

## Response

1. **No Map showing road proposals to the south west of the railway line from the Ardrahan road to a point west of the level crossing to be identified and incorporated into the Draft Plan.**

This proposal appears to be developer led and not part of GCC's program of works for Roads in County Galway or part of any new proposal that maybe added to the existing programme of works by GCC.

The PA acknowledges that planning permission has been granted under 07/1922 for a roundabout and road overbridge over the Craughwell/Dunkellin River which when constructed by the developer would provide an alternative means of access into the lands north of the Craughwell/Dunkellin River and into lands west of the railway line.

While potential may exist to provide for a future link road northwards and parallel to the N6 and eventually towards Craughwell National School, the PA considers that the inclusion of such a link road and the inclusion of lands west of the railway line within the Draft Plan to be premature at this time for the following reasons:

- No new significant development will be permitted within the Plan Area until such time as the public WWTP has been substantially completed. Refer to Section 8.1.1 Water Services Wastewater Treatment and Disposal (See changes to Draft Plan within the Managers Report under **Sub No.1**)
- The consolidation of the village and the prevention of further unsustainable ribbon development is a key aim of the LAP and forms the basis for the land use zones and areas identified in the LAP. Proposals that seek to extend the plan boundary will have the effect of undermining the consolidation of the village, with resultant impacts in terms of ribbon development, sprawl, visual, landscape and environmental impacts, inefficient use of development land and infrastructure, etc.
- As a general policy, the location of new means of access onto the existing N6 shall not be permitted except in areas where a speed limit of 50-60 km/h applies, or in the case of infilling, in the existing built-up areas. This is to ensure the protection of the carrying capacity, safety and operational efficiency of the national road network, pending the opening of the M6 and subsequent downgrading of the existing N6 through Craughwell. The Planning Authority shall in the first instance, seek to channel traffic from new development onto existing local roads and in this way use established access points to gain entry onto national roads. In exceptional circumstances, direct access maybe considered, in consultation with the NRA Dept of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and other relevant stakeholders on a case by case basis, onto national routes (non- motorways) to accommodate strategic infrastructure or regional significant development. Refer to new Policy within **Policy TA2** within S.4.3 of the Draft Craughwell LAP (See changes to the Draft Plan within Managers Report under **Sub 2**).
- The development potential of the undeveloped lands in the Draft Plan area represents approximately twice the house construction allocation allowed for Craughwell in the new CDP 2009-2015. This development potential has been based on the Density Guidelines and Potential Development Yield as shown within Table 5a on Page 18 of the Draft Plan. By expanding the Development Plan Boundary would result in an even greater potential development yield than is estimated within the Draft Plan and within the CDP 2009-2015.



- In the absence of a certain essential infrastructure including a public sewerage scheme and proper access to lands west of the railway line the PA considers it inappropriate to include and zone these lands under the existing Draft Plan.

However the PA considers it appropriate to acknowledge that provision be made in this Draft Plan to provide for the 'strategic gateway' entrances for such a link road in order to make provision for the long term growth of Craughwell and to ensure that these lands are not cut-off and that their future development potential can be realised.

The PA has identified 2 indicative 'strategic gateways' or outlines in approximate locations of the potential access off the existing road network as follows:

**Map 1:** indicative strategic gateway north of the railway crossing to the L4507

**Map 2:** indicative strategic gateway north of the R347 and the Dunkelling/Craughwell River.

The PA also considers that in order to reserve lands free from development for the future provision of such 'strategic gateways' the Draft Plan should be amended to include a new objective to acknowledge this provision.

It is considered appropriate to include a **new objective within S. 4.3 Movement and Transportation Strategy** to read as follows:

**Objective TA1.15:** *Reserve strategic gateway entrances from existing road network to lands west of the railway line and north of the R347 to accommodate the medium to long term growth of the village as indicated on Map 1 and Map 2 of the Draft Plan.*

Refer to Maps 1&2 of the Draft Plan for indicative location of 'Strategic Gateways'

2. The Planning Authority notes this error and shall amend text within **Section 1.5 Plan Area** to correspond with measurements provided under **Executive Summary – 4<sup>th</sup> Paragraph**. Amend S.1.5 Plan Area 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph to read as follows:  
*The LAP for Craughwell comprises a total developable area of approximately 86 88 ha; of this area 3427ha is currently developed, 46ha is committed for development and 5455 ha remains undeveloped.*
3. Craughwell is estimated to be 14.2 miles or 22.85 km from Galway city. Reference is made in relation to distance within the following Section of the Draft Plan – S. 1.3 Context; S. 2.1 Physical Context.  
Amend text of the Draft Plan within S1.3 Context to read as follows:  
*Craughwell is a village located 2523km south east of Galway city.*  
Amend text within S.2.1 Physical Context to read as follows:  
*It is strategically located approximately 25 23km from the Galway gateway area and 35km from the Tuam hub.*
4. Include a new objective as suggested. Existing linkages to the Village Core are inadequate with a noted absence of public street lighting and public footpaths in many parts of the village.  
Amend text of the Draft Plan to include a new objective to read as follows:  
**Objective LU2.6:** *All developments to have pedestrian/cyclist/public lighting links to existing village facilities'.*
5. Objective **TA1.5** is not in compliance with the Draft CDP. Also read clause



13.5.1 last paragraph which is in conflict with TA1.5.

As a consequence of the NRA submission (Sub No. 2) the Draft Plan has been amended to include a new Policy (Policy TA2) within S. 4.3 of the Draft Craughwell LAP to incorporate both the NRA submission proposals and to incorporate what has already been included within the CDP 2009-2015 (Policy RT3, p.51)

Include a new Policy **Policy TA2** within S.4.3 of the Draft Craughwell LAP a

**Policy TA2:** *As a general policy, the location of new means of access to the National Primary Road and National Secondary Road network, for residential, commercial, industrial or other development dependent on such means of access, shall not be permitted except in areas where a speed limit of 50-60 km/h applies, or in the case of infilling, in the existing built-up areas. The Planning Authority shall in the first instance, seek to channel traffic from new development onto existing local roads and in this way use established access points to gain entry onto national roads.*

*The only exemptions to this general restriction that may be considered would be developments of national or regional strategic importance which by their nature are most appropriately located outside urban centres and where the developments proposed have specific locational requirements or are dependent on fixed physical characteristics. In this regard, Galway County Council shall engage with relevant stakeholders including the NRA, Dept of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and, if appropriate, neighbouring Local Authorities to develop a strategy to identify such strategic activities or strategic locations and a set of criteria which would guide development in such circumstances.*

*Relevant considerations may include:*

*- Relevance and appropriateness of the proposed development in supporting the aims and objectives of the National Spatial Strategy and the Regional Planning Guidelines.*

*- The nature of the proposed development and the volume of traffic to be generated by it*

*- The implications for the safe and efficient operation of the national road as well as any proposed upgrades or routes for new roads*

*- Implications for the traffic carrying capacity and service life of the road*

*- Suitability of the location vis-à-vis other locations*

*- Existing development in the area*

*- The precedent that could be created for follow-on development of a similar nature and potential implications for national roads*

**Amend Objective TA.15 to read as follows:**

**Objective TA.15:** *Require all new proposed commercial, industrial and retail developments and all significant proposed residential developments, or where significant changes are proposed to existing commercial, industrial or retail developments, to submit Road Safety Audits and Traffic Impact Assessments as part of their planning application documentation. For large scale developments, a Transport Assessment will also be required. These assessments shall comply with the requirements as set out in S. 13 Development Management Standards and Guidelines.*



***Amend 13.5.1 Access onto Public Roads (p. 63) to read as follows:***

*All significant development proposals, or those that the PA consider would pose a safety risk or traffic impact, shall be accompanied by road safety audits and transport and traffic assessments. These shall include a consideration of the cumulative impact of developments on the road network.*

*This shall be guided by the following:*

***1. Road Safety Audits***

*All new proposed commercial, industrial and retail developments, and all proposed residential developments of 4 or more units, will be required to submit Road Safety Audits. All significant changes to existing commercial, industrial or retail developments will be required to submit Road Safety Audits. Road Safety Audits shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified and independent person.*

***2. Traffic Impact Assessments***

*All new proposed commercial, industrial and retail developments, and all proposed residential developments of more than 20 units, will be required to submit Traffic Impact Assessments. All significant changes to existing commercial, industrial or retail developments will be required to submit Traffic Impact Assessments.*

***3. Transport Assessments***

*All large scale commercial, industrial and retail or residential developments will be required to submit Transport Assessments where considered necessary by the PA. This shall be guided by the provisions set out in the DTO Traffic Management Guidelines 2003 and the NRA Traffic and Transport Assessment Guidelines 2007.*

***Include a new Objective within S4.3 Movement and Traffic Strategy to read as follows:***

**Objective TA1.15:** *Carry out a Traffic Management Plan for Craughwell and review the existing Plan ever 5 years prior to the review of the Craughwell LAP 2009-2015.*

**6. Consider relocation of school and new schools to adjoin playing fields**

The size of the school site is considered adequate for any future needs during the Plan period. Lack of connectivity with the Village Core remains problematic. Traffic along the N6 will reduce significantly with the opening of the new motorway and opportunity exists for the Council to provide for public footpaths/public street lighting to the school under their programme of works.

The Department of Education and Science stated in their submission (Submission No.1) that the existing school should be able to accommodate projections as outlined within the Draft Plan. While existing maximum capacity has been reached in the current facilities it is hoped that Craughwell N.S. will be provided with an extra classroom to accommodate the present waiting list.

In the event of a new school location being sought at a future date, the PA would recommend that lands at the junction of the L311-1/L7166-0 on the southern aspect be reserved as a potential school location. Presently these lands are outside the present Draft Development Boundary and east of the Blaser kennels.

No change recommended within the present Draft LAP.



7. Clause 10.1.1- **textual error amend from 'John Hutson' to 'John Huston'**

Noted and amended on page 43 of the Draft Plan.

8. The R&T section - **object to the proposed inclusion of Craughwell Bridge** on the RPS as indicated at

- (1) Record of Protected Structures
- (2) Table 10A
- (3) Objective EH2.8

The addition or deletion of a proposed RPS is an executive function, the Elected Members vote to add or delete an item from the RPS at full Council meeting. A proposal would need to be brought before the Council to request the removal of this structure from the proposed RPS listing.

No change at present. No change to the Draft Plan.

9. **The R&T Section – object to Objective EH4.1** as the already vast areas designated in County Galway are 'representative' as required by Habitats Directive and Wildlife Act.

The designation of sites is a continuing process as boundaries are revised and adjusted as furnished by The National Parks and Wildlife Service and the DOEHLG.

**Policy HL24 of the CDP** states that: It is an objective to provide protection to all natural heritage sites designated or proposed for designation in accordance with National and European Legislation. This included Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas, Natural Heritage Areas, Statutory Reserves and Ramsar Sites.

The Draft Craughwell LAP is subordinate to the CDP and must comply with the policies and objectives as stated within the CDP, therefore is inappropriate to protect only the official designated sites within their official boundaries. Habitats and protected species may migrate to adjoining lands. The NPWS is presently recommending a 15km buffer around designated sites.

No change is recommended to the Draft Plan.

10. The R&T Section – **object to Objective EH4.9** as it only adds extra costs to development for no particular reason.

DM Standard 37.2 Ecological Assessment of the CDP 2009-2015 states that '*Ecological Assessment will be required with all significant planning applications, where it is considered that the proposed development may impact (directly or indirectly) , or in conjunction with other projects, on a National designated site or a proposed National designated site i.e. Natural Heritage Area (NHA) or a proposed Natural Heritage Area (Pnha), to inform decision making*'.

The Draft Craughwell LAP is subordinate to the CDP and must comply with the policies and objectives as stated within the CDP, therefore is inappropriate to omit Objective EH4.9 from the Draft Plan.

No change required to the Draft Plan.

11. **Clause 13.4.3 Roads and Circulation – Bullet point 3** – Remove 'Ramps, pinch points chicanes' and replace with 'raised junctions'.

Bullet point 5 – differentiate between residential on home site parking versus commercial / industrial/retail parking requirements.



The PA notes this suggestion and will amend S.13.4.3 accordingly.

Section 13.4.3 of the Draft Plan to be amended to read as follows:

- The use of traffic calming measures e.g. ~~ramps, pinch points, chicanes, raised junctions~~, appropriate surface treatments will be required where necessary.

Section 13.4.3 of the Draft Plan to be amended to read as follows:

- Parking will be required to be provided in a manner guided by Table 13a Minimum Car Parking Standards (p. 63) of the Draft Plan and which will prevent substantial on-carriageway parking and will not interfere with footpaths, turning areas and public and private open space.

Amend the text of the Draft Plan.

## Recommendation

1. It is considered appropriate to include a **new objective within S. 4.3 Movement and Transportation Strategy** to read as follows:

**Objective TA1.15:** Reserve strategic gateway entrances from existing road network to lands west of the railway line and north of the R347 to accommodate the medium to long term growth of the village as indicated on Map B2 of the Draft Plan.

Refer to Map B2 of the Draft Plan for indicative location of 'Strategic Gateways'. Amend text of the Draft Plan.

*This was already dealt with under Submission Number 7*

2. Amend S.1.5 Plan Area 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph to read as follows:

*The LAP for Craughwell comprises a total developable area of approximately 86 88 ha; of this area 31 27ha is currently developed, 4 6ha is committed for development and 5 155 ha remains undeveloped.*

3. Amend text of the Draft Plan within S1.3 Context to read as follows:

*Craughwell is a village located 25 23km south east of Galway city*

Amend text within S.2.1 Physical Context to read as follows:

*It is strategically located approximately 25 23km from the Galway gateway area and 35km from the Tuam hub.*

4. Amend text of the Draft Plan to include a new objective to read as follows:

**Objective LU2.6:** All developments to have pedestrian/cyclist/public lighting links to existing village facilities'.

*On the proposal of Cllr Regan and seconded by Cllr Canney it was agreed to accept the recommendations in the Manager's Report to make the necessary changes to Sections 1.5 and 1.2 and to include a new objective LU2.6 as outlined above.*

5. Include a new Policy **Policy TA2** within S.4.3 of the Draft Craughwell LAP a

**Policy TA2:** As a general policy, the location of new means of access to the National Primary Road and National Secondary Road network, for residential, commercial, industrial or other development dependent



on such means of access, shall not be permitted except in areas where a speed limit of 50-60 km/h applies, or in the case of infilling, in the existing built-up areas. The Planning Authority shall in the first instance, seek to channel traffic from new development onto existing local roads and in this way use established access points to gain entry onto national roads.

The only exemptions to this general restriction that may be considered would be developments of national or regional strategic importance which by their nature are most appropriately located outside urban centres and where the developments proposed have specific locational requirements or are dependent on fixed physical characteristics. In this regard, Galway County Council shall engage with relevant stakeholders including the NRA, Dept of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and, if appropriate, neighbouring Local Authorities to develop a strategy to identify such strategic activities or strategic locations and a set of criteria which would guide development in such circumstances.

Relevant considerations may include:

- Relevance and appropriateness of the proposed development in supporting the aims and objectives of the National Spatial Strategy and the Regional Planning Guidelines.
- The nature of the proposed development and the volume of traffic to be generated by it
- The implications for the safe and efficient operation of the national road as well as any proposed upgrades or routes for new roads
- Implications for the traffic carrying capacity and service life of the road
- Suitability of the location vis-à-vis other locations
- Existing development in the area
- The precedent that could be created for follow-on development of a similar nature and potential implications for national roads

This was already dealt with under Submission Number 2

Amend Objective TA.15 to read as follows:

Objective TA.15: Require all new proposed commercial, industrial and retail developments and all significant proposed residential developments, or where significant changes are proposed to existing commercial, industrial or retail developments, to submit Road Safety Audits and Traffic Impact Assessments as part of their planning application documentation. For large scale developments, a Transport Assessment will also be required. These assessments shall comply with the requirements as set out in S. 13 Development Management Standards and Guidelines.

Amend 13.5.1 Access onto Public Roads (p. 63) to read as follows:

All significant development proposals, or those that the PA consider would pose a safety risk or traffic impact, shall be accompanied by road safety audits and transport and traffic assessments. These shall include a consideration of the cumulative impact of developments on the road network.

This shall be guided by the following:

1. Road Safety Audits                      All new proposed commercial, industrial and retail



13. Kevin Kelly, Director of Galway County Council  
*developments, and all proposed residential developments of 4 or more units, will be required to submit Road Safety Audits. All significant changes to existing commercial, industrial or retail developments will be required to submit Road Safety Audits. Road Safety Audits shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified and independent person.*

2. Traffic Impact Assessments *All new proposed commercial, industrial and retail developments, and all proposed residential developments of more than 20 units, will be required to submit Traffic Impact Assessments. All significant changes to existing commercial, industrial or retail developments will be required to submit Traffic Impact Assessments.*

3. Transport Assessments *All large scale commercial, industrial and retail or residential developments will be required to submit Transport Assessments where considered necessary by the PA. This shall be guided by the provisions set out in the DTO Traffic Management Guidelines 2003 and the NRA Traffic and Transport Assessment Guidelines 2007.*

*Include a new Objective within S4.3 Movement and Traffic Strategy to read as follows:*

Objective TA1.15: *Carry out a Traffic Management Plan for Craughwell and review the existing Plan ever 5 years prior to the review of the Craughwell LAP 2009-2015.*

6. No change recommended to the Draft Plan.

7. Amend text within Clause 10.1.1- **textual error amend from 'John Hutson' to 'John Huston'** Noted and amended on page 43 of the Draft Plan. Amend the Draft Plan.

*This was already dealt with under Submission Number 6*

8. No change at present. No change to the Draft Plan.

9. No change is recommended to the Draft Plan.

10. No change required to the Draft Plan.

11. Section 13.4.3 of the Draft Plan to be amended to read as follows:

- The use of traffic calming measures e.g. ramps, pinch points, chicanes, raised junctions, appropriate surface treatments will be required where necessary.

Section 13.4.3 of the Draft Plan to be amended to read as follows:

- Parking will be required to be provided in a manner *guided by Table 13a Minimum Car Parking Standards (p. 63) of the Draft Plan* and which will prevent substantial on-carriageway parking and will not interfere with footpaths, turning areas and public and private open space.

Amend the text of the Draft Plan.

*On the proposal of Cllr Regan and seconded by Cllr Canney it was agreed to accept the recommendations in the Manager's Report and to make the necessary changes to Objective TA1.5 and Section 13.5.1 and to include a new objective TA1.16 as outlined above.*



13. **Kevin Kelly, Director of Services, Corporate and Cultural Services, Galway County Council.**

### Synopsis

The submission requests that an **Amenity Zoning** should be introduced into the Draft Plan and assigned to relevant sites such as the **playing pitches** on the Ballymore Road and to the **village green area** for the following reasons:

- Given that the Plan contains 61 h.a. of land which is either undeveloped or committed which would allow for a further 1420 dwellings – part of these lands should be zoned for Recreation and Amenity
- The location and potential of these spaces should provide for a variety of passive and active uses which should be sufficient to cater for the proposed future population
- In order for these identified Recreation and Amenity spaces to be properly structured the proposed pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular connectivity both within and between the Residential zonings should be identified at this stage so that the delivery of the Recreation and Amenity spaces can be planned for and progressed individually or collectively by landowners and land developers. The specific zoning of these spaces will ensure their protection and availability throughout the lifetime of the plan.

### Response

1. **Amenity Zoning** should be introduced into the Draft Plan and assigned to relevant sites such as the **playing pitches** on the Ballymore Road and to the **village green**

#### Land Use Strategy of the Draft Plan:

The Craughwell LAP (S. 3 Land Use Development) has adopted a Land Use Strategy which moves away from conventional land use zoning where single or limited uses, such as residential developments, are permitted in particular zones. The Plan provides a more flexible and facilitative approach that combines **mixed use zoning** and **development areas**.

It is the strategy of the Council to protect existing community facilities and amenities and to seek to develop new facilities and amenities as the need arises.

The Draft Plan contains a number of policies and objectives that support the protection of amenity areas including the following:

- Policy CF1: It is the policy of the Council to support a range of open spaces and amenities to protect existing areas of public open space from inappropriate development and maintain these areas for public use.
- Objective CF2.1: To encourage the development of play areas within existing and proposed residential development.
- Objective CF2.7: To seek to provide picnic benches and informational signs of the Craughwell area in the village green.
- Objective CF5.1: Development on lands adjacent to the Craughwell/Dunkellin River must demonstrate how it will be integrated with this open space area, in order to provide a pleasant, usable and safe green corridor for access/recreation along the river bank.

During the plan making process a number of infill sites were identified within the Plan Boundary including tracts of undeveloped land to the West of Main Street, the North-east of LAP area and around the train station. These tracts of land present great opportunity to expand and develop village centre activities, new neighbourhoods and recreational facilities.

There are also a number of significant features and amenities in the open countryside around Craughwell including:



- The Craughwell/Dunkellin River
- The Rahasane Turlough
- Moyode Woods

It is not proposed to zone areas as amenity as per conventional zoning methods. The new approach – Mixed Use Zoning and Development Areas as incorporated within the Draft Craughwell LAP will provide a greater mix of complementary uses in appropriate locations. This combined approach is considered necessary to allow the village to develop in more organic and integrated manner and to follow the sequential approach of development from the Village Core out to the Outer Village. This approach to land use development will require the co-ordination, co-operation and collaboration of a range of different stakeholders to achieve a common vision as presented in the Plan. In particular, landowners will need to work together to prepare group proposals for their lands that show how a suitable balance can be struck between an appropriate level and design of development with sufficient community gain to meet the needs of the local community. This will require additional input and effort from all stakeholders to move the process forward and to resolve potential obstacles to the delivery of appropriate community facilities and amenities in conjunction with high quality developments.

No change to the Draft Plan.

### **Recommendation**

No change to the Draft Plan.

*On the proposal of Cllr Regan and seconded by Cllr Canney it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

*On the proposal of Cllr Regan and seconded by Cllr Maher it was agreed the Amendments and Material Alterations to the Draft Craughwell Local Area Plan be put on public display for 4 weeks as agreed at the Council meeting.*

**TO CONSIDER THE MANAGER'S REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON THE AMENDMENTS AND MATERIAL ALTERATIONS TO THE DRAFT CLIFDEN LOCAL AREA PLAN PREPARED AS PER SECTION 20(3) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED BY SECTION 9 (G)(II) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 2002**

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Report dated the 7<sup>th</sup> May was already circulated to each member

It was proposed by Cllr. S Walsh and seconded by Cllr D Connolly and agreed that standing orders be suspended in order to allow the meeting to continue after six o'clock

The Mayor invited Mr. Ridge to present the Manager's Report which was prepared on the submissions that were received on the Amendments and Material Alterations to the Clifden Local Area Plan.

Mr. Ridge began by outlining the Environmental considerations that must be taken into account in relation to the Amendments and Material Alterations to the Clifden Local Area Plan. He stated that the published amendments and material alterations if accepted would require an Appropriate Assessment to be conducted in accordance with the Article 6 of the EU Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and also a Strategic Environment Assessment in accordance with the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004. If this happens, Mr.



Ridge explained, the Clifden Local area plan process to date would have to be abandoned and restarted as the LAP process and the SEA process must run parallel.

Mr Ridge advised the Members to take into account in their consideration of the Manager's Report that the proposed zonings in the Amendments and Material Alterations of the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan were causing difficulty and would trigger the necessity for an Appropriate Assessment to be carried out

He added that if the Members so wished, the process can be restarted by putting the Amended Plan as agreed together with a Strategic Environment Assessment back on public display again.

Mr Ridge commenced the consideration of the Manager's Report on Submission 1 as follows:

### **SUBMISSION No. 1**

**Mr. Martin Lavelle  
Senior Engineer,  
Roads and Transportation Section,  
Galway County Council**

The Submission requests changes under various issues/ headings. Each issue/heading is dealt with separately.

#### **Trees and Hedgerows and Stone Walls**

##### **Synopsis.**

Request to rewrite under "Trees and Hedgerows" (page7) to provide for exemption from requirements to protect and replant trees and hedgerows for protection for roadside safety.

##### **"Trees and Hedgerows**

The overall aim of the Plan in this regard is to protect existing trees and hedgerows and to encourage the planting of additional trees and hedgerows of native species."

"Stone Walls" (page 7) that this paragraph be removed to exempt new roadwork boundaries from requirement to replace with similar boundaries for traffic safety reasons.

##### **"Stone Walls**

Clifden is well endowed in terms of natural stone boundary walls. There is an obvious strong tradition of dry stone wall building in the area which should be encouraged. While it may not be possible to protect the full extent of existing natural stone walls in the Plan area due to the need for road improvements and other developments, those which can be retained, particularly where they are combined with hedgerows, should be retained. Where boundaries are removed, they should be replaced by boundaries similar to those removed. The continuation of the local tradition of dry stone wall building should be encouraged in new developments including road improvement works."

Also

##### **Page 46**

Requests removal of bullet point 8 under heading "Landscape Objectives" which is again a recommendation to preserve hedgerows and networks of hedgerows



**UD8 Landscape Objectives:**

- Preserve existing hedgerows and hedgerow networks as important wildlife habitats and corridors. Where it is necessary to remove part of these features, developers shall submit landscaping plans which show linked replacement hedgerows of similar native species. Where unplastered stone walls exist on site, these should be preserved in situ. However, consideration will be given to safety audits where these stone walls exist along public road edges

**Response**

Road safety sections of the Plan stand alone and cover road safety issues. The heading refers to overall aim of the Plan which is as stated, and this section also provides for the encouragement of additional planting, which should be a part of roadside schemes also.

“Stone Walls” (page 7)

The paragraph should remain. It does state that it may not be possible to protect the full extent of existing natural stone walls...those which can be retained etc....and it merely states that where boundaries are removed they *should* be replaced with boundaries similar to those removed etc. Road safety issues should be considered on a case by case basis in line with the relevant chapter in the Plan.

And re page 46

Repeat of issues raised in (A) and “Stone Walls” above/response as above dealt with re page 7

**Recommendation**

No change to Amendments/Material Alterations to the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan Clifden Draft LAP.

“Stone Walls” (page 7)

No change to Amendments/Material Alterations to the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan Clifden Draft LAP.

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*On the proposal of Comh Ó Tuairisg and seconded by Cllr S Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager’s Report*

**Inaccurate Referencing**

**Synopsis.**

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Table 2.2 should refer to Map No. 3 not Map No. 2 / inaccurate numbering

**Table 2.2: Buildings on the Record of Protected Structures in Clifden (Map No. 2)**



## **Response**

Correction agreed

## **Recommendation**

Correction to be made

*On the proposal of Cllr Conneely and seconded by Cllr S Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report*

## **Habitat Networks and Ecological Corridors Objectives**

### **Synopsis**

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Removal of Objective H2 requested:

“No ecological networks or parts thereof which provide significant connectivity between areas of local biodiversity are to be lost as a result of the implementation of the Local Area Plan without appropriate and reasonable remediation and/or compensatory measures”.

Viz. Ecological networks retention objective to be removed

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General Objectives H13 and 14 to be removed as they are not necessary in a town. These are Objectives in relation to non designated habitats and landscapes, and habitat mapping

H13 Seek to protect non-designated habitats and landscapes

H14 Support the facilitation of a Habitat mapping project for the plan area and seek to take cognisance of any relevant findings from such a project. Page 20

### **Response**

Page 20 This Objective (H2) is in CDP and all other LAPs.

Page 22 Protection of non designated habitats is particularly necessary in a town as they are likely to be under intensified pressure from development and habitat mapping is as necessary in town as out-of-town mapping. Furthermore such mapping will go some ways towards assisting with future Appropriate Assessment requirements

### **Recommendation:**

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No change to Amendments/Material Alterations to the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan Clifden Draft LAP

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No change to Amendments/Material Alterations to the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan Clifden Draft LAP



*On the proposal of Comh Ó Tuairisg and seconded by Cllr McDonagh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report*

## Sites and Monuments

### Synopsis

Re Policy 3.4.4 and AY1

Questions the fact that we have power to "protect" and "prohibit" in relation to Archaeological Monuments etc.

**3.4.4** Prohibit developments which would destroy or damage, or cause inappropriate change to protected sites/monuments and structures.

And

### Objectives

**AY1** Protect sites and monuments included in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) identified in Table 2.1 and Map 4.

### Response

Re Policy 3.4.4 and AY1

We have such powers conferred on us through the Planning Acts and its associated Development Plans and Development Management Policy 3.4.4 and AY1

### Recommendation

No change to Amendments/Material Alterations to the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan Clifden Draft LAP

*On the proposal of Cllr Conneely and seconded by Cllr S Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report*

### Traffic/ Transportation Issues

### Synopsis

Policy 3.5.17

Request to insert "roundabout" as follows

**3.5.17** Ensure that schools have safe drop off/collection facilities/**roundabout** for pedestrians, vehicles and cyclists and adequate and appropriately located staff parking.

### Response

Policy 3.5.17

Consider this is confusing and can be applied in individual circumstances if appropriate. Roundabouts and pedestrian mix not always suitable



## Recommendation

### Policy 3.5.17

No change to Amendments/Material Alterations to the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan Clifden Draft LAP

*On the proposal of Cllr S. Walsh and seconded by Cllr Conneely it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report*

### Further Traffic/Transportation Issues

## Synopsis

### Policy 3.5.18

Encourage new developments to use existing access junctions which enter onto major traffic routes rather than allowing a proliferation of new individual vehicular access points. Provide Traffic Impact Assessment's and Safety Audits for all commercial developments.

Suggests "Comply with CDP (?) and include for "all industrial and residential development s greater than 4 houses" be added (?)

## Response

### 3.5.18

Can be amended as requested

## Recommendation

### 3.5.18

Add as in bold

Encourage new developments to use existing access junctions which enter onto major traffic routes rather than allowing a proliferation of new individual vehicular access points. Provide Traffic Impact Assessment's and Safety Audits for all commercial development **"and for all industrial and residential development s greater than 4 houses"**

*On the proposal of Cllr. Conneely and seconded by Cllr Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report*

## Synopsis

Additional policy requested at 3.5 i.e. as 3.5 23

viz.

"Ensure footpath and public lighting connectivity to existing town system for all developments to ensure access is provided for all including disabled access."

## Response

"Ensure footpath and public lighting connectivity to existing town system for all developments to ensure access is provided for all including disabled access." Additional policy requested at 3.5 i.e. as 3.5 23 can be included



viz.

3.5.23 "Ensure footpath and public lighting connectivity to existing town system for all developments to ensure access is provided for all including disabled access." can be included.

### **Recommendation**

Include additional policy as follows as 3.5.23

"Ensure footpath and public lighting connectivity to existing town system for all developments to ensure access is provided for all including disabled access." can be included.  
*On the proposal of Cllr Conneely and seconded by Cllr Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report*

### **Synopsis**

In T15 Bullet Point 10 substitute Market Street for Main Street

**T15** Improve traffic management through:

Consider pedestrianisation of Main Street

### **Response**

It is considered too late to make such a major change from a public accountability point-of-view

### **Recommendation**

No change to Amendments/Material Alterations to the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan Clifden Draft LAP

*On the proposal of Cllr S Walsh and seconded by Cllr Conneely it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report*

### **Synopsis.**

#### **5.5.1 Shopfronts Include**

"No projection to be allowed onto existing footpaths" as bullet points to 5.5.1

### **Response**

This is acceptable from an amenity and safety point-of-view.

### **Recommendation**

#### Shopfronts

Include "No projection to be allowed onto existing footpaths" as additional bullet point in 5.5.1

*On the proposal of Cllr Conneely and seconded by Cllr S Walsh it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report*

### **Synopsis.**



Add new Policy 3.5 23

“Ensure footpath and public lighting connectivity to existing town system for all developments to ensure access is provided for all including disabled access.”

**Response**

This may be included although it is inherent already.

**Recommendation**

Add new Policy 3.5 23

“Ensure footpath and public lighting connectivity to existing town system for all developments to ensure access is provided for all including disabled access.”

No change to Amendments/Material Alterations to the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan Clifden Draft LAP

*It was agreed earlier in the meeting to accept this recommendation*

**SUBMISSION No. 2 (see also submission No.4)**

*Councillor Conneely declared his interest in this submission and excused himself from the meeting.*

Arbear/Faul Residents Association,  
Arbear/Faul  
Clifden,  
Co. Galway

**Synopsis.**

The residents object to the rezoning of lands attached to the Rock Glen Hotel at Ardbear from Agriculture to Residential. They quote the proceedings/Minutes of the Council meeting which dealt with Amendments. They also point out that they oppose this for the same reasons as they objected successfully to Planning Application 04452. They enclose the planning Inspector's Report which upheld the Council's refusal of that application and cite aspects of their reasons for refusal.

They refer to various objections to the rezoning contained in the County Manager's Report in relation to Sustainable Residential Guidelines. They also refer to the objective which was included in Amendments made by the Councillors to widen and improve the Ardbear Road from its junction with R431 the Ballyconneely Road westwards to Ardbear Cemetery and the subject lands. They refer to the County Manager's response to this proposed upgrade of the road in question as having no justification.

They state that the development completed on the site is now for sale and is not specifically for the promotion of Tourism. They add that the planner's relevant report on 01/4679 suggests that the present development for sale was to be ancillary to the use and function of the existing hotel.

They list the voting details and state that they have sent a copy of this letter to all elected members of the Council

Policy Advisor (Planning)  
National Roads Authority  
St. Martins House



## Response

The lands were rezoned as part of the rezonings contained in the Amendments, and this rezoning was not in accordance with the County Manager's Report. The reasons that this rezoning was resisted are detailed in the Manager's Report presented at the said meeting. Neither should the objective to improve the road be included.

## Recommendation

Rezoning should revert to original zoning as shown in the first Draft LAP of Agriculture from rezoned Residential,

No objective to improve road should be included.

*It was proposed by Cllr Kyne and seconded by Comh Ó Tuairisg to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

Cllr S Walsh stated that Agricultural zoning was not appropriate for the lands the subject of this submission as there was an existing hotel development on these lands. He added that a Tourism type zoning would be more suitable. He also stated that an objective should also be included in relation to the development of a marina in this area.

He added that Agricultural zoning was very restrictive in the Conamara area with landscape sensitivity ratings of 1, 2, or 3 and that Clifden had a rating of 4 and 5.

Mr Ridge stated that class uses such as Agri-Tourism and Agri-Business were permitted in principle in the Agriculture Zoning. He also stated that Waterbased recreational/cultural activities and Bed & Breakfast were open for consideration in the Agriculture Zoning.

*It was proposed by Cllr S Walsh and seconded by Cllr Regan to retain the low density residential zonings on the lands the subject of Submission 2 and submission 4 as it appeared in the published Amendments and Material Alterations to the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan*

A vote was taken on Cllr. Walsh's proposal and the result of the vote was as follows:

*AR SON: Cllr Hoade, Cllr Regan, Cllr Reilly, Cllr S. Walsh (4)*

*IN AGHAIDH: Cllr Canney, Cllr D Connolly, Cllr Feeney, Cllr. Kyne, Cllr Maher, Cllr McDonagh, Comh. Ó Cuaig, Comh Ó Tuairisg, Cllr Welby Cllr Willers (10)*

*GAN VOTÁIL: Cllr Hynes, Comh Ní Fhatharta (2)*

*The Mayor declared Cllr. Walsh's proposal lost.*

A vote was taken on Cllr Kyne's proposal and the result of the vote was as follows:

*AR SON: Cllr Canney, Cllr D Connolly, Cllr Feeney, Cllr Hynes Cllr. Kyne, Cllr Maher, Cllr McDonagh, Comh. Ó Cuaig, Comh Ó Tuairisg, Cllr Welby Cllr Willers (11)*

*IN AGHAIDH: , Cllr Regan, Cllr S. Walsh (2)*

*GAN VOTÁIL: Cllr Hoade, Comh Ní Fhatharta, Cllr Reilly (3)*

*The Mayor declared Cllr. Kyne's proposal carried.*

## SUBMISSION No. 3

Michael McCormack  
Policy Advisor (Planning)  
National Roads Authority  
St. Martins House



Waterloo Rd  
Dublin 4

### **Synopsis.**

The NRA refers to commendation on Plan already made.

The NRA makes further comments:-

1. An objective to inform land use and access through a strategic transport assessment might be included in relation to the Distributor Road.
- 2 (a) Designation of Enterprise/Light Industry with direct access to N59 is not acceptable.
- 2 (b) Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines and the importance of the protection of National Routes is reiterated in relation to proposed rezonings.
3. Proposed Map amendment MA7 In relation to a requirement to access re local road network should be included.
4. Clear statement re restriction of access to N59 outside 50kph speed limit should be included

### **Response**

1. It is considered that application of national assessment to local and remote location is not necessary.
2. This is agreed.
3. This is agreed in principle. However it is not possible to attach a clause to a rezoning in this way. Future planning applications can deal with this issue.
4. It is considered that this is adequately contained in Transportation Section already

### **Recommendation**

1. No change to Amendments/Material Alterations to the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan Clifden Draft LAP
2. Revert to zonings as per pre Amendments
3. Not feasible (see above) No change to Amendments/Material Alterations to the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan Clifden Draft LAP
4. No change to Amendments/Material Alterations to the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan Clifden Draft LAP

*On the proposal of Cllr S.Walsh and seconded by Cllr Regan it was agreed to reject the Manager's Report in relation to reverting to zonings as per pre Amendments of the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan.*

### **SUBMISSION No. 4 (see also submission No.2)**

*This submission was dealt with the same time as Submission No. 2 and Cllr. J. Conneely declared his interest and withdrew from the meeting.*

Sean Gavin,  
On behalf of Ardbear/Faul Residents Committee,  
Faul,  
Co Galway.



### **Synopsis.**

Mr. Gavin asks that lands shown on map enclosed as "low density residential" be zoned Agriculture in the final Plan

### **Response**

These lands are the same lands as are referred to in Submission 2. The response is the same. The lands were rezoned as part of the rezonings contained in the Amendments, and this rezoning was not in accordance with the County Manager's Report. The reasons that this rezoning was resisted are detailed in the Manager's Report presented at the said meeting. Neither should the objective to improve the road be included.

### **Recommendation**

Rezoning should revert to original zoning of Agriculture from rezoned (in Amendments) Residential zoning.

No objective to improve road should be included.

*This submission was dealt with earlier in the meeting under Submission No 2*

### **SUBMISSION No. 5**

*Cllr. Conneely declared his interest and withdrew from the meeting.*

Páraigh Ó Seanacháin,  
Waterfall House,  
Dooneen Road,  
Clifden,  
Co. Galway.

### **Synopsis.**

Mr. O' Seanachain is concerned as to what might happen to the lands in question because of Town Centre rezoning proposed through Amendments. He proposes that a small town park be created at the lands. He also gives information re river bed ownership by E.S.B. at appoint in time.

### **Response**

The ideal use of this site is as a small town park. This is agreed. Town Centre zoning involves potential usage unsuitable to the site

### **Recommendation**

Rezoning should revert to original zoning of Recreation and Amenity from rezoned Residential as per Amendments.

*It was proposed by Comh Ó Tuairisg and seconded by Cllr Welby to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

*It was proposed by Cllr S Walsh and seconded by Cllr Kyne to reject the recommendation in the Manager's Report and to retain the town centre zoning on the lands the subject of Submission No 5.*



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A vote was taken on Cllr. Walsh's proposal and the result of the vote was as follows:

**AR SON:** *Cllr Canney, Cllr Hoade, Cllr. Kyne, Cllr Maher, Cllr McDonagh, Comh. Ó Cuaig, Cllr Regan Cllr Reilly Cllr S Walsh (9)*

**IN AGHAIDH:**, *Comh Ó Tuairisg, Cllr Welby.(2)*

**GAN VOTÁIL:** *Cllr D. Connolly, Cllr Feeney, Comh Ní Fhatharta (3)*

*The Mayor declared Cllr. S Walsh's proposal carried.*

### **SUBMISSION No. 6**

Mary Colohan,  
Higher Executive Officer,  
Forward Planning Section,  
Planning & Building Unit,  
Department of Education & Science,  
Portlaoise Rd.,  
Tullamore,  
Co Offaly.

### **Synopsis.**

The Department of Education states that based on the figures pre amendments that the existing schools would be capable of catering for increase inherent. However they state that if the 40 hectares of undeveloped residential lands provided for in the lifetime of this Plan then "it would be prudent to reserve lands adjacent to the existing primary schools to allow for expansion or, if this were not possible to reserve a 1.14 hectares (2.8 acres) site for new primary schools.

With regard to post primary schools it will also be necessary for the Department to revise the long-term projected enrolments for the new school project being developed for Clifden. The Department will need final outcome information

### **Response**

It is highly unlikely that even given rezonings of a residential nature that all will develop in the current economic climate. Therefore it would appear to be inaccurate planning to plan for such an eventuality.

### **Recommendation**

On paper such revisions are necessary; in reality however they appear to be unnecessary. However should the rezonings be finalised in Adopted Plan (despite AA etc.) it would appear that such provision should be made.

It is not recommended that these lands be rezoned / reserved to facilitate development created by rezonings which are not recommended and which will be subject to Appropriate Assessment.

*On the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh and seconded by Comh Ó Tuairisg it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*



Before the consideration of Submissions Nos 7 and 8 took place, Mr Ridge referred the meeting to the Appropriate Assessment Screening document prepared by CAAS (Environmental Services)-in accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive

He explained that the proposed zoning amendments are likely to be the principal trigger for a Strategic Environment Assessment of the entire Plan. If this occurs, the Clifden Local Area Plan process will have to be abandoned so that the proper procedures can be followed. The Strategic Environment Assessment process must run parallel with the Local Area Plan process so therefore if an SEA is required for the Clifden Plan the plan process must commence again

He added that the only way to avoid this is to re-examine the published amendments and Material Alterations and decide which will have the potential to have direct and indirect effects on Natura 2000 sites. He referred the meeting to Page 11 of the Appropriate Assessment Screening document.

*On the proposal of Cllr Welby and seconded by Cllr D Connolly it was agreed to retain the proposed town centre zoning on the lands the subject of MA1.* Cllr Welby stated that there were existing buildings on these lands.

*On the proposal of Cllr Welby and seconded by Cllr Canney it was agreed to retain the proposed residential zoning on the lands the subject of MA3.*

*On the proposal of Cllr Conneely and seconded by Cllr S. Walsh it was agreed to retain the proposed residential zoning on the lands the subject of MA5*

Cllr Canney stated that the implications of these zonings may trigger a SEA being required and that the Clifden Local Area Plan will have to recommence.

*Cllr Conneely declared an interest in the lands the subject of MA8 and absented himself from the meeting.*

*On the proposal of Cllr S Walsh and seconded by Cllr Reilly it was agreed to retain the proposed town centre zoning on the lands the subject of MA8.*

*It was proposal of Cllr S Walsh and seconded by Cllr Reilly to retain the proposed residential zoning on the lands the subject of MA 12.* Mr Ridge strongly advised against this proposed zoning. Cllr S.Walsh stated that a buffer zone between the subject lands and the Owenglen River could be provided.

Mr Ridge stated that a buffer zone would not be of any advantage.

He added that it was a long narrow site with poor access and that the proposed zoning may trigger the necessity for a Strategic Environment Assessment of the entire plan

Cllr S Walsh stated that the subject lands did not touch the river and were not liable to flooding. Mr Ridge stated that the lands were largely landlocked except for a very steep boren.

*It was proposed by Comh Ó Tuairisg and seconded by Cllr Canney to revert back to the Agriculture zoning on the lands the subject of MA 12 as in the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan.*

A vote was taken on Comh Ó Tuairisg's proposal and the result of the vote was as follows:  
*AR SON: Cllr Canney, Cllr D.Connolly, Cllr Feeney, Cllr Maher, Comh O Tuairisg Cllr Welby (6)*

*IN AGHAIDH: Cllr Hoade, Cllr Reilly, Cllr S Walsh (3)*

*GAN VOTÁIL: Comh Ní Fhartharta (1)*

*The Mayor declared Comh Ó Tuairisg's proposal carried.*



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In relation to MA 15 Cllr. Welby felt that the environmental implications for land zoned enterprise/industry or zoned residential would be similar.

*On the proposal of Cllr Canney and seconded by Cllr Welby it was agreed to retain the proposed residential zoning on the lands the subject of MA15.*

*On the proposal of Cllr Maher and seconded by Cllr. Canney it was agreed to revert back to the Agriculture zoning on the lands the subject of MA 13 as in the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan.*

Material Alteration 14 was dealt with earlier in the meeting under Submissions 2 and 4 where it was agreed to revert back to Agricultural Zoning.

*On the proposal of Cllr Welby and seconded by Comh Ó Tuairisg it was agreed to retain the proposed Community Facilities zoning on the lands the subject of MA 18*

### **SUBMISSION No. 7**

Mr. Tadhg O' Mahony,  
Senior Scientific Officer,  
SEA Section – Environmental Research Centre,  
Office of Environmental assessment,  
Environmental Protection Agency,  
Regional Inspectorate,  
Inniscarra,  
Co. Cork

### **Synopsis.**

#### SEA Screening Determination

Need to determine if *material alterations* are likely to result in significant effects to include cumulative effects

#### Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment

Need to conduct Appropriate Assessment

#### Water Framework Directive (WFD)

Provision to be made for incorporation of specific objectives and measures in Western River Basin Management Plan (WRBMP) and WFD characterisation also risk category of all water bodies within and in zone of influence of LAP. To be addressed Objectives required to ensure protection of all areas requiring special protection as per WRBD RBMP

Review of NPWS Draft Freshwater Pearl Mussel Sub Basin Management Plans to be reviewed re Owenglin River and taken into account where appropriate

#### Proposed Amendments/Material Alterations

##### 1. Policy removal 3.2.5

Support the protection and conservation of habitats and species that have been identified under Annex 1 of the EU Habitats Directive, and species that are listed under the Wildlife



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Aets, 1976-2000, and on Annex 11, IV and V of the EU Habitats Directive and Annex 1 of the EU Birds Directive

noted and not replaced with similar Policy. Should be reinserted in Section 3.2 (Natural Heritage and Biodiversity)  
NPWS to be consulted re wording

2. Consider specific Policy re "water conservation"
3. Objective H6 (which was deleted from the amended LAP)

**Carry out Flood Risk Management in accordance with the approach as adopted by the OPW should there be an identified risk of flooding**

should be re-instated and should give full details of Guidance documents and review of zoning should take place in relation to this document

4. Specific Objectives/Policies should reflect G.C.C's obligations re SEA

## **Response**

### SEA Screening Determination

This has been carried out. (see also DoEHLG submission No. 8)

### Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment\*

This has been carried out. (see also DoEHLG submission No. 8)

### Water Framework Directive (WFD)

This is considered to be premature in light of fact that RBM plans are in Draft format and are currently at public consultation stage.

The Local Authority has not had any sight of the Review of NPWS Draft Freshwater Pearl Mussel Sub Basin Management Plans. The screening of the Draft LAP for SEA and for AA would take full cognisance of the natural heritage issues into account.

### Proposed Amendments/Material Alterations

#### Policy removal 3.2.5

Support the protection and conservation of habitats and species that have been identified under Annex 1 of the EU Habitats Directive, and species that are listed under the Wildlife Aets, 1976-2000, and on Annex 11, IV and V of the EU Habitats Directive and Annex 1 of the EU Birds Directive

noted and not replaced with similar Policy.

These policies should be reinserted in Section 3.2 (Natural Heritage and Biodiversity)

Water conservation policy is not included in CDP; yet it is in essence contained in policies within the CDP. LAP also has policies within which this aspect is implied. LAP policies should be consistent with CDP policies



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### Objective H6 – Flood Risk Assessment

Should be re-instated and should give full details of Guidance documents and review of zoning should take place in relation to this document. See response re Flooding Guidelines in Submission 8 above viz.

Newly published Consultation Draft Planning Guidelines of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government entitled *'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management'* require [3.15, 3.16] consideration of flooding to be included as part of the assessment, accordingly it is considered within this review.

Note that though these are Draft Consultation Guidelines, and therefore not currently binding, it would be very prudent to have regard to them because of the likelihood that provisions for *existing undeveloped zoned areas at risk of flooding* [Section 4.25 of The Guidelines] will continue to prohibit the zoning of lands for development in lands at risk from flooding – *ignoring the presence of flood protection structures* [Section 2.25 of The Guidelines] The conclusion reached by the CASS Report is that

“The proposed amendments that lie within the floodplain of the Owenglin River would contravene the proposed Guidelines”

1. Specific Objectives/Policies should reflect G.C.C's obligations re SEA. This is accepted  
See recommendation below

### **Recommendation**

Appropriate Assessment and full SEA will be required to be carried out if Amended Plan is proceeded with.

*(Some Amendments have been reverted back to original zonings)*

No change to Draft or Amended Plan re Water Framework Directive unless WFD becomes finalised during AA procedure period

***On the proposal of Cllr Canney and seconded by Cllr D. Connolly it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.***

### Reinsert Policy 3.2.5

Re water Conservation - No change to Plan as inherent in other general and specific policies.

***On the proposal of Cllr Canney and seconded by Cllr Hoade it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report and to reinsert Policy 3.2.5.***

### Re Flood Risk

Carry out as part of Appropriate Assessment if Amended Plan is being proceeded with.

***On the proposal of Cllr Canney and seconded by Cllr Feeney it was agreed that the amended plan will not be proceeded with.***

Reinsert all Objectives and Policies exclude under Amendments which concern the environment. All policies and objectives with regard the protection of the environment omitted in Amendments should be reinstated

***On the proposal of Cllr D Connolly and seconded by Cllr Maher it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report and reinsert all objectives and policies excluded under the Amendments which concern the environment.***



Consideration of Objective H6 has been carried out in CAAS document and has found that Amendments re zonings etc. that lie within the floodplain of the Owenglin River would contravene the proposed Guidelines. Require as part of AA if Amended Plan is proceeded with,

*The above statement was noted by the Elected Members at the meeting.*

All reinserted policies as above re Environment which were proposed for removal from the Amended Draft LAP should be reinserted.

*On the proposal of Cllr Maher and seconded by Comh Ó Tuairisg it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report.*

### **SUBMISSION No. 8**

Mr. Patrick O' Sullivan,

Ms. Finola McDonald,

Spatial Policy Unit,

Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Custom House,

Dublin 1.

### **Synopsis.**

The proposed amendments have the potential to have significant effects on the cSAC's requiring screening for Appropriate Assessment. This is in ADDITION to AA for Draft Plan as originally put forward.

Mitigation measures discovered in Appropriate Assessment must also be incorporated into the plan. Failure to comply may leave the plan open to legal challenge.

All LAPs must be consistent with CDP. Failure to include objectives for the conservation and protection of the environment may leave way for legal challenge in this regard. Therefore the Department calls for the restoration of all policies and objectives in relation to the Habitats Directive (including references to the conservation or protection of designated sites or Habitats) which have been deleted from the Draft plan.

The proposed zoning amendments "do not appear to be justified under any of the criteria set out in the Department's Development Plan guidelines as matters to be considered by Members when considering the zoning of land." Land already zoned can more than accommodate anticipated growth. Additionally the zoning amendments are inconsistent with the provisions in the Draft Plan re sustainable settlement.

#### **Nature Conservation**

1. Appropriate Assessment awaited by Department
2. SEA exercise needs repeating due to magnitude of changes
3. The potential effects of new water/wastewater and recreation/amenity provisions and zoning (even at a distance from SACs) need investigation in AA
4. The plan together with other planned projects and plans must be scientifically assessed
5. All zonings, policies and objectives need review from an AA point-of-view and mitigation suggestions
6. All changes to be as Appropriately Assessed
7. Final decision as to whether to adopt plan or not MUST be informed by AA
8. Other non designated areas of biodiversity and natural heritage value should be recognised in the Plan



9. No clear objectives for conservation of sites, habitats and species – lists given
10. Zonings of large areas outside protected network without any information on habitats

### **Response**

The Synopsis above makes it clear that the required Appropriate Assessment of the entire Plan and revised Screening of changes (as made in Amendments) must be carried out before the Plan can be finally adopted. Not to comply risks legal challenge or non acceptance of Plan by DoEHLG

### **Recommendation**

Compliance with requirements of Habitats and Screening exercises required by EU necessary incorporating compliance with DoEHLG advice

This has been carried out by CAAS on behalf of the County Council for both the Draft and Amended Draft Plans and copies of the Reports are attached herewith. In relation to the original **Draft Plan** reviewed in accordance with the *Methodological guidance on the provision of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC*. The conclusion reached is:-

“The principal trigger for an appropriate assessment would be if the Plan were likely to have significant effects on a Natura 2000 site. The Plan has been formulated to ensure that uses, developments and effects arising from permissions based upon this draft Plan (either individually or in combination with other plans or projects) shall not give rise to significant adverse impacts on the integrity of any Natura 2000 site.

Accordingly this screening report finds that the original **Draft Plan** – does not require full Appropriate Assessment.

In relation to the **Amended Plan** reviewed in accordance with the *Methodological guidance on the provision of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC*. the conclusion reached is:-

“The Assessment finds that proposals to amend the plan by the inclusion of a number of land uses in locations that are likely to potentially lead, directly and indirectly, to adverse effects on *Natura 2000* Sites - coupled with further amendments removing Objectives designed to give effect to the provisions of the Habitats Directive – means that it cannot be stated with any certainty that adverse effects will not occur.

**Accordingly this screening report finds that the Draft Plan – as amended - requires full Appropriate Assessment.**

***On the proposal of Cllr Canney and seconded by Cllr Maher it was agreed to reject the recommendation in the Manager’s Report that a full Appropriate Assessment is required as it was agreed earlier in the meeting that some of the published Amendments be reverted back to the original zonings as in the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan***

**The restoration of all policies and objectives in relation to the Habitats Directive (including references to the conservation or protection of designated sites or Habitats) which have been deleted from the Draft plan is hereby recommended.**

***This was dealt with earlier in the meeting under Submission No 7***

### **SUBMISSION No. 9**

Clifden Tidy Towns Committee,



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C/O Mr Alan Shattock,  
PRO Clifden Tidy Towns Committee,  
The Stone House,  
Westport Road,  
Clifden,  
Co. Galway.

### **Synopsis.**

The Committee individualise the following and state that "All the above suggestions fit in with Galway County Council's Draft Clifden Local Area Plan 2009"

The covering letter prioritises the need to coordinate works to streets between community and local authority in relation to new service provision proposals and the general issues include inter alia:-

- Importance of undergrounding of cables and desirability of doing this in tandem with service works
- Tree and parking bay provision at same point-in-time
- Necessity to provide for good street design
- Quality pavements
- Semi-mature tree planting
- Quality street furniture
- Prioritising pedestrians and security
- Prioritisation of projects on approaches
- Signage rationalisation and improvement
- Town Square usage
- Ball Alley area
- Friday Market to be accommodated in street redesign

### **Response**

This is a welcome submission underlining the importance of policies and objectives contained in the plan in relation to improving the physical fabric of the town under the various headings contained within the National Tidy Towns submissions. Some advice in relation to street furniture design and choice might suggest alternative more appropriate choices, but this is for another forum

### **Recommendation**

No changes / alterations are requested.

No change to Amendments/Material Alterations to the Draft Clifden Local Area Plan Clifden Draft LAP

*On the proposal of Cllr Conneely and seconded by Cllr Canney it was agreed to accept the recommendation in the Manager's Report*

### **SUBMISSION No. 10 to 148**

*Cllr. Conneely declared his interest and withdrew from the meeting.*

These 138 submissions are identical in content:

**Group of Submissions:**



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ID	Title	First Name	Surname	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Address 4
1		Liam	Shannon	13 Racecourse Lawns	The Spires	Clifden	Co Galway
2		Joe	Lynch	No. 2 Main St	Clifden	Co Galway	
3		Sinead	O'Sullivan	The Square	Clifden	Co Galway	
4		Joseph	Joyce	The Square	Clifden	Co Galway	
5		Peter	Gavin	Goulane	Clifden	Co Galway	
6		Sorcha	O'Sullivan	The Square	Clifden	Co Galway	
7		Mary Claire	Walsh	1 Canon's Lane	Clifden	Co Galway	
8		Matt	O'Sullivan	Ardbear	Clifden	Co Galway	
9		Shane	O'Grady	Sunnybank House	Clifden	Co Galway	
10		Seamus	Burke	The Square	Clifden	Co Galway	
11		Una	Walsh	Market St	Clifden	Co Galway	
12		Derval	Doyle	Market St	Clifden	Co Galway	
13		Ann	Casey	Market St	Clifden	Co Galway	
14		Henry	O'Toole	Sky Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
15		Pat	Casey	Market St	Clifden	Co Galway	
16		Brian	Hehir	Market St	Clifden	Co Galway	
17		Carolanne	Joyce	No. 12 Canon's Lane	Clifden	Co Galway	
18		Eily	Vaughan	Church Hill	Clifden	Co Galway	
19		Michele	Hehir	Market St	Clifden	Co Galway	
20		Peter E.	Smyth	Canon's Lane	Clifden	Co Galway	
21		G	Gannon		Clifden	Co Galway	
22		Dave	O'Shaughnessy	Canon's Lane	Clifden	Co Galway	
23		Dara	Wallace	67 Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
24		Kelly	Wallace	67 Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
25		Gerard	Curran	Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
26		Caitriona	Curran	60 Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co	



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						Galway	
27	Matron	Bernie	Coyne	Clifden District Hospital	Clifden	Co Galway	
28		Grainne	Hyland	Dooneen	Clifden	Co Galway	
29		Annette	Fahy	Killymongaun	Clifden	Co Galway	
30		Lucy	Mullen	Hospital Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
31		Paula	Conneely	Railway Ave.	Clifden	Co Galway	
32		Eugene	Casey	Dooneen	Clifden	Co Galway	
33		Finian	Nolan	Wesport Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
34		Maureen	Faherty	54 Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
35		Nicola	Dinn	37 Castle Park	Monkstown	Co Dublin	
36		Cathal	McDonnell	Sky Road, Fahy	Clifden	Co Galway	
37		Sean	Vaughan		Clifden	Co Galway	
38		Peadar	Nevin	Ardbear	Clifden	Co Galway	
39		John	O'Neill	Ardbear	Clifden	Co Galway	
40		Robert	King	Dooneen	Clifden	Co Galway	
41		Hugh	Griffin	Dooneen	Clifden	Co Galway	
42		Padraic	Heanue	Market Street	Clifden	Co Galway	
43		Ann	Joyce	18 Railway Ave	Clifden	Co Galway	
44		Pauline	O'Neill	Westport Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
45		Patrick	Pryce	Clifden	Co Galway		
46		Patrick	Burke	Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
47		Christopher	Joyce	18 Railway Ave	Clifden	Co Galway	
48		Catriona	O'Toole	Racecourse Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
49		Sean	Tiernan	9 The Spires	Clifden	Co Galway	
50		PJ	Concannon	Westport Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
51		S.	Kelly	Ardbear	Clifden	Co Galway	
52		Eimear	Kelly	Ballyconnelly Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	



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53		Fearghal	O'Rourke	Westport Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
54		C.	O'Toole	Westport Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
55		Aileen	King	Hulte St	Clifden	Co Galway	
56		P.	O'Toole	Westport Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
57		Mary Jo	Flynn	Racecourse Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
58		Peggy	Gibbons	Clifden	Co Galway		
59		Sean	Flynn	Westport Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
60		Kevin	Keogh	Church Hill	Clifden	Co Galway	
61		Sinead	Joyce	16 Cannon's Lane	Clifden	Co Galway	
62		Finian	Nolan	Westport Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
63		Joe & Mary	King	Westport Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
64		G	Lawson-Kearns	23 The Spires	Clifden	Co Galway	
65		R	Daley	Bridge St	Clifden	Co Galway	
66		Martin	O'Connor	16 Cuir Cregg	Galway Rd	Clifden	Co Galway
67		Paddy	MacNamara	Church Hill	Clifden	Co Galway	
68		Adrian	Mangan	Sky Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
69		Malachy	Gorham	Railway View	Clifden	Co Galway	
70		John J	Mitchell	Sky Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
71		Kay	Mitchell	Sky Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
72		Barry	Ryan	Sky Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
73		Favi	Ryan	Railway Ave.	Galway Rd	Clifden	Co Galway
74		Martha	Conneely	8 Cuir Cregg	Clifden	Co Galway	
75		Christopher	Casey	Bridge St	Clifden	Co Galway	
76		Mary	Casey	Lee's Lane, Bridge St	Clifden	Co Galway	
77		V.	Knytt	Riverside	Clifden	Co Galway	
78		Frances	McWilliams	45 Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	



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80		Mary A	Joyce	Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
81		Pat	O'Toole	Sky Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
82		Paul	Lydon	Railway View	Clifden	Co Galway	
83		Joe	Gorham	Clifden	Co Galway		
84		Sean	Heanue	Sky Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
85		John	Ryan	Sky Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
86		Joe	Lynch	No. 2 Main St	Clifden	Co Galway	
87		Mary	Ryan O'Brien	Sky Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
88		Mary	Gavin	Goulane	Clifden	Co Galway	
89		Paula	Flaherty	8 Cuirt Cregg	Galway Rd	Clifden	Co Galway
90		Martina	Gavin	Clifden	Co Galway		
91		KellyDebbie	Watkins	26 The Spires	Clifden	Co Galway	
92		Martin	Sennott	21 Cuirt Cregg	Clifden	Co Galway	
93		Kevin	Stanley	2 Ardag	Clifden	Co Galway	
94		Frank	Fahy	Clifden	Co Galway		
95		P.	Gormely	No. 3 The Spires	Clifden	Co Galway	
96		Laura	Griffin	Clifden	Co Galway		
97		Pat	Kelly	39 Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
98		Louise	McWilliams	45 Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
99		Elizabeth	Joyce	Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
100		Nicola	Conneely	44 Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
101		Gareth	Walsh	44 Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
102		Margaret	Conneely	58 Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
103		Paul	Fitzpatrick	Galway Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
104				23 Cuirt Cregg	Clifden	Co Galway	
105		Mary	Gavin	Goulane	Clifden	Co Galway	



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106		Kevin	Gavin	Goulane	Clifden	Co Galway	
107		Sandra	Mullen	No. 31 Cuirt Cregg	Clifden	Co Galway	
108		Bernie	Flynn	Goulane	Clifden	Co Galway	
109		Jack	Cosgrove	6 The Spires	Clifden	Co Galway	
110		Andy	Walsh	2 Racecourse Lawn	Clifden	Co Galway	
111		Natasha	Cribbins	Market St	Clifden	Co Galway	
112		Joan	Walsh	The Loft	Clifden	Co Galway	
113		Cathal	Walsh	Bakerty, Market St	Clifden	Co Galway	
114		Frances	Joyce	Killymongaun	Clifden	Co Galway	
115		John	Heffernan	Sky Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
116		Tom	Connolly	24 The Spires	Clifden	Co Galway	
117		C.	O'Neill	Clifden	Co Galway		
118		A.	Furniss	17 Cuirt Cregg	Clifden	Co Galway	
119		Marian & Paul	Conneely	37 Galway Rd	Clifden	Co Galway	
120		Neil	Calley	No 7 Cuirt Cregg	Clifden	Co Galway	
121		Joan	Sexton	18 Cuirt Cregg	Clifden	Co Galway	
122		Jenifer	Barry	24 Cuirt Cregg	Clifden	Co Galway	
123		Martha	Mahon	29 Cuirt Cregg	Galway Rd	Clifden	Co Galway
124		Gerard	O'Halloran	Riverside	Clifden	Co Galway	
125		Tommy	Flaherty	2 Owenglen	Clifden	Co Galway	
126		M	Kearns	23 The Spires	Clifden	Co Galway	
127		Rory	O'Toole	21 The Spires	Clifden	Co Galway	
128		Frank	Acton	Clifden	Co Galway		
129		Connor	O'Malley	Clifden	Co Galway		
130		Seamus	Nee	Clifden	Co Galway		
131		Pat	Dowd	Clifden	Co Galway		
132		Kathleen	Joyce	Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
133		Marina	Acton	19 Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co	



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135		Patrick	Conneely	55 Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
136		Sarah	Kelly	39 Tullyvoheen	Clifden	Co Galway	
137			McFuinon	Clifden			
138		F	Perry	Clifden			

### Synopsis.

These submissions refer to “the proposed amendments/material alterations relating to the provision of lands for residential and mixed developments at different densities”

The submissions state:

- “Lands zoned for residential use are almost entirely located on the northern fringe of the town in an area of poor ground conditions and with no access roads or services. These lands will be extremely costly to develop and they are unlikely to become available for development for some time due to lack of access and services.”
- “Furthermore the concentration of virtually all residential lands in this area provides no choice for people who wish to live in the town etc.”
- “the existing zoned lands do not provide adequate choice for low density residential developments in certain areas”

The submissions state that the amendments to the Draft LAP “go some way towards providing alternatives for those who wish to live in the town but to date have not been able to secure a site.”

### Response

- The original zoned residential lands referred to will be serviced by the new distributor road  
No evidence has been provided to justify claim of costliness.  
Services are to be improved in the time frame of the Plan
- The zoning amendments adopted do not offer an in-town alternative. In fact the lands rezoned are no closer to the town; therefore do not help the wishes referred to of people who wish to live in the town
- The issue of densities has been addressed at national level by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, and Ministerial Guidelines are to be adhered to in this regard.

### Recommendation

Original LAP Zonings as recommended by Manager in Manager’s Report should be reinstated and additional zonings as proposed in the Amended Draft LAP should be abandoned.



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*On the proposal of Cllr Canney and seconded by Cllr Maher it was agreed to reject the recommendation in the Manager's Report as some of the original LAP zonings have been re-instated*

*On the proposal of Comh Ó Tuairisg and seconded by Cllr Welby it was agreed to adopt the Clifden Local Area Plan as amended at the Meeting.*

*On the proposal of Cllr Maher and seconded by Cllr Canney it was agreed to forward the Clifden Local Area plan as amended at the meeting to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government*

**PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**

2140

Report was already circulated to each member

On the proposal of Cllr. Canney, seconded by Cllr Reilly and agreed the proposed speed limit review was approved.

In response to queries raised by the Members, Mr. Morgan explained that the draft bye laws for the speed limits will first be notified to the Town Councils, the Gardaí, the NRA and then be put on public display and brought before Members again for ratification.

The Members expressed their disappointment at how long the process was taking.

**ARTS ACT SUPPORTS 2009**

2141

Report dated the 19<sup>th</sup> May was already circulated to each member

On the proposal of Comh Ni Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed the Arts Acts Supports 2009 were approved.

**TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMMES 2009**

2142

Report dated the 25<sup>th</sup> May was already circulated to each member

On the proposal of Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly, the Community Support Programmes 2009 were approved

Mr. Ridge said that there were some issues outstanding with the Kilconnell Community Development Association in regard to the Greenstar landfill liaison committee and funds allocated through that scheme. He informed the members that the Community based Amenity Grant included in this list of financial supports could not be released to the group until these issues were resolved.



**MANAGERS BUSINESS**

2143

Mr. Ridge thanked the members for their input into the plans before the members today and also for all their work on all the previous plans in the last five years.

He said that Ms. Mary Flynn, Executive Planner, was taking early retirement and wished her well and said she had been to the fore front of Community Development over the last few years.

The County Manager said that she would like to thank all the elected members who had served over the last five years and who had focused on representing the needs of the population of the County. She referred to investment in the National Route Infrastructure, Water Service Investment Programme and the extensive debates in planning to meet the needs of the County which had taken place during this time. She wished Cllr Connaughton who was not seeking re election well and also wished good luck to all those Councillors seeking re-election.

**MAYORS BUSINESS**

2144

The Mayor thanked the Members for their co-operation and specifically referred to the past twelve months during his term as Mayor and said that the members had the interest of the County at heart. He also thanked the Management and Staff of the Council for their co-operation.

Ms. McDermott informed the Members that the Annual Meeting would be held on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> June.

On the proposal of Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr Cuddy it was agreed that there be no monthly meeting in June and that the July monthly meeting be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July.

The Mayor read out a reply that had been received from the Minister for Transport which said that the reduction in the roads budget was regretted.

**CONFERENCE**

2145

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Mc Donagh, seconded by Cllr. Mannion, it was agreed that the attendance of the following members at the Conferences set out hereunder, the cost of each Conference having been circulated to each members:-

**Superior Training Services – Effective Communications for Councillors – 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January – Day’s Hotel, Merchants Quay, Waterford**  
Cllr. P Hynes

**Superior Training Services – The Local Government Planning Service – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January – The Granville Hotel, Waterford**



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Cllr. P Hynes, Cllr. S Walsh, Cllr. J McDonagh, Cllr. C. Keaveney

**National Music Symposium – Local Authorities & Music ‘Knowing the Score’ –  
24<sup>th</sup> March – St. Patrick’s College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.**

Comh. S O’Tuairisg

**Superior Training Services – Civic Leadership & Local Government – 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>  
March – Park House Hotel, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford**

Cllr. P Hynes, Cllr. S. Walsh

**Association of County & City Councils – Annual Conference – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> April –  
Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel**

Cllr. J McDonagh, Cllr. M. Hoade, Cllr. M. Mullins, Comh. C Ni Fhatharta

**LAMA – 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April – Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise,  
Co. Laois**

Cllr. S Walsh, Cllr. T Reilly, Cllr. M Hoade, Cllr. M Mullins, Cllr. J McDonagh,  
Comh C Ni Fhatharta, Cllr. P Feeney

**Respond! National Conference 2009 – 7<sup>th</sup> May – Naas, Co. Kildare**

Cllr. D Connolly

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 13 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA 2146**

*The following reply was given:-*

“Is mian liom a chur in iúl go ndéanfar scrúdú ar an láthair seo agus cuirfear  
comhartha isteach má theastaíonn sé.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 14 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH 2147**

*The following reply was given:-*

“The provision of a barrier at this location is not appropriate. Additional warning  
signage including chevrons can be provided at this location at an estimated cost of



€900, however, in the absence of the allocation of Notice of Motion funding, no funding is available to provide such signage in the current year.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 15 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH** 2148

*The following reply was given:-*

“The revised 2009 Roads Programme does not provide funding to undertake major strengthening on the Coolarne Road. If specific locations are identified to the area office, they shall be considered in the context of proposals for the 2010 resurfacing programme.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 16 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH** 2149

*The following reply was given:-*

“A soakpit is required at this location in order to address the issue. The soakpit can be provided at an estimated cost of €1,600, however, in the absence of the allocation of Notice of Motion funding, no funding is available in the current year for this project.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 17 – CLLR. M. CAREY** 2150

*The following reply was given:-*

“Due to the layout of the existing junction there is no appropriate location to provide stop signs. The approaches to the junction will be viewed by area staff to ensure that appropriate advance signage is in place.

It is recognised that the Greenfield Road at Clerhaun, Headford would benefit from realignment, however, no funding is currently available to facilitate such works.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 18 – CLLR. M. CAREY** 2151

*The following reply was given:-*

“The revised 2009 Roads Programme does not provide funding to facilitate the completion of such works. Routine maintenance shall be undertaken on the road within the limits of available resources.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 19 – CLLR. M. FAHY** 2152

*The following reply was given:-*

“The full allocation of funding provided by the Department of Transport in 2008 for roads projects in the Loughrea Electoral Area and Gort Engineering Area was drawn down by the Council with the exception of €70,869. This funding related to Srah



Bridge L7201 (€54,659) and Knocktoher Bridge R348 (€16,210). The balance of funding related to works which could not be undertaken on the bridges during the final quarter of 2008 due to restrictions imposed by the Fisheries Board. The outstanding works will be undertaken in the current year in accordance with the requirements of the Fisheries Board and shall be funded by the Department of Transport.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 20 – CLLR. M. FAHY**

**2153**

*The following reply was given:-*

“The upgrading of the Gort Regional Water Supply Scheme is a priority for Galway County Council. However, as the Council has not yet received funding approval for the necessary works from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, it is not possible to provide a start date for the upgrading works at this time.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 21 – CLLR. M. FAHY**

**2154**

*The following reply was given:-*

“A special speed limit and flashing lights are already in place at this location, there is no funding allocated in the revised 2009 Roads Programme to facilitate the provision of additional safety measures at this location in the current year.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 22 – CLLR. M. REGAN**

**2155**

*The following reply was given:-*

“There is no funding available in the current year to facilitate the Council in providing a slipway at Rossmore Pier. The matter will be kept under review in the context of available resources.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 23 – CLLR. P. HYNES**

**2156**

*The following reply was given:-*

“The construction of 3 Group Housing Scheme Units at Craughwell is included in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2009 – 2013. However, the progression of this and other proposals will be re-examined in light of the current economic and financial climate in which we are operating, and a decision will issue to the Traveller families involved in due course.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 24 – CLLR. P. HYNES**

**2157**

*The following reply was given:-*



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"In the absence of the allocation of Notice of Motion funding, there is no funding available to allow for the completion of the civil works required in order to provide a public light at this location."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 25 – CLLR. P. HYNES**

**2158**

*The following reply was given:-*

"An application to connect two public lights, located on Tullahill Road adjacent to the junction with the Old Galway Road, has been submitted to the ESB."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 26 – COMH S. O'TUAIRISG**

**2159**

*The following reply was given:-*

"Ní bheidh an Chomhairle Contae ag dul chun cinn le Ionad Athchúrsála i gCasla i mbliana.

Tá iarrtas seolta chuig an Roinn Comhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Aitúil le haghaidh deontas faoin scéim Forbairt Infrastruchtúir Bainistiú Dramhaola, agus má eiríonn linn deontas a fháil, is féidir athbheithniú a dheanamh ar an scéal."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 27 – COMH S. O'TUAIRISG**

**2160**

*The following reply was given:-*

"Reilig na mBán, Cill Mhuirbhigh - Tá éadail talún do leathnú Reilig na mBán dhá chur i gcrích ag an gComhairle  
Reilig Mhuighrois - Tá cruinniú le n-eagrú le úinéir talún áitiúil chun ceannacht suíomh do leathnú na reilige a phlé.  
Reilig Bhaile na Cille - Níl aon phleananna láithreacha d'obair ag Reilig Bhaile na Cille."

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO 28 – CLLR. T. WALSH**

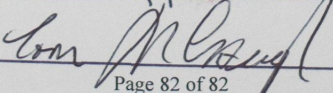
**2161**

*The following reply was given:-*

"A sign for Lerhin shall be erected north of Castletown Cross at the junction of the R364 and LP2219 in the near future."

**Criochnaigh an Cruinniu Ansin**

Submitted, Approved + Signed



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