at the Regional Development Conference in Maynooth on the 14th and 15th September, 1995, was approved.

CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINIÚ ANSIN

Submitted, Approved and Signed.
John P. Mannion
CHAIRMAN
28/10/95
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

1 Mean Fomhair, 1995

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Council in **Committee** to consider Review of County Development Plan which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on **Friday, 8th September, 1995**, commencing at **3.00 p.m.**

Mise, le meas,

E. POWER,
A/County Secretary.

CLAR

1. Review of the County Development Plan.
2. Need to provide evidence of satisfactory water supply when applying for planning permission.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY
COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,
GALWAY ON MONDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1995

CATHAOIRLEACH:- An Comhairleoir J. Mannion.

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

Cllrs J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputies P. Connaughton, E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S.Gavin, T. Hussey, M. Loughnane, J.McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Mullins, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley and T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. Nelson, Deputy County Manager, P. Flood, County Engineer, T. Kavanagh, A/Assist. County Manager, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, C. Wallace, S.S.O., & E. Power, A/County Secretary.

Thosnaigh an crinniu leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

3224

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mr. Cyril Farrell, Rockhill, Woodford, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. John Tiernan, Toberroe, Glinsk, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Nora Melvin, Garracloon, Craughwell, Co. Galway.
Mr. Thomas Lohan, Ballincurry, Glinsk, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Mary Daly & Family, Clonshelahill, New Inn.

MINUTES

3225

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan the Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 10th July, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposal of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by

Councillor Hussey the Minutes of Special Meeting held In Committee on 14th July, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Finnerty the Minutes of Special Meeting held In Committee on 24th July, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposal of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Ryan the Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 24th July, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposal of Councillor Hussey, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan the Minutes of the National Monuments Advisory Committee Meeting held on 11th July, 1995 were noted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3226

In relation to a discussion on hedge-cutting which took place at the Council's meeting held on 10th July, 1995, clarification was sought on the Council's policy in relation to hedge-cutting and it was suggested that the Public be made aware of the legal obligations of landowners in relation to the cutting of roadside hedges and trees. A general discussion took place on this matter during which it was proposed that money be provided in the Estimates specifically for hedge-cutting and that funds be set aside from the Regional and Local Roads Special Restoration Programme to fund hedge-cutting.

The Deputy County Manager in reply outlined the legal responsibilities of landowners in relation to hedge-cutting. He outlined the relevant sections of the 1993 Roads Act which places the responsibility for cutting of roadside hedges on the landowner and accordingly, the Council did not have any legal responsibilities in this regard. The County Engineer outlined the distinction between verge trimming and hedge-cutting. He indicated that the Council had a responsibility for the trimming of roadside verges. However, this responsibility did not extend to the trimming or cutting of hedges. He went on to indicate that the Council has limited resources and could not afford to undertake a hedge-cutting programme. He informed the Members that the Council would cut roadside verges where resources were sufficient to allow this. During the discussion which followed it was proposed that the Council carry out hedge-cutting. It was also pointed out that hedge-cutting was urgently required on some roads where the vegetation had grown to such an extent as to obstruct the free passage of traffic and resulted

in reduced visibility for road users. The discussion also focused on the proposal that each Engineering Area purchase hedge-cutting equipment for the 1996 season.

Consideration was also given to the involvement of the community in hedge-cutting activities. It was proposed that if communities paid a contribution to the Council towards the cost of hedge-cutting and if the Council undertook the hedge-cutting thereafter, then the question of liability would be removed.

The Deputy County Manager pointed out that he was not in a position to incur expenditure on a programme of hedge-cutting. He re-stated that the 1993 Roads Act placed the responsibility with landowners. He undertook to examine the possibility of Community Groups undertaking hedge-cutting in their respective areas. It was agreed that the Council would consider the matter further at the Area Committees. It was also agreed that the Deputy County Manager would report back to the Council at the next Planning Meeting of the Council.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

3227

REGULATIONS 1994 - WILLIAMSTOWN SEWERAGE SCHEME

A report dated 22nd August, 1995 on this scheme, in accordance with Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 1994, had been circulated to the Members. It was noted that the public consultation process had been complied with and no submissions had been received. On the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Walsh the Members agreed that the scheme proceed.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT POOLBOY, BALLINASLOE

3228

On the proposal of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan the Council approved the sale of plot of land at Poolboy, Ballinasloe to Michael Kelly (Printing) Ltd, Poolboy Industrial Estate, Ballinasloe. Notice dated 9th August, 1995 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended), had been circulated to each Member.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT BALLYBANE MORE

3229

On the proposal of Councillor Finnerty, seconded by Councillor Regan the Council approved the sale of plot of land at Ballybane More to Thomas Bohan, 5 Ballybane Cottages, Galway. Notice dated 1st August, 1995 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act,

1946 (as amended), had been circulated to each Member.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT GORTYLOUGHLIN, MOYCULLEN 3230

The Acting Assistant County Manager sought the deferral of this item to allow for clarification of certain issues relating to the disposal of this land. It was agreed to defer this item.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT KYLEBROGHLAN, MOYCULLEN 3231

The Acting Assistant County Manager sought the deferral of this item to allow for clarification of certain issues relating to the disposal of this land. It was agreed to defer this item.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT TULLYMORE 3232

On the proposal of Councillor Mullins, seconded by Councillor Varley the Council approved the disposal of plot of land at Tullymore to Mrs. Kathleen Ruddy, Two Mile Road, Coosan, Athlone. Notice dated 15th August, 1995 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended) had been circulated to each Member.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT THE GLEBE, TUAM 3233

On the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Finnegan the Council approved the disposal of land to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Tuam. Notice dated 15th August, 1995 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended) had been circulated to each Member.

REPORT ON REGIONAL & LOCAL ROADS SPECIAL 3234

RESTORATION PROGRAMME

Report dated 18th August, 1995 on the Regional and Local Roads Special Restoration Programme had been circulated to the Members. The Acting Assistant County Manager pointed out that there was a typographical error on Page 8 of the Report. He pointed out that Scheme No. 30 carried an estimate of £39,000 and not £30,000 as set out in the report before the Members. The Members welcomed the additional funds which had been allocated to Galway County Council and they paid tribute to the Senior Staff Officer in the Engineering Department and the County Engineer and his staff for compiling the

submission to the Department of the Environment. The Deputy County Manager went on to point out that work under this scheme would have to be commenced immediately as the Department had set a dead-line of the 30th November, 1995 for the completion of the roadworks.

It was proposed by Deputy McCormack, seconded by Councillor J. Burke and agreed that the Report be adopted. It was also agreed that the maintenance aspect of the Programme would be considered in greater detail after the Planning Meeting of the Council.

AUDITORS REPORT OF RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE 3235

COMMITTEE FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/1994

A copy of the Auditor's report had been circulated to each Member with the Agenda. It was proposed by Councillor O'Sullivan and seconded by Councillor Callanan that the Auditor's Report for the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee for year ended 31st December, 1994 be noted.

AUDITORS REPORT OF THE LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION 3236

TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/1994

A copy of the Auditor's report had been circulated to each Member with the Agenda. It was proposed by Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Callanan that the Auditor's Report for the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees for the year ended 31st December, 1994 be noted.

REPORT ON CASUAL TRADING ACT 1995 3237

A report dated 21st August, 1995 was circulated to each Member with the agenda. The Acting Assistant County Manager gave an outline of the provisions of the Act. The Act provides for the issue of an annual licence by the Local Authority. It was noted that licenses heretofore were issued by the Department of Tourism and Trade. Any Trader proposing to trade in a local authority area would require a licence from that local authority. The report was noted and as the legislation would be particularly relevant for Galway County Council it was agreed that the matter would be considered again in three months time.

TO FIX DATE FOR MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLERS 3238

It was agreed that the meeting of the Joint Committee on Travellers would be held on Friday, 1st September, 1995 at 4.00 p.m. in the County Buildings, Prospect Hill, Galway.

NOMINATIONS FOR PEOPLE OF YEAR AWARDS 1995 3239

It was proposed by Councillor Gavin, seconded by Senator McDonagh and agreed that Sonia O'Sullivan, Michelle Smith and Ger Loughnane be proposed for People of the Year Awards 1995.

CONFERENCES 3240

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan, it was agreed that the following Members be nominated for attendance at the following conferences, details of the estimated cost of attendance at the conference having been circulated to each Member at the Meeting:-

Conference: Rural Society and Emigration - Skibbereen, Co. Cork - 14/16 September, 1995

Councillor Mannion
Councillor Walsh
Councillor Hussey

Conference: Regional Development - An All Ireland Perspective - St. Patrick's College, Maynooth - 14/15 September, 1995

Councillor Ryan
Councillor Byrne
Councillor Finnegan

OTHER BUSINESS 3241

It was agreed that the issue of carrying out tests of the water supply for proposed developments would be listed on the agenda for consideration at the next Planning Meeting.

The Loughrea Bye-pass issue was raised by Members and it was noted that a meeting took place between Officials from the N.R.A. and a Deputation representing the Local Community in Loughrea. In response to queries the Deputy County Manager indicated that the Chief Executive Officer of the N.R.A. undertook to review the points made by the Deputation. The Deputy Manager stressed that the

C.E.O. of the N.R.A. did not refer to roundabouts on the bye-pass.

During the discussion Members expressed their concern at the manner in which the N.R.A. was responding to the Deputation representing the local community. They stressed that Galway County Council Members were the elected representatives of the community and they were anxious to ensure that their views and opinions were being taken into account by the N.R.A. It was proposed by Councillor Mullins, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan and agreed that the Chief Executive Officer or Deputy of the N.R.A. would be invited to attend the Council's September Meeting.

Councillor J. Burke expressed concern at the closure of the public toilets in Tuam. The Acting Assistant County Manager clarified the position indicating that Tuam Town Commission had been informed of the proposed closure of the toilets and they were also advised at the same meeting that new toilets would not be built this year.

Councillor Quinn expressed concern at the level of orthodontic service provided in the County. She called for a second Orthodontist to be appointed.

NOTICES OF MOTION

N.O.M. NO 18 - SOAK PIT - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3242

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"Soak pit will be provided at above location if site conditions are suitable."

NOM. NO 19 - BAUNMORE CROSSROADS - SEN. J MCDONAGH 3243

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"There are no provisions in the 1995 Roadworks Programme for the carrying out of improvement works at Baunmore Crossroads. The site is being examined to assess what minimum improvement works are required to improve site."

N.O.M. NO 20 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. P. MCHUGH 3244

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"The above works will be carried out under a County Council supervised Community Employment Scheme as

soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO 21 - DRAIN - CLLR. T. BYRNE 3245

The following written reply was given to Councillor Byrne:-

"The local area engineer will be carrying out a survey at this location as soon as possible and you will be informed of developments in due course."

N.O.M. NO 22 - SEWERAGE SCHEME, KINVARA - CLLR T. BYRNE 3246

The following written reply was given to Councillor Byrne:-

"The Council does not have the resources at present to prepare proposals for a sewerage scheme in Kinvara. However, such a scheme has been included in a Programme of Sanitary Schemes for towns and villages in the County, and preparatory work on these schemes will be undertaken as resources permit.

As part of the process of preparing a preliminary report, the feasibility of utilising a tidal holding tank will be investigated."

N.O.M. NO 23 - FUNDING FOR ROADS - CLLR. T. BYRNE 3247

The following written reply was given to Councillor Byrne:-

"A request for funding in 1996 for the carrying out of a design of section of road which is located in County Galway will be submitted to the N.R.A as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 24 - SEWERAGE SCHEME, KINVARA - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3248

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"The Council does not have the resources at present to prepare proposals for a sewerage scheme in Kinvara. However, such a scheme has been included in a Programme of Sanitary Schemes for towns and villages in the County, and preparatory work on these schemes will be undertaken as resources permit.

As part of the process of preparing a preliminary

report, the feasibility of utilising a tidal holding tank will be investigated."

N.O.M. NO. 25 - ROAD WORKS - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3249

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"No provision for the carrying out of work at the above location has been provided for in the 1995 Roadworks Programme. However, this work will be considered along with others when the 1996 Roadworks Programme is being prepared".

N.O.M. NO. 26 - ROAD AT ROO, GORT - CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 3250

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham:-

"No provision for the carrying out of work at the above location has been provided for in the 1995 Roadworks Programme. However, this work will be considered along with others when the 1996 Roadworks Programme is being prepared".

N.O.M. NO. 27 - STREET LIGHTING - CLLR. M. FAHY 3251

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"It was not possible to include the above locations in the 1995 Public Lighting Programme due to lack of funds. However, the locations in question will be considered along with others when the 1996 Public Lighting Programme is being prepared."

N.O.M. NO. 28 - HEDGE CUTTING - CLLR. M. FAHY 3252

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"It is not possible to carry out hedge-cutting at the above locations in the current year as the County Road Maintenance budgets for above areas are extremely limited and priority must be given to routine maintenance.

It should be noted that the responsibility for the trimming of hedges rests with landowners under the Roads Act 1993 and I enclose herewith copy of advertisement which was placed in the local papers earlier this year."

N.O.M. NO. 29 - WALL BUILDING - CLLR. M. FAHY 3253

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:-

"We have applied to FAS for a new scheme for Ardrahan and approval is presently awaited."

N.O.M. NO. 30 - HEDGE CUTTING - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3254

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"It is not possible to carry out hedge-cutting at the above locations in the current year as the County Road Maintenance budget for the Tuam Engineering Area is extremely limited and priority must be given to routine maintenance.

It should be noted that the responsibility for the trimming of hedges rests with landowners under the Roads Act 1993 and I enclose herewith copy of advertisement which was placed in the local papers earlier this year."

N.O.M. NO. 31 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3255

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"Routine maintenance was recently carried out at the above location."

N.O.M. NO. 32 - DANGEROUS BEND - CLLR. S. GAVIN 3256

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin:-

"The above sign will be erected within the next few weeks."

N.O.M. NO. 33 - REMOVAL OF HEAVY STONES - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3257

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"The estimated cost of removing the heavy stones is £3,500. There is no provision for same in the current year's estimates."

N.O.M. NO. 34 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3258

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"The above location is not included in the 1995 Roadworks Programme. Accordingly, it is not possible to carry out surface dressing at this location in the current year. However, this work will be considered in the preparation of the 1996 Roadworks Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 35 - PICNIC BENCHES - CLLR. M. LOUGHNANE 3259

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane:-

"Picnic benches will be provided at the above location as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 36 - LACKAGHMORE G.W.S. - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3260

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"I am to inform you that this matter is under investigation at present and a full reply will issue shortly."

N.O.M. NO. 37 - TRAFFIC SIGNS - SEN. J. MCDONAGH 3261

The following written reply was given to Senator McDonagh:-

"Statutory road signs will be erected at this location as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 38 - ROAD MAINTENANCE - CLLR. P. MCHUGH 3262

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"The following roads are included in the additional Road Grants Programme:

New Line Road, Caherlistrane
New Line Road, Cahermorris, Corrandulla
Slievefinn Road, Claregalway

The Trienbaun Road, Belclare and the Crossura to Bohercuill Road will be subject to routine maintenance in order of priority and as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 39 - ROAD MAINTENANCE - CLLR P MCHUGH 3263

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"It was not possible to include the above road in the Special Restoration Programme as other roads had a higher priority. However, this work will be considered along with others in the preparation of the 1996 Roadworks Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 40 - GRASS CUTTING - CLLR. P. MCHUGH 3264

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:-

"It is not possible to carry out the above works in the current year as the Regional and County Road Maintenance funds are extremely limited in the Tuam Engineering Area and priority must be given to pot-hole repairs etc."

N.O.M. NO. 41 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD - CLLR M MULLINS 3265

The following written reply was given to Councillor Mullins:-

"This matter is being investigated and it is hoped to have a reply available for the next meeting."

N.O.M. NO. 42 - BOTHAR - AN COMH C NI FHATHARTA 3266

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta:-

"Ta £100,000 curtha ar fail le haghaidh an bothar thuas luaite de bharr airgead breise a fuair muid on Roinn comhshaoil le gairid."

N.O.M. NO 43 - COMHARTHA - AN COMH NI FHATHARTA 3267

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta:-

"Ni mheasann an Comhairle Condae go bhfuil ga leis na comharthaí seo mar is coirneil oscailte ata i gceist."

N.O.M. NO 44 - "REFLECTOR BOARD" - AN COMH NI FHATHARTA 3268

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta:-

"Ni mheasann an Comhairle Condae go bhfuil ga leis na comharthaí seo ag an lathair thuas luaite."

N.O.M. NO. 45 - HOUSE AT ROUNDSTONE - DEP E O'CUIV 3269

The following written reply was given to Deputy O'Cuiv:-

"Appropriate arrangements will be made to have this house inspected as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 46 - HOUSE AT LEENANE - DEP E. O'CUIV 3270

The following written reply was given to Deputy O'Cuiv:-

"Appropriate arrangements will be made to have this house inspected as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 47 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLLR P O'SULLIVAN 3271

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Sullivan:-

"Work will re-commence at the bridge at the above location within the next few weeks. Routine maintenance will be carried out to the road as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO 48 - ROADSIDE DRAIN - CLLR P O'SULLIVAN 3272

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Sullivan:-

"This matter is being investigated at present and it is hoped to have a reply for the next meeting."

N.O.M. NO. 49 - SIGN - CLLR. E. VARLEY 3273

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"The above sign will be provided as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 50 - HEADFORD SQUARE - CLLR. E. VARLEY

3274

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"This location will be considered along with others when preparing the 1996 submission to the Department of the Environment."

N.O.M. NO. 51 - PUBLIC LIGHTS - CLLR E. VARLEY

3275

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley:-

"It was not possible to include the above locations in the 1995 Public Lighting Programme due to lack of funds. However, the locations in question will be considered along with others when the 1996 Public Lighting Programme is being prepared."

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Submitted, Approved + Signed:

John M. Macnamara
Chairman

25/1/95
Date

WILLIAMSTOWN SEWERAGE SCHEME

REPORT FOR COUNCIL UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 1994

This report on the above development covers the nature and extent of the development and the principal features thereof.

Background to the Scheme

This scheme forms part of the overall strategy of Galway County Council to provide sewage treatment facilities in all its towns and villages:

The principal purpose of the scheme is to remove a constraint on the development of Williamstown and also to eliminate a public health hazard and public nuisance being created by the existing inadequate provision.

Description of the present service provided

Williamstown is serviced by a selection of septic tanks and open sewers, a substantial proportion of the effluent discharged makes its way into an existing swallow hole and from there into the ground water system. However, before it does so it creates a substantial nuisance on the surface of the field and in a small water course leading into the swallow hole. The impact of this discharge is at total variance with our policy of improving and enhancing the environment.

Objectives

Our objective is to eliminate the present problem by collecting the effluent in a new collection system and then by disposing of the collected effluent in an environmentally efficient and cost effective manner.

Options

In pursuing these objectives we have examined 2 options

1. Get each individual household property to treat and dispose of its own effluent.
2. Provide a municipal collection and disposal system.

Having examined both options in detail we conclude that the provision of a municipal treatment system is the preferred option from an economic and environmental prospective.