

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

### MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, ON MONDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2002

#### CATHAOIRLEACH

Mayor P. O'Sullivan

#### I LATHAIR FRESIN

#### Baill:

Deps. J. Callanan, P. Connaughton, N. Grealish, Sen. U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. P. O'Foighil, Cllrs. P. O'Malley, S. Quinn, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan, S. Walsh, T. Walsh.

#### Oifigigh

D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, T. Kavanagh, P. Ridge, F. Gilmore, F. Dawson, J. Morgan, J. Cullen, Directors of Services, E. Lusby, Head of Finance, L. Gavin, Senior Engineer, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer, T. Murphy, A. Comer, Senior Executive Officers, P. Carroll, Administrative Officer, M. Killoran-Coyne, Senior Staff Officer, T. Donoghue, Assistant Staff Officer.

#### Thosnaigh an cruinniu leis an paidir.

It was agreed to hold the following Special meetings of the Council to consider the Draft County Development Plan – 29<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00p.m., 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00p.m., 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00p.m., 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00p.m. and the Monthly meeting of the Council on 16<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30p.m.

#### CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND MANAGERS REPORT PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12 (4) OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000. 1807

The Mayor stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the Draft County Development Plan and the Manager's Report prepared in accordance with Section 12(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000. He asked Mr. Ridge to present the



Managers report to the members. Mr. L. Kavanagh then proceeded to read the submissions received.

Submission Number 1	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Martin Lee, Secretary of Oughterard Boxing Club, Cloosh, Oughterard, Co. Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Provision of Youth Facilities.	
<b>Summary</b>	Request for a site for a boxing gym at Nan Burke's field Oughterard.	
<b>Response</b>	This relates to the Local Area Plan for Oughterard which is in Draft form. The lands are owned by the County Council and it is a matter for the boxing club to negotiate with the Housing Department of the Council.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Deal with as part of the preparation of a town plan/local area plan.	

**On the proposal of Cllr. T Mannion and seconded by Cllr. J. Joyce it was agreed to deal with the issue as part of the preparation of a town plan/local area plan.**

Submission Number 2	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Patrick Dooley, Cloghaun, Claregalway, Co. Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Rural Housing Policy.	
<b>Summary</b>	Mr. Dooley has been refused planning permission for residential development on his land and requires a facilitating policy in the Plan to allow his nephew to secure permission.	
<b>Response</b>	The Draft Plan allows consideration of rural family housing need to be considered on its merit in the context of a planning application. Section 3.1.7.6.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

**On the proposal of Cllr M. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. M. Fahy it was agreed to it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 3	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Eugene McEntee,	Mr Brian Callagy,



Portumna,  
Co. Galway.

19 Dr. Mannix Road,  
Salthill,  
Galway.

<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.
<b>Summary</b>	Rezone lands at Portumna from agricultural to residential and extend planning boundary of the town.
<b>Response</b>	It is intended to undertake a Local Area Plan for Portumna and this will be addressed in that planning process.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Deal with as part of the preparation of a town plan\local area plan.

**On the proposal of Sen. U. Burke and seconded by Cllr. M. Regan it was agreed to deal with the issue as part of the preparation of a town plan/local area plan.**

Submission Number 4	Submitted	Agent
	Mr John S. Holmes, Leenane, Co. Galway.	No Agent.

<b>Issue</b>	Coastal Zone Management.
<b>Summary</b>	That an Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan be carried out and operated in conjunction with Mayo County Council and the Department of the Marine.
<b>Response</b>	3.13.3 of the Draft Plan declares the policy to facilitate the provision of a Coastal Zone Management Plan for the County. In the case of Killary Harbour this can be done in consultation with Mayo County Council and the Department of the Marine.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Add the following policy statement to the plan:- "It is the policy of the Planning Authority to support the sustainable development of the aquaculture industry, consistent with other policies of this plan, so as to maximise its contribution to jobs and growth in the coastal communities of the County and to the growth of the National economy. It will consult with adjoining authorities as necessary".

Members requested that the word 'marine' be inserted before the word 'aquaculture' in the recommendation.

**On the proposal of Cllr. P. O'Malley and seconded by Cllr. J. Conneely it was agreed to add the following policy statement to the plan:- "It is the policy of the Planning Authority to support the sustainable development of the marine aquaculture industry consistent with other policies of this plan, so as to maximise its contribution to jobs and growth in the coastal communities of the County and to the growth of the National economy. It will consult with adjoining authorities as necessary".**



Submission Number 5	Submitted	Agent
	Mr William Burke, St. Joseph's Road, Co. Galway.	Mr Brian Callagy, 19 Dr. Mannix Road, Salthill, Galway.
<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.	
<b>Summary</b>	Rezone lands at Portumna from industrial to residential.	
<b>Response</b>	It is intended to undertake a Local Area Plan for Portumna and this will be addressed in that planning process.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Deal with as part of the preparation of a town plan/local area plan.	

**On the proposal of Sen. U. Burke and seconded by Cllr. M. Mullins it was agreed to deal with the issue as part of the preparation of a town plan/local area plan.**

Submission Number 6	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Howard Konick, Derrycragg, Tubber, Co. Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Development Control.	
<b>Summary</b>	Turbine numbers to be limited to 15 in any given location.	
<b>Response</b>	This can be adjudged on its merits in the context of a planning application.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Sen. U. Burke felt that a limit of 15 turbines was very restrictive.  
Comh. P. O'Foighill agreed with him and stated that there were areas of East Galway that would be suitable for more than 15 turbines in any given location.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cunningham and seconded by Dep. P. Connaughton it was agreed that an alternation to the plan is not needed.**

<b>Issue</b>	Development Control.	
<b>Summary</b>	Turbine size to be increased to 200 MW.	
<b>Response</b>	This can be adjudged on its merits in the context of a planning application.	



**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members felt that the turbine size should be judged on the merits of each application received and that it be left to the discretion of planning officials.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Dep. P. Connaughton it was agreed to that an alternation to the plan is not needed.**

<b>Issue</b>	Energy Including Alternative Energy.
<b>Summary</b>	Specific townlands in South Galway to be included as areas suitable for windfarm development.
<b>Response</b>	There are extensive areas designated as suitable for windfarm development throughout the County, including the south Galway region and planning permission for windfarm development has been granted in South Galway.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

**On the proposal of Sen. U. Burke and seconded by Cllr. M. Cunningham it was agreed that an alternation to the plan is not needed.**

<b>Submission Number 7</b>	<b>Submitted</b>	<b>Agent</b>
Associates,	Mr Chris Williams(1), Caherateemore, Athenry, Co. Galway.	Stephen Dowd & Town Park Centre, Tuam Rd., Galway.
<b>Issue</b>	Settlement Strategy.	
<b>Summary</b>	Designate Caherateemore as a settlement area.	
<b>Response</b>	There are 97 settlement areas designated throughout the County. They have been designated following a detailed assessment of their facilities and levels of service and their capacity to accommodate growth.  It is considered that they are sufficient to cater for the demand for sustainable rural village living during the plan period and beyond.  It is not considered that Caherateemore has a sufficient level of community services to warrant its inclusion.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	



Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Dep. N. Grealish and seconded by Cllr. J. McDonagh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 8	Submitted	Agent
Reynolds, Landscape Street,	Ms Jeanette Fitzsimons,	Cunnane Stratton Town Planning & Architecture, Plunkett Chambers, 21-23 Oliver Plunkett Cork.

<b>Issue</b>	Development Control.
<b>Summary</b>	That the following specific policy be inserted: Loss of existing space or facilities to be resisted.
<b>Response</b>	This can be accepted as a general principle but exceptional circumstances to be taken into account.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Include policy that 'Loss of existing recreational space or facilities will be resisted'.

**On the proposal of Cllr. J. Joyce and seconded by Cllr. M. Mullins it was agreed to include policy that 'Loss of existing recreational space or facilities will be resisted'.**

<b>Issue</b>	Development Control.
<b>Summary</b>	The Plan should include an objective that a levy be applied to development for the provision of sporting facilities where such development is likely to generate a need for new or enhanced facilities.
<b>Response</b>	This is provided for in the normal operation of development control.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.



**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh it was agreed that an alteration to the plan is not needed.**

<b>Issue</b>	Development Control.
<b>Summary</b>	Developers to be required to make provision for facilities or contribute to provision of same.
<b>Response</b>	This can be provided for in the development control process under the Act and is, in normal operation.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Mr. L. Kavanagh clarified that this relates to open space and includes for the completion of housing estates.

**On the proposal of Cllr. J. Joyce and seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn it was agreed to that an alteration to the plan is not needed.**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Miscellaneous.</b>
<b>Summary</b>	The Council should investigate ways of improving existing facilities by way of public/private partnership.
<b>Response</b>	Agreed. The majority of smaller settlements can be served by using wastewater treatment systems designed to recently published guidelines. This type of treatment has facilitated development in the county over the past 10 years.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Revise Section 3.1.7.17 to state public and private sectors can provide infrastructure. The policy should also be revised as it currently does not refer to all types of services. Revise Section 5.17 to highlight the acceptability of private sector involvement in the provision of infrastructure for settlement centres.

**On the proposal of Cllr. K. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. M. Mullins it was agreed to revise Section 3.1.7.17 to state public and private sectors can provide infrastructure. It was agreed that the policy should also be revised as it currently does not refer to all types of services.**

<b>Issue</b>	Provision of Recreational and Sporting Facilities.
<b>Summary</b>	That the Development Plan should ensure that there is an effective provision and protection of sporting and recreational amenity facilities throughout the County.
<b>Response</b>	There are extensive policies in the plan to support the provision of the sports and recreational facilities and nothing further is considered necessary.



**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

**On the proposal of Dep. P. Connaughton and second by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed that an alternation to the plan is not needed.**

Submission Number 9	Submitted	Agent
Associates,	Gabriel Dolan & Associates, Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, Main Street, Craughwell, Co. Galway.	Gabriel Dolan & Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, Main Street, Craughwell, Co. Galway.
<b>Issue</b>	Settlement Strategy.	
<b>Summary</b>	Include Aille, Loughrea as an area suitable for clustered housing developments.	
<b>Response</b>	<p>There are 97 settlement areas designated throughout the County. They have been designated following a detailed assessment of their facilities and levels of service and their capacity to accommodate growth.</p> <p>It is considered that they are sufficient to cater for the demand for sustainable rural village living during the plan period and beyond.</p> <p>It is not considered that Aille has a sufficient level of community services to warrant its inclusion.</p>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing* ) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Regan and seconded by Sen. U. Burke it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 10	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Michael Kennedy, Chief Executive Officer, The Western Regional Fisheries Board, The Weir Lodge, Earl's Island, Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Development Control.	
<b>Summary</b>	That conditions be attached to planning permissions to limit constructional sediments.	



**Response** This is applied in appropriate situations and is a matter for development control.

**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. P. O'Malley it was agreed that an alteration to the plan is not needed.**

**Issue** Environmental Protection.

**Summary** That ground waters be protected from discharges from excessive development particularly near zones of fishery and spawning importance.

**Response** The Draft Plan includes general policies to this effect.

**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn it was agreed that an alteration to the plan is not needed.**

**Issue** Miscellaneous.

**Summary** That planning applications be referred to the Fisheries Board.

**Response** This would not be feasible in the timescale available to deal with applications. The Council's website list of applications can alert the Board to applications of significance to them and they can be facilitated in examining the proposals.

**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

**On the proposal of Cllr. J. Conneely and seconded by Cllr. P. O'Malley it was agreed that an alteration to the plan is not needed.**

Submission Number	Submitted	Agent
11	Mrs Emer Maughan,	Douglas Wallace, Steamship House, Dun Aengus, Dock Road, Galway.
<b>Issue</b>	Rural Housing Policy.	
<b>Summary</b>	Amend 9.3.1 of the present plan by stating that "Permission for one off houses in rural areas shall be granted where the applicant proposes to	



construct a dwelling within a one mile distance from their primary place of work or business.

**Response**

9.3.1 of the present plan relates to areas designated Outstanding Scenic Amenity or High Scenic Amenity. It does not apply to extensive areas of the County.

The policy proposed takes no cognisance of housing need or of language impact and is not regarded as sustainable development.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing* ) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number	Submitted	Agent
12	Mr John Griffin, Network Investments, Mid-Western Divisions, Rosbrien, Limerick.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Provision of Infrastructure.	
<b>Summary</b>	Seek to have objectives included which will have regard to the specific land use required by electrical transmission lines and to the need to avoid inappropriate siting of other developments near strategic corridors while ensuring that the networks do not have negative impact on environmental or landscape sensitivity.	
<b>Response</b>	It is accepted that the section on energy would benefit from the inclusion of a policy statement to clarify the Planning Authority's position.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that Section 3.6 Energy be amended to include the following	
	sentence:- 'The development of secure and reliable electricity transmission infrastructure is also recognised as a key factor for supporting economic development and attracting investment to the County.' The following policies should also be added:-	
	Policy 1:- "It is the policy of the planning authority to support the infrastructural renewal and development of electricity networks in the County, including the overhead infrastructure required to provide the required networks".	
	Policy 2:- "To support the infrastructure development of energy networks in the County so as to provide for the energy needs of the Community while avoiding environmental damage and the location of other developments along strategic routes".	



Sen. U. Burke stated that the ESB should be asked to erect notices in townlands where they propose to carry out works.

**On the proposal of Cllr. T. McHugh and seconded by Cllr. J.J. Mannion it was agreed that Section 3.6 Energy be amended to include the following sentence:- “The development of secure and reliable electricity transmission infrastructure is also recognised as a key factor for supporting economic development and attracting investment to the County”. The following policies should also be added:-**  
**Policy 1:- “It is the policy of the planning authority to support the infrastructural renewal and development of electricity networks in the County, including the overhead infrastructure required to provide the required networks”.**

**Policy 2:- “To support the infrastructure development of energy networks in the County so as to provide for the energy needs of the Community while avoiding environmental damage and the location of other developments along strategic routes”.**

Submission Number	Submitted	Agent
13	Mr James P. Naughton, Consulting Engineer, 26 Blackthorn Park, Renmore, Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Settlement Strategy.	
<b>Summary</b>	Include a specific site at Seershin, Furbo, in the growth settlement area of Furbo village.	
<b>Response</b>	This site is on a minor road at the western end of Furbo, well removed from the centre of the village.  The sustainable growth of Furbo in the lifetime of this Plan would be provided for on developable lands 800 metres to the east The village growth area should not extend to this site.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**



Submission Number 14	Submitted	Agent
	Mr John Fahey, Dunally, Peterswell, Co. Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.	
<b>Summary</b>	Wishes to have portion of his land removed from the area designated High Scenic Amenity in the present County Development Plan so that he can sell a site.	
<b>Response</b>	An assessment of the landscape of the County has been carried out in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government. Mr. Fahy's site is in an area rated as "moderate" sensitivity [Class 2] where, in accordance with 4.1.1.3 various developments which are of appropriate scale and design, and which are in compliance with settlement policies, will be acceptable. Mr. Fahy's site is not in a settlement centre and its development potential as a residential site will relate to the rural housing needs as defined in 3.1.7.6.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing* ) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. M. Mullins it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 15	Submitted	Agent
	Mr & Ms James & Sarah Clancy, C/O J & S Property Dev. Ltd., Dominick Street, Galway.	Mr. A.P Mc Carthy, Planning Consultants Ltd. 1st Floor Unit 2, Tuam Road Centre, Galway.
<b>Issue</b>	Provision of Infrastructure.	
<b>Summary</b>	Include objectives in the Plan which would allow the use of house and lands at Knocknagreane, Furbo, as a Thallassotherapy Centre.	
<b>Response</b>	The report "Waterbased Tourism A Strategic Vision For Galway", which was commissioned by a number of bodies including Galway County Council, indicated that Galway City and County had significant potential to develop waterbased tourism.	
	It suggests a number of key projects in developing the tourism product, and advocates a partnership approach.	



Taking the report into consideration and having regard to this submission it is recommended that a policy statement be added to 3.9, to 'Support the strategic recommendations of the report titled 'Water based Tourism, a Strategic Vision for Galway.'

This will enable individual projects to be assessed on their merits, consistent with the principles of Proper Planning and Development.

**Recommendation**

Add the following policy to Section 3.9 'Support the strategic Recommendations of the report titled 'Water based Tourism, a Strategic Vision for Galway.'

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Dep. N. Grealish and seconded by Cllr. P. O'Malley it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 16	Submitted	Agent
	Ms Attracta Burke, Hazelwood Residents Association, Polkeen, Castlegar, Co. Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.	
<b>Summary</b>	Submission objects to Walsh Disposal seeking "rezoning" of lands from agricultural to industrial/commercial.	
<b>Response</b>	Walsh disposal has not entered any submission to the Draft Plan but does have a planning application before An Bord Pleanala seeking a waste disposal depot on the site.	
	Because of the multiplicity of uses along this road, including large industrial and business parks, and because of the continuing pressures for development in the area 3.1.7.17 of the Draft Plan includes a policy statement that an Action Area Plan for this area will be produced. There will be no zoning proposed in the interim.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Deal with as part of the preparation of a town plan\local area plan.	

**On the proposal of Dep. N. Grealish and seconded by Cllr. J. McDonagh it was agreed to deal with this submission as part of the preparation of a town plan/local area plan.**

Submission Number 17	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Peadar O'Connell,	No Agent.



Operations Section,  
Letterpost Area Office,  
Forster Street, Galway.

**Issue** Miscellaneous.

**Summary** That the Plan would include a provision that residences in housing estates be clearly numbered and displayed.

**Response** While this more appropriately relates to town and village plans and can be included as a condition of the grant of planning permission a policy statement to this effect can be included in 5.17 which relates to town and village settlements which may not have specific land use plans.

**Recommendation** Add the following policy statement to the plan  
'Residences in housing estates shall be numbered in accordance with an agreed scheme. The numbers shall be prominently and clearly displayed.'

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Mullins and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh it was agreed to add the following policy statement to the plan "Residences in housing estates shall be numbered in accordance with an agreed scheme. The numbers shall be prominently and clearly displayed".**

Submission Number	Submitted	Agent
18	National University of Ireland,	Mr. A.P Mc Carthy, Planning Consultants Ltd. 1st Floor Unit 2, Tuam Road Centre, Galway.
<b>Issue</b>	Coastal Zone Management.	
<b>Summary</b>	The inclusion of objectives for development of the mariculture industry.	
<b>Response</b>	In 3.13.3 of the Draft Plan it is a stated policy to "facilitate the provision of a Coastal Management Plan for the County". This will take into account the interests of the aquaculture industry in the context of the balance which is necessary between conservation and development along the coastline.  It is accepted however that prior to the said management plan it is necessary to include a policy statement which supports suitable aquaculture projects.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Add the following policy statement to the plan:- "It is the policy of the Planning Authority to support the sustainable development of the aquaculture industry, consistent with other policies of this plan, so as to maximise its contribution to jobs and growth in the coastal communities of the County and to the growth of the National economy. It will consult with adjoining authorities as necessary".	



**On the proposal of Cllr. P. O'Malley and seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn it was agreed to add the following policy statement to the plan "It is the policy of the Planning Authority to support the sustainable development of the aquaculture industry, consistent with other policies of this plan, so as to maximise its contribution to jobs and growth in the coastal communities of the County and to the growth of the National Economy. It will consult with adjoining Authorities as necessary".**

**Issue** Development Control.

**Summary** Inclusion of objectives for the development of the N.U.I.G. lands at Mweenish for aquaculture research.

**Response** In relation to the N.U.I.G. complex at Mweenish it is accepted that, its importance to the common good of the area to academic research and consequently to the economy, merits particular consideration as to its further development in this area.

This is accepted and the addition of a policy statement to this effect is therefore suggested.

**Recommendation** Add the following policy statement to the plan "It is the policy of the Planning Authority to support the further development of the N.U.I.G. marine research station at Mweenish having regard to its long established land use on the site and its importance to the aquaculture industry to the local community and to the development of scientific knowledge'.

**On the proposal of Cllr. J. Conneely and seconded by Cllr. P. O'Malley it was agreed to add the following policy statement to the plan "It is the policy of the Planning Authority to support the further development of the NUIG Marine Research Station at Mweenish having regard to its long established land use on the site and its importance to the aquaculture industry, to the local community and to the development of scientific knowledge".**

Submission Number	Submitted	Agent
19	Mr Padraic Burke, c/o Lowstrand Properties Ltd., The Grainstore, Lower Abbey Gate Street, Galway.	Mr. A.P Mc Carthy, Planning Consultants Ltd., 1st Floor Unit 2, Tuam Road Centre, Galway.
<b>Issue</b>	Settlement Strategy.	
<b>Summary</b>	Include lands at Ballycleary in settlement area of Kinvara Village so as to qualify for low density housing.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Include lands at Ballycleary in settlement area of Kinvara Village so as to qualify for low density housing.	



**Response**

A Community Planning Pilot Project is being undertaken by the local Community and Galway County Council, with Tipperary Institute acting as consultant in this pioneering work. The project is being funded by means of an initiative fund from the Department of the Environment and Local Government.

The plan will define a vision for the village, establish a development boundary, indicate land uses and clarify its setting in the context of its scenic hinterland.

It will therefore be more comprehensive than the proposals for the village settlements as set out in 3.1.7.17 of the Draft Plan and this proposal should await its final adoption.

**Recommendation**

Deal with as part of the preparation of a town plan/local area plan.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cunningham and seconded by Sen. U. Burke it was agreed to deal with the submission as part of the preparation of a Town Plan/Local Area Plan.**

Submission Number	Submitted	Agent
20	Mr Martin Kelly, Cregaun, Inverin, Co. Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Settlement Strategy.	
<b>Summary</b>	Designate Ballynahown as a development settlement and extend the boundary as defined in the present County Plan.	
<b>Response</b>	3.1.7.17 of the Draft Plan identifies "Inverin" as a development settlement within the Galway Transportation and Planning Study area. The map (figure 1) would indicate the settlement as being at the Ballynahown end of Inverin.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	<p>Successive County Development Plans have established two growth centres in the "cois farraige" area west of An Spideal i.e. Knock and Ballynahown. It defined the boundaries of each but did not show land use zoning or other development details. Significant development has occurred in both areas on foot of the Plan designation.</p> <p>It would seem reasonable therefore to include both Ballynahown and Knock as settlement centres in the new County Development Plan, their boundaries to be defined following more detailed examination.</p> <p>Development proposals within those settlements, in the absence of specific zoning, to be in accordance with the principles set out in 3.1.7.17, paying particular attention to the provision of adequate access on to the R.336.</p>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Remove the description Inverin from the Settlement Zones in the development plan. Add the villages of Knock and Tully/ Ballynahown to	



the Settlement Zones subject to their boundaries being defined following more detailed examination.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing* ) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. P. O'Foighill and seconded by Dep. N. Grealish it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 21	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Basil Keogh, Peacocke's Hotel, Maam Cross, Conamara, Co. Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Settlement Strategy.	
<b>Summary</b>	Designate Maam Cross as a settlement centre.	
<b>Response</b>	There are 97 settlement centres designated throughout the County, based on a detailed analysis of existing services and facilities within the villages and their capacity for modest growth.  It is considered that these are sufficient for the expected demand for rural village living during the period of the Plan and well beyond.  It is not considered that Maam Cross has the established community or level of service to warrant its inclusion as a settlement centre.  The landscape surrounding the built complex at Maam Cross is of a scenic quality which is recognised internationally, much of it being a candidate Special Area of Conservation, and it is not recommended that its sensitivity be dominated.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing* ) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. J.J. Mannion and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 22	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Dermot J Murray, DJM House, Kilkerrin Park,	No Agent.



Tuam Road, Galway.

<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.
<b>Summary</b>	Objecting to Walsh Waste proposal to rezone land at Hazelwood from agricultural to industrial/commercial.
<b>Response</b>	Walsh disposal has not entered any submission to the Draft Plan but does have a planning application before An Bord Pleanala seeking a waste disposal depot on the site.  Because of the multiplicity of uses along this road, including large industrial and business parks, and because of the continuing pressures for development in the area 3.1.7.17 of the Draft Plan includes a policy statement that an Action Area Plan for this area will be produced. There will be no zoning proposed in the interim.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Mullins and seconded by Sen. U. Burke it was agreed that an alternation to the plan is not needed.**

Submission Number 23	Submitted	Agent
	Mary & Gerard McMahon, 39 Drom Oir, Clybaun Road, Knocknacarra, Galway.	No Agent.

<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.
<b>Summary</b>	Objecting to Walsh Waste proposal to rezone land at Hazelwood from agricultural to industrial/commercial.
<b>Response</b>	Walsh disposal has not entered any submission to the Draft Plan but does have a planning application before An Bord Pleanala seeking a waste disposal depot on the site.  Because of the multiplicity of uses along this road, including large industrial and business parks, and because of the continuing pressures for development in the area 3.1.7.17 of the Draft Plan includes a policy statement that an Action Area Plan for this area will be produced. There will be no zoning proposed in the interim.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

**On the proposal of Dep. Grealish and seconded by Cllr. S. Quinn it was agreed that an alternation to the plan is not needed.**



Submission Number 24	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Val Clarke, Ros Muc, Conamara, Co. Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.	
<b>Summary</b>	Removal of amenity designation from 22 acres of his land at Glencaugh so that he can build 15 to 20 houses.	
<b>Response</b>	Whereas Rosmuc is designated as a settlement centre the land in question is outside the designated area and is on lands rated as special sensitivity in the Draft Plan. It is recommended that this rating remain and that consequently the area should be kept free of housing concentrations.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing* ) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. Foighil and seconded by Cllr. P. O'Malley it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 25	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Nicholas Cafferky, Coole, Gort, Co. Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.	
<b>Summary</b>	Remove amenity restrictions from his site so that he can build a house.	
<b>Response</b>	The area is zoned High Scenic Amenity in the current County Development Plan and has a high sensitivity rating in the Draft Plan. It is not recommended that this rating be changed.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing* ) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. T. Mannion and seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**



Submission Number 26	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Raymond Foley, Programme Division, National Roads Authority, St. Martin's House, Waterloo Road, Dublin 4.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Provision of Infrastructure.	
<b>Summary</b>	That the Development Plan reflects the road development proposals being formulated by the Council's Roads Department on behalf of the National Roads Authority.	
<b>Response</b>	This is provided for in detail in 3.3 of the Draft Plan.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

**On the proposal of Cllr. T. McHugh and seconded by Cllr. M. Mullins it was agreed that an alternation to the plan is not needed.**

Submission Number 27	Submitted	Agent
	Ms Yvonne Doolan, Duchas – The Heritage Service, Department of Community Rural & Gaeltacht, 7 Ely Place, Dublin 2.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Heritage.	
<b>Summary</b>	Protecting the archaeological heritage of County Galway.	
<b>Response</b>	<p>The Duchas submission welcomes the policy of the draft in relation to archaeological heritage and advocates the inclusion of items which deal with the context of site preservation and additional points relating to non-recorded sites and underwater locations.</p> <p>It is recommended that a review of the section dealing with archaeology include the salient points of this submission. A heritage appraisal has been carried out on the draft plan.</p> <p>Proposals arising from this appraisal should be included into a comprehensive re-draft of this section of the plan.</p>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Redraft the heritage section of the plan to include the recommendations made by Duchas and the issues arising from a heritage appraisal of the plan.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.



**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 28	Submitted	Agent
Associates,	Mr Tom Quinn, at Kilcolgan to Ballinderreen Road, Co. Galway.	Gabriel Dolan & Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, Main Street, Craughwell, Co. Galway.
<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.	
<b>Summary</b>	Zone his lands on Ballinderreen Road, Kilcolgan for commercial/business park.	
<b>Response</b>	Kilcolgan village is designated as a settlement in the Draft Plan. Mr. Quinn's site is outside the proposed 500 m development limit and fronts on to a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies.  The proposed zoning is not recommended.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. M. Fahy it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 29	Submitted	Agent
	Ms Maire Ni Dhomhnaill, Cnocan a Bhodaigh, Na Forbacha, An Spideal, Co. na Gaillimhe.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Settlement Strategy.	
<b>Summary</b>	Advocates development village status for Furbo.	
<b>Response</b>	Furbo Village is proposed as a settlement village in the Draft Plan.  Its development zone will be encompassed by a 500 m radius centred as determined by County Council Planning Department. Its rate of growth will be in accordance with table 3.2 of the Draft.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	



Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Hoade and seconded by Comh. P. O'Foighil was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 30	Submitted	Agent
	Ms Sile Ni Dhomhnaill, Na Forbacha, An Spideal, Co. na Gaillimhe.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Settlement Strategy.	
<b>Summary</b>	Advocates development village status for Furbo.	
<b>Response</b>	Furbo Village is proposed as a settlement village in the Draft Plan.  Its development zone will be encompassed by a 500 m radius centred as determined by County Council Planning Department. Its rate of growth will be in accordance with table 3.2 of the Draft.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighil and seconded by Cllr. P. O'Malley it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 31	Submitted	Agent
	Barna Golf Club, Carboley, Barna, Co. Galway.	P.J. Tobin & Co. Ltd., Hynes Building, St. Augustine Street, Galway.
<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.	
<b>Summary</b>	Development complementary to Barna Golf Course be permitted as part of Golf Course Development.	
<b>Response</b>	Barna Golf Course is located 3 km from Barna Village and is therefore removed from any settlement centre as indicated in the Draft Plan. It would therefore be contrary to the settlement policy of the Draft Plan to allow housing in this area.	



The landscape assessment which has been carried out in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government and which is detailed in 4.1 of the Draft Plan gives a "high sensitivity" rating to this area. Consequently 4.1.1.3 would only permit few developments which have a substantiated case for such a location and which are in compliance with settlement policies.

**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighil and seconded by Cllr. P. O'Malley it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 32	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Cathy Ni Ghoill, Bainisteoir Comharchumann Forbartha Arann Teo, Cill Ronain, Inis Mor, Arann, Cuan na Gaillimhe.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Provision of Infrastructure.	
<b>Summary</b>	Kilronan Sewerage Scheme not prioritised.	
<b>Response</b>	The importance of Kilronan Sewerage Scheme to social and economic viability is recognised in that the scheme has obtained Department of the Environment and Local Government approval to commence planning and design.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighil and seconded by Cllr. P.O'Malley it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

<b>Issue</b>	Provision of Infrastructure.
<b>Summary</b>	Need for Tourist Hotel and self catering accommodation on the island.
<b>Response</b>	Consideration of other growth areas and any special needs of the islands (inc. Inis Mean and Inis Oir), as identified by the document "Creating a Sustainable Tourism Strategy" and by the public submission to the pre-draft phase, will be addressed in the context of the Local Area Plan



for the Gaeltacht.

**Recommendation** Deal with as part of the preparation of a town plan/local area plan.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighil and seconded by Cllr. P. O'Malley it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

**Issue** Settlement Strategy.

**Summary** Insufficient reference to Inis Mor in Draft Plan.

**Response** The Draft Plan identifies Cill Ronain as a settlement village where residential/commercial industrial growth will be encouraged.

**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighil and seconded by Cllr. P. O'Malley it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

**Issue** Settlement Strategy.

**Summary** Advocates housing clusters in townlands.

**Response** The Draft Plan allows consideration of local family housing needs on family lands. This should contribute to sustaining existing local populations without threat to the cultural and environmental assets of the Island.

**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighil and seconded by Cllr. P. O'Malley it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**



Submission Number	Submitted	Agent
33	Councillor Pol Bainin O'Foighil, An Cnoc, Indreabhan, Co. na Gaillimhe.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Development Control.	
<b>Summary</b>	Lands south and north of R.336 Barna/Baile na h-Abhainn to be deemed an area of "high rate of social economic and cultural amenities" for the various categories of Gaeltacht na Gaillimhe policy if ribbonisation shall not apply.	
<b>Response</b>	The Draft Plan does not contain any policy concerning ribbon development.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighill and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

<b>Issue</b>	Energy Including Alternative Energy.
<b>Summary</b>	Replace 5.8 Development Control of Windfarms with alternative policies.
<b>Response</b>	Windfarms: While these are emerging as necessary sources of alternative/renewable energy they are large scale intrusive installations which cannot override every other planning consideration.
<b>Issue</b>	It would be a dereliction of the principles of proper planning and sustainable development to disregard landscape ratings which are a statutory duty of the Planning Authority and, which in this case, have been carried out in accordance with Department of the Environment and Local Government guidelines.
<b>Summary</b>	There is no great rationale for re-defining farms into mini farms and windfarms. Those above 5 turbines require an Environmental Impact Statement by statute. Those below 5 turbines may if required by the Planning Authority also require an E.I.S. This is more likely to be the case in an amenity area.
<b>Response</b>	Applications from Co-ops cannot be regarded as exempted development under the Planning Act or regulations.
<b>Recommendation</b>	A specific spatial deployment of windfarms is not considered feasible or practical nor can a five turbine farm be advocated for each of the Aran Islands as a general policy statement.



**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighill and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

**Issue** Gaeltacht

**Summary** General editorial revision to emphasise, using bold text, the Irish language text and have it lead the English translation.

**Response** It is accepted that the final plan format should lead with the Irish text in bold type. The completed plan will be to a professional standard of publication.

**Recommendation** Give the Irish language the lead position in the final version of the plan.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighill and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

**Issue** Gaeltacht.

**Summary** Permit "fluent Irish speakers from other Gaeltachtaí to reside in Conamara Gaeltacht if they raise their children through Irish.

**Response** While there are unlikely to be large numbers of this category within the lifetime of the plan it would be preferable in the interests of sustainable development if they resided in one of the settlement villages or purchased an existing residence.

**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighill and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**



Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing* ) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

<b>Issue</b>	Gaeltacht.
<b>Summary</b>	2.1.5 to be worded/drafted by Galway County Council and to include a statement by applicant as to his/her proven working knowledge of Irish.
<b>Response</b>	No objections to 2.1.5 being drafted by Galway County Council.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Accept draft from Galway County Council to Section 2.1.5 Language Impact Assessment.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing* ) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighill and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

<b>Issue</b>	Gaeltacht.
<b>Summary</b>	Include additional objectives to the effect that informational and promotional brochures for the Gaeltacht be produced in Irish only.
<b>Response</b>	It is accepted that literature be in Irish only.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Add the following policy statement to the plan 'Informational and promotional brochures for Gaeltacht to be produced in Irish only.'

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing* ) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighill and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

<b>Issue</b>	Gaeltacht.
<b>Summary</b>	Land to be preserved for economic projects suitable for the area provided 80% of workers have spoken Irish.
<b>Response</b>	Settlement centres to cater for this on "friendly neighbour" principle.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.



Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighill and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Issue	Rural Housing Policy.
Summary	Include objectives in 5.11. Lands south and north of R.336 Barna/Baile na h-Abhainn road be deemed suitable for one-off housing subject to local housing categories.
Response	It would not be correct or legal to state that lands to north and south of R.336 are suitable for one-off housing. Factors such as traffic capacity/safety, public health, visual amenity and existing residential amenity must be considered in dealing with development proposals.
Recommendation	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighill and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Issue	Rural Housing Policy.
Summary	Limit duration of enurement clause.
Response	The enurement condition is to give effect to restrictive policies in the plan, particularly relating to residential development. To limit its duration would reduce its effectiveness.
Recommendation	It is recommended that Section 3.8 be amended to include details on the housing strategy and any pro-active programmes being investigated by the council to provide affordable housing.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighill and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**



County Council, Co. Galway

<b>Issue</b>	Rural Housing Policy. Settlement Strategy.
<b>Summary</b>	This permission be granted for one family residence in an priority area
<b>Response</b>	Include An Cnoc, Tulac agus Na Forbacha as Gaeltacht villages.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is accepted that An Cnoc and Tulac should be added to the settlements. Forbacha is already designated.  Remove the description Inverin from the Settlement Zones in the development plan. Add the villages of Knock and Tully/ Ballynahown to the Settlement Zones subject to their boundaries being defined following more detailed examination.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighill and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

<b>Issue</b>	Town Plans\Local Area Plans.
<b>Summary</b>	Complete Local Area Plan for Gaeltacht by 1st March, 2004.
<b>Response</b>	The Gaeltacht Local Area Plan will be initiated as a priority following adoption of the County Plan. However it would not be advisable to set a specific target date in the County Plan which may lead to legal complications if not compiled with.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Include a policy statement in the plan. "Commence the preparation of a local area plan for the Gaeltacht as soon as the County plan is adopted."

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Comh. P. O'Foighill and seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 34	Submitted	Agent
	Ms Maura Concannon, Rinneharney, Annaghdown,	No Agent.



On the proposal of Dep. N. Corrandulla, Co. Galway, by Cllr. M. Hoade it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.

<b>Issue</b>	Rural Housing Policy.
<b>Summary</b>	That permission be granted for one family residence in an amenity area where a family farm exists.
<b>Response</b>	The Draft Plan has landscape sensitivity ratings instead of amenity designations.  The rural settlement policy allows the actual and proven needs of rural families on family lands to be catered for. This would apply to landscape sensitivity ratings Class 1 to Class 4 (see figure 7).
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr M. Hoade and seconded by Cllr. T. Mannion it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 35	Submitted	Agent
	Mr David Nolan, Design Consultant, Rinville West, Oranmore, Co. Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment/Land Use Zoning.	
<b>Summary</b>	Zone lands at Stradbally North Clarenbridge for low density residential development.	
<b>Response</b>	The lands in question (23.7 ha) are located south of Clarenbridge Village, outside the established built up area and outside the speed limits.  Clarenbridge is one of the rural settlement centres proposed in the Draft where the population is to be limited to 500 within a 500 metre radius of the village centre.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	These lands are outside the said radius and it considered that there are sufficient development lands within the 500 m perimeter radius to allow for the desirable growth of the village within the plan period.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.



**On the proposal of Dep. N. Grealish and seconded by Cllr. M. Hoade it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 36	Submitted	Agent
	Mr John H Bourke, C/O Glenlo Abbey Hotel,  Bushypark, Galway.	Mr. A.P Mc Carthy, Planning Consultants Ltd. 1st Floor Unit 2, Tuam Road Centre, Galway.

**Issue** Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.

**Summary** The Glenlo Abbey Golf Course which is the subject of the submission is located outside and immediately adjacent to the city boundary. It is also situated between the N59 and the River Corrib where there are extensive views northwards and northeastwards towards Lough Corrib and the Northern fringe of the City.

The City Development Plan has its perimeter lands which adjoin this site zoned for Agricultural use and the protection of the amenity and visual importance of the area. In fact the predominant zoning along all of the Northern and Western perimeter of the City is for Agricultural development. It would not be consistent therefore to zone this site for commercial or industrial development during the lifetime of this Development Plan, and certainly pending the construction of the Galway City Outer by-pass which in its present design state is to traverse the Northern portion of this site.

**Response** The submission makes the reasonable point that the proposed High Technology Campus would be sustainably located west of the Corrib, would cater for the employment needs of the large residential area of Ragoon/Knocknacarra, and would counterbalance the predominance of Industrial lands East of the City.

However the City Development Plan has zoned 30 Hectares in Ragoon adjoining the Distributor road for Industrial Development and it has a specific objective to locate a Business Park in the Knocknacarra Area. This would adequately cater for Business Park/High Tech opportunities close to the centre of the residential population of the area.

It is not therefore recommended that the land be zoned as proposed in the present Draft Plan.

**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

An Comh. O'Foighil stated that he did not support the recommendation. Dep. Connaughton stated that a lot of representations had been made to Members on this matter and he was in favour of locating a High Tech Campus at this location rather than in the remaining part of the Ragoon Industrial Estate. He expressed surprise that this proposal was not seen as meritable as its location seems ideal. Sen. U. Burke agreed with Dep. Connaughton, adding that the IDA state that they need exclusive sites for this type of development close to city and county boundaries and this proposal merits consideration. Dep. N. Grealish supported the proposal, which is needed on the west side of the city and it is a good clean industry which



will give employment to the area. Cllr. Mannion, while welcoming new industry, stated that he was not in favour of the IDA dictating where industrial development should be sited. He added that there was little or no industrial development on the east side of the county and that he was not in favour of this submission. Cllr. Joyce stated that he would not support the submission, as east Galway were not gaining any benefits from industrial development and the Development Plan should provide for jobs in east Galway. Cllr. S. Walsh stated that the location of industry on the west side of the Corrib would have major benefits to small villages and traffic. Comh. P. O'Foighil stated that the proposers of this development should be lauded for their foresight in this submission.

Comh. P. O'Foighill proposed that the Council designate a portion of these lands in the Gleno Abbey Golf Course for the development of a Business Park/High Technology campus. His proposal was seconded by Dep. N. Grealish, and a vote was taken on the proposal, and the result was as follows:

**For the Proposal: Sen. Burke, Dep. Connaughton, Cllr. Connolly, Cllr. Conneely, Cllr. Cunningham, Cllr. Fahy, Cllr. Gavin, Dep. Grealish, Cllr. Hoade, Cllr. Hynes, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. Mc Donagh, Cllr. Mc Hugh, Cllr. Mullins, Comh. O'Foighil, Cllr. O Malley, Mayor O'Sullivan, Cllr. S. Quinn, Cllr. K. Quinn, Cllr. Regan, Cllr. S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh. (22)**

**Against the Proposal: Cllr. Joyce, Cllr. T. Mannion. (2)**

**Abstained: Nil (0)**

**The Mayor declared the resolution carried.**

Submission Number	Submitted	Agent
37	Mr Martin/Larry Moran/ Donoghue, Weir, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment/Land Use Zoning.	
<b>Summary</b>	That the landscape value and sensitivity rating of the Weir, Kilcolgan is too high.	
<b>Response</b>	The landscape assessment was carried out in accordance with the design guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government.	
	The Weir area which has a coastal frontage onto the tidal inlet of Inner Galway Bay has had a high amenity rating in the present and past development plans and has been adjudged by the new criteria to merit a higher rating than low or moderate.	
	It should be noted that there are two higher sensitivity classes in the	



Draft Plan where there are more serious constraints on developments.

**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Dep. N. Grealish and seconded by Cllr. J. McDonagh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 38	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Martin O'Gamhnain, Seanaghurraun, An Spideal, Co. na Gaillimhe.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Energy Including Alternative Energy.	
<b>Summary</b>	Wind farm development in the town land of Shanagurraun, Spiddal, Co. Galway.	
<b>Response</b>	<p>This townland is located in a Natural Heritage Area. It is the policy of the planning authority to encourage the provision of electricity generated from wind energy as it is a renewable resource and complies with the principles of sustainable development. Section 5.8 of the Draft County Development Plan sets out the guidelines and landscape areas suitable for wind farm development.</p> <p>The townland of Shanagurraun is in an area for consideration for wind farm development. Each application will be dealt with on its merits. Development controls will apply in relation to the number, size and layout of the turbines based on the characteristics of the site and its landscape sensitivity.</p>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

**On the proposal of Comh. O'Foighil and seconded by Cllr. P. O'Malley it was agreed that an alteration to the plan is not needed.**

Submission Number 39	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Michael Egan, Head of Corporate Affairs National Roads Authority, St. Martin's House, Waterloo Road, Dublin 4.	No Agent.



**Issue** Compliance with National Road Policy.

**Summary** Inadequate control on frontage development adversely affects road safety. Experience and research has shown that failure to control frontage development also reduces traffic capacity, shortens the roads useful life and requires its earlier than necessary replacement.

**Response** The draft development plan is in breach of the official policy on development control relating to frontage developments on national routes.

Under Section 5.1 two applicants who qualify for permission to build one-off rural houses anywhere in the county can decide to build a house along a National Route provided that they share an access (not necessarily with an existing house). This access is not restricted to the original applicants, in effect a housing scheme might be permitted. That is in total contravention of national policy and established practice in the county.

For the Draft Plan to be sustainable and to comply with 'Development Control Advice and Guidelines' and 'Policy and Planning Framework for Roads', Section 3.1.7.6 must be extensively revised.

**Recommendation** Re-draft Section 3.1.7.6 of the draft plan to make it sustainable and to bring it into compliance with national policy statements such as 'Development Control Advice and Guidelines' and 'Policy and Planning Framework for Roads'.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Dep. P. Connaughton and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

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**Issue** Compliance with National Road Policy.

**Summary** The National Roads Authority must uphold official policy and manage the national roads investment programme in a manner that promotes road safety.

Section 5.1 and Section 3.1.7.6 should cater only for the essential need of farm families' sons or daughter's, exceptions only being permitted provided access is made only by means of the established access serving the present family home.

**Response** Existing practice is well established and universally accepted. A deviation from this is not recommended because it would breach National Policy and would reduce the capacity of the Primary road network and would lead to more hazardous conditions on these roads. It could also impact on the levels of investment in the county road network.



**Recommendation** Redraft the essential housing need definition in Section 3.1.7.6 of the draft plan so that it complies with the principles of proper planning and sustainable development, so that it provides support to the settlement strategy and so that it complies with national policies, in particular national road policy.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Dep. P. Connaughton and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number	Submitted	Agent
40	Mr Richard Noone, Gortatlewa, Bushypark, Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Development Control.	
<b>Summary</b>	Housing density should be determined by site size not road frontage.	
<b>Response</b>	Road frontage is one of many inter-related issues taken into account in the assessment of a planning application.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. S. Gavin and seconded by Cllr. J. McDonagh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

<b>Issue</b>	Miscellaneous.
<b>Summary</b>	Precedent should dictate planning policy.
<b>Response</b>	This is not acceptable. Each application is unique.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.



**On the proposal of Cllr. S. Gavin and seconded by Cllr. J. McDonagh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

**Issue** Rural Housing Policy.

**Summary** Development control standards for rural housing. The points being made are that planning permission should be granted on sites that satisfy all development control standards, have public services in place and are not in an area of high scenic amenity.

**Response** The Draft County Development Plan has clearly highlighted the serious environmental problems that have arisen from the rapid growth of new housing in the open countryside.  
 Section 3.1.7.6 One-off rural houses occupied by people with no local association with the land have given rise to detrimental visual impacts on the country side, ground water pollution due to over-proliferation of septic tanks, greater dependance on private transport, erosion of bio-diversity and a reduction in the quantity of productive agricultural land. While it is necessary to control inappropriate residential development, one-off rural development for those who are dependant on the land, who have an essential rural housing need, or who support the rural economy will be facilitated.

Guidelines for single housing in the countryside are also available. These guidelines provide assistance in creating an appropriate and sensitively designed rural house that can be easily assimilated into the rural countryside.

**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. S. Gavin and seconded by Cllr. J. McDonagh it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number	Submitted	Agent
41	Mr Tom Burke, Mariono House, Furbo, Spiddal.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Settlement Strategy.	



<b>Summary</b>	Identify time scale for construction of Furbo village.
<b>Response</b>	Available resources and priority will determine the scheduling of construction works and will be decided by the DoELG and Galway County Council. Priority will be given to towns and villages in the designated Settlement Strategy so that these centres can meet the identified housing targets.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is planned that the Furbo sewerage scheme will be constructed during the 16 year period 2002-2018, for programme of development for sewerage schemes.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. T. McHugh and seconded by Cllr. M. Mullins it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

<b>Issue</b>	Settlement Strategy.
<b>Summary</b>	Welcomes the Settlement Strategy in particular the identification of Furbo as a Settlement Centre.
<b>Response</b>	The Settlement Strategy is a key element in the development plan.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. T. McHugh and seconded by Cllr. M. Mullins it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 42	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Brendan Bishop, Secretary Kinvara Integrated Plan Steering Group, Doorus House Youth Hostel, Kinvara.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Development Control.	



- Summary** Amendment to parking requirements: where parking facilities are not provided by the developer, to required the developer to pay a contribution towards the cost of their provision.
- Response** It shall be the policy of the Planning Authority to provide parking in congested towns and villages and to levy contributions for this purpose on new developments. An amendment to Section 3.3.9 giving effect to this policy should be included in the plan.
- Recommendation** Add the following policy statement to the development control section of the plan:-  
‘Ensure, where possible, that adequate off-street parking and loading/unloading facilities are provided as part of each development, to ensure that parked vehicles do not cause a traffic hazard, obstruct vehicle or pedestrian movement or create a negative visual impact. Where this cannot be provided on site it shall be provided by payment of a levy to the county council for such a provision off-site.”

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. M. Fahy it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

- Issue** Holiday Homes.
- Summary** Insert a sentence to Section 5.15, to have regard to the cumulative total of holiday homes in an area.
- Response** Whilst the development plan recognises the need for new holiday homes to be of modest proportions and should relate to the size of the settlement the impact of several developments in one area could prove detrimental and unsustainable. This should be covered in the plan preferably at Section 5.15.
- Recommendation** Add the following policy statement to the plan  
‘The Planning Authority will have regard to the cumulative total of holiday homes contained within the settlement and that this total should be appropriate to the size and function of the settlement. It is recommended that a similar policy be inserted into the Draft Settlement Strategy.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. M. Fahy it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**



<b>Issue</b>	<b>Landscape Assessment/Land Use Zoning.</b>
<b>Summary</b>	Clarification on land-use zoning for service centres and small settlements.
<b>Response</b>	The 97 settlements identified in the Settlement Strategy have been ranked in the hierarchy in accordance with their size, level of services, and level of pressure for development. Many of the smaller settlements with populations of less than 500 may not require land-use zonings simply because the development pressures may not arise during the life-time of the plan. However the settlements with a greater population will require plans. Through the implementation of the Draft Settlement Strategy there will be a necessity to devise a schedule for the making of these plans. An insertion should be made in the plan at Section 3.1.7.17 to reflect this.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Insert the following paragraph in Section 3.1.7.17: 'There is need to make plans for centres identified in accordance with their placement on the settlement hierarchy. It is recommended that the council prepare a brief to examine the preparation of plans to implement the settlement strategy. When the plans are in place the development boundaries of any settlement for which a local plan has been prepared will, be the boundaries as adopted in that plan.
Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. ( <i>One-off rural housing</i> ) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.	

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. M. Fahy it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Miscellaneous.</b>
<b>Summary</b>	Compatibility between the strategies proposed in the Draft Development Plan and the Kinvara Integrated Area Plan.
<b>Response</b>	<p>There is a hierarchy of development plan extending from national plans such as the National Spatial Strategy and the National Development Plan, regional plans such as the Connacht Waste Management Plan to County Development Plans and Local Area Plans. Compatibility between these plans is a principle of proper planning and sustainable development.</p> <p>The Settlement Strategy is based on population and household projections for the 15 year period 2001-2016. The reason for distinguishing settlement hierarchy is that it allows us to visualise the relationships between different types of towns and the different level of functions they serve. The hierarchy takes into account more than the size of the town but also aims to describe the role the town will play in the context of the county.</p> <p>The purpose of the allocation of units to the smaller settlements is not only to identify the growth in population in these areas but to provide all</p>



assurance to those who wish to reside in these rural alternative areas, that is the maximum scale that these settlements will develop to, within the lifetime of the plan. The allocation identified in table 3.2 will be divided up approximately between each small settlement area.

The visionary plan for Kinvara extends into the next generation. The County Development Plan is for the period 2003-2009. In this context the ceiling figure of 500 is regarded as a reasonable estimate which is subject to change.

**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. M. Fahy it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

**Issue** Provision of Infrastructure.

**Summary** Population equivalent of the proposed sewerage system for Kinvara is believed to be an under-provision.

**Response** The figure being referred to is the table 3.8 Water Services - Sewerage Schemes Capital Programme. The Settlement Strategy highlights the projected growth envisaged within the 6 year period of the plan. The sewerage design figures are based on a longer investment period and taken from Water Services projections for growth of these areas. However these figures do not rule out additional capacity being added in future programmes.

**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. M. Fahy it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

**Issue** Settlement Strategy.

**Summary** Draft Settlement Strategy Section 3.1.7.14: amend plan to allow for the scale and pace of development within a settlement rather than base housing allocation on a population projection. Justify how this allocation will be broken up into 26 settlements when needs and demands will vary from one to another.



**Response** The Draft Settlement Strategy creates a vision of how the County can develop in a sustainable manner if the Strategy and its supporting policies are adopted. The population allocation to each identified settlement is based on the best projections available. It is not rigidly fixed and can and will be adjusted when and if circumstances dictate. A statement clarifying this point should be included in the plan.

**Recommendation** Include the following statement clarifying the populations allocations for each settlement and how these figures will be interpreted by the planning authority.  
'In order to control the scale of development a deviation in the allocated population of up to 30% will generally be acceptable, between 30% and 50% will be assessed in the context of the group of settlements and the growth experienced by each, over 50% generally will not be accepted. Regard will also be had to the rate of growth in each settlement. Use will be made of the published Census figures and the forthcoming update of the Geodirectory to re-assess the base population figures included in the plan.'

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. M. Fahy it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

**Issue** Town Plans/Local Area Plans.

**Summary** It is suggested to insert a paragraph: "Notwithstanding any statement in this plan, the development boundaries of any settlement for which a local plan has been prepared will be the boundaries as adopted in that plan".

**Response** The implementation of the Draft Settlement Strategy creates a necessity for a schedule for the making of town plans and a paragraph to this effect should be included in the plan.

**Recommendation** Include the following paragraph at the appropriate location in the plan.  
'There is a need to make plans for centres identified in accordance with their placement on the settlement hierarchy. It is recommended that the council prepare a brief to examine the preparation of plans to implement the Settlement Strategy. When the plans are in place the development boundaries of any settlement for which a local plans has been prepared will be the boundaries as adopted in that plan'.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One- off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cunningham and seconded by Cllr. M. Fahy it was**



agreed to defer a decision on this submission.

Submission Number 43	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Sean Gavin, Chairman Newbridge Action Committee, Boherbannagh, Newbridge.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Implementation of Connacht Waste Management Plan.	
<b>Summary</b>	Possible siting of a landfill site near the village of Newbridge, Co. Galway. Concerns are addressed in relation to the proximity of the landfill to any existing dwelling house and that such a development should not result in the compulsory relocation of any householder. Note: Two copies of this submission were received the second Submission is registered as Submission 60.	
<b>Response</b>	Galway County Council are currently undertaking a site selection process for a regional landfill site in the southern portion of the region as proposed under the Connacht Waste Management Plan. Any proposed landfill must go through rigorous planning and licensing procedures. In site selection for a landfill the proximity to existing residential dwellings is one of many considerations taken into account.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Dep. P. Connaughton stated that he understood that the submission sought that there would be no landfill site within 1 mile of any dwelling house. He stated that any landfill site should be at a minimum, more than 250 metres away from existing households. Cllr. T. Mannion stated that Members had expressed their concern at the proximity of landfill sites to households, but were denied the opportunity to make changes to the Waste Management Plan. Dep. J. Callanan queried whether inserting a new minimum distance limit in the Development Plan could be over ruled by the provisions of the Connacht Waste Management Plan. Mr. L. Kavanagh stated that inserting a new minimum distance requirement of one mile would in reality result in a two mile restrictive diameter around a landfill site and that this would be difficult to comply with. The Co. Manager stated that the policy in relation to the Connacht Waste Management Plan had already been adopted and this Plan would take precedence over any insertions in the Development Plan that are not in accordance with the policies of the Connacht Waste Management Plan.

**On the proposal of Dep. P. Connaughton and seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

SUBMISSION NO. 44	Submission Number 44	Submitted	Agent
		Ms Brid Sullivan, 78 Claremont Park, Rahoon, Galway.	No Agent.



<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.
<b>Summary</b>	Zone lands at Cappaghmagapple, Clonbur for residential development.
<b>Response</b>	The lands in question are located outside the designated settlement village of Clonbur and would therefore be contrary to the proposed settlement strategy of the draft development plan. It is also within an area of outstanding landscape value and sensitivity where development would be restricted.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. P. O'Malley and seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 45	Submitted	Agent
<b>Summary</b>	Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Development Control.	
<b>Summary</b>	Prohibit the erection of tele-communications masts be erected within half a mile of any dwelling house.  The development plan is too vague in that it does not clearly set down distances for the siting of masts from existing residences and schools.	
<b>Response</b>	The Draft county Development Plan contains a development control policy based on achieving a balance between facilitating the provision of telecommunications services and sustaining residential amenities, environmental quality and public health.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Draft Plan states that masts and associated base station facilities should be located away from existing residences and schools. All applications will be assessed in conjunction with the criteria stipulated by Government advice.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Cllr. M. Fahy stated that masts should not be erected near schools, churches etc. and stated that there are plenty of areas in the County where masts can be permitted. Dep. P. Connaughton asked whether there was a minimum distance from dwellings where masts may be permitted. Sen. U. Burke asked whether there was an obligation on competitors to use existing co-locations. Mr. Ridge stated that specifying minimum distances does not take into account emissions from masts which may vary in level. He agreed



that masts should not be placed near schools etc and that guidelines in place are based on scientific analysis and are adequate. Cllr. Fahy stated that planning permissions had been given within 250 yards of a dwelling house and that a minimum distance of a half mile should apply. Sen. Burke asked if this restriction would freeze development in the restricted area. Mr. Ridge stated that his interpretation was that if a half mile restricted area was imposed development would be prohibited within this half mile area.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Fahy and seconded by Cllr. M. Hoade it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number	Submitted	Agent
46	Mr Tom Hanlon, Cahernamadra, Kinvara, Co. Galway.	Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.
<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.	
<b>Summary</b>	Removal of high scenic amenity sensitivity ratings from lands at Cahernamadra, Kinvara, Tyrone, Kilcolgan and Cloosh, Kinvara.	
<b>Response</b>	All the areas are classified as being of a high sensitivity rating. Development taking place in such areas are restricted including those with substantiated cases. These ratings have been assessed in accordance with the ability of the landscape to accommodate change or intervention without suffering unacceptable effects to its character and values. The five sensitivity classes have been established to ensure that the environment and heritage generally are maintained in a sustainable manner, which at the same time enables a proactive approach to development. It is recommended that no change is made to the ratings of these areas in the best interest of maintaining the landscape and protecting view of amenity value.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Fahy and seconded by Cllr. J.J. Mannion it was agreed that an alteration to the plan is not needed.**

Submission Number	Submitted	Agent
47	Mr John C Kelly, Tyrone, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.	Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	



**Issue** Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.

**Summary** Removal of high scenic amenity sensitivity ratings from lands at Cahernamadra, Knivara, Tyron, Kilcolgan and Cloosh, Kinvara.

**Response** All the areas are classified as being of a high sensitivity rating. Development taking place in such areas are restricted including those with substantiated cases. These ratings have been assessed in accordance with the ability of the landscape to accommodate change or intervention without suffering unacceptable effects to its character and values. The five sensitivity classes have been established to ensure that the environment and heritage generally are maintained in a sustainable manner, which at the same time enables a proactive approach to development. It is recommended that no change is made to the ratings of these areas in the best interest of maintaining the landscape and protecting view of amenity value.

**Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. J.J. Mannion and seconded by Cllr. M. Fahy it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 48	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Nicholas Cafferky, Cloosh, Kinvara, Co. Galway.	Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.
<b>Issue</b>	Landscape Assessment\Land Use Zoning.	
<b>Summary</b>	Removal of high scenic amenity sensitivity ratings from lands at Cahernamadra, Knivara, Tyron, Kilcolgan and Cloosh, Kinvara.	
<b>Response</b>	All the areas are classified as being of a high sensitivity rating. Development taking place in such areas are restricted including those with substantiated cases. These ratings have been assessed in accordance with the ability of the landscape to accommodate change or intervention without suffering unacceptable effects to its character and values. The five sensitivity classes have been established to ensure that the environment and heritage generally are maintained in a sustainable manner, which at the same time enables a proactive approach to development. It is recommended that no change is made to the ratings of these areas in the best interest of maintaining the landscape and protecting view of amenity value.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	



Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Fahy and seconded by Cllr. J.J. Mannion it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 49	Submitted	Agent
	Mr Chris Williams(2), Associates, Caherateemore, Athenry, Co. Galway.	Stephen Dowd & Town Park Centre, Tuam Rd., Galway.
<b>Issue</b>	Settlement Strategy.	
<b>Summary</b>	Include Caherateemore South as a small settlement within the G.T.P.S.	
<b>Response</b>	<p>There are 97 settlement areas designated throughout the County. They have been designated following a detailed assessment of their facilities and levels of service and their capacity to accommodate growth.</p> <p>It is considered that they are sufficient to cater for the demand for sustainable rural village living during the plan period and beyond.</p> <p>It is not considered that Caherateemore South has a sufficient level of community services to warrant its inclusion.</p>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

Members agreed to defer all discussion and decisions on submissions received in relation to Settlement Strategy and Clause 3.1.7.6. (*One-off rural housing*) of the Draft County Development Plan, and agreed to discuss these submissions at a later date.

**On the proposal of Cllr. T. McHugh and seconded by Cllr. J.J. Mannion it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

Submission Number 50	Submitted	Agent
	Martin Lavelle, Roads Section, Galway County Council,	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Roads and Transportation.	
<b>Summary</b>	Concern raised about the number of road bridges listed as protected structures.	



- Response** The purpose of the listing is to highlight the importance of the structure and to warn that certain methods of repair and maintenance might not be suitable. Submission included as part of the submissions on the Record of Protected Structures.
- Recommendation** It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

**On the proposal of Cllr. J.J. Mannion and seconded by Cllr. J. Joyce it was agreed that an alteration to the plan is not needed.**

Submission Number	Submitted	Agent
51	Martin Lavelle, Roads Section, Galway County Council,	No Agent.
<b>Issue</b>	Development Control.	
<b>Summary</b>	Clause 5.1 Page 85 end of First paragraph. "Consideration will be given to substantiated.....".	
	Concern that this may lead to a need for costly road junction improvement works.	
<b>Response</b>	Noted: Any expenditure on road improvement works will be recovered by way of charge on the development, as appropriate.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.	

**On the proposal of Cllr. J. Joyce and seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh it was agreed that an alteration to the plan is not needed.**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Development Control.</b>
<b>Summary</b>	Clause 5.1.1.1 Include visibility splays and table on sight distances. Visibility splays for National Primary, National Secondary and Regional Roads to be determined on a site specific basis, having regard to traffic speed and road characteristics. A road/entrance/junction safety audit will be carried out in accordance with NRA standards by certified safety auditors on behalf of the applicant. The sight distance triangles shall be transferred to the Council before work commences.
<b>Response</b>	Much debate has taken place on the applicability and the method of application of the NRA road design guidelines in particular the sight distance requirements. It is readily accepted that they are applicable and appropriate to the National Routes and Regional routes it is not as



apparent that they should apply to the Local Roads. These are substantially in excess of current practice and will significantly reduce the number of locations at which access may be gained to the road network. Their application will also require, in many cases the removal and set back of extensive lengths of road-side fencing with detrimental visual impact unless carefully designed. On balance it is considered that although the guidelines are not statutory requirements and technically are not national policy they could be relied on in actions against the Planning Authority and they must be given serious consideration in the assessment of applications.

**Recommendation**

Sight distance:  
Include the following policy in Section 5 Development Control: "All new access points onto the National and Regional Roads network shall comply with the NRA sight distance design guidelines. Visibility splays for local roads will be determined on a site specific basis, having regard to traffic volumes, road characteristics and site safety audit"

Include a diagram and table showing sight distance requirements, for ease of reference.

Dep. P. Connaughton stated that many planning permissions have been granted with sight distances less than that required by the NRA and the recommendation would not be acceptable especially in peripheral areas of the County. Cllr. J. Joyce stated that the sight distances requirement was required for road safety reasons and he was in agreement with the recommendation. Mr. Ridge agreed that the application of the NRA guidelines on local roads was too stringent and that the recommendation allowed for determination of sight distance on local roads on a site specific basis.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Regan and seconded by Cllr. J. Joyce it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

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| <b>Issue</b>          | Heritage.  |
| <b>Summary</b>        | Clause 4.8 Page 80<br>Omit the words the "Council recognises that.....".   |
| <b>Response</b>       | The designations are outside the control of the Council and as such the inclusion of these words is inappropriate. |
| <b>Recommendation</b> | Clause 4.8 Page 80<br>Omit the words the "Council recognises that.....".   |

**On the proposal of Cllr. J. Joyce and seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn it was agreed to omit the words the "Council recognises that....." in Clause 4.8 Page 80 of the Draft Development Plan.**



**Issue**                      **Roads and Transportation**

**Summary**                      Add Clause 2.3.1. Roads (Second Paragraph)  
The ongoing National Roads improvement programme, which is being implemented by the Roads Project Office of the Council, will deliver the necessary improvements to the National Primary Routes. This programme will provide better connections from all parts of the county to the Trans-National network, relieve areas of congestion and improve safety levels on all public roads. Improvements to the National Secondary routes and non-national routes will be implemented by the road design office.

**Response**                      It is accepted that the average applicant does not appreciate the difference between the two offices. This can cause confusion in pre-planning discussions. Include the change for clarity.

**Recommendation**                      Add the following to Section 2.3.1.  
The ongoing National Roads improvement programme, which is being implemented by the Roads Project Office of the Council, will deliver the necessary improvements to the National Primary Routes. This programme will provide better connections from all parts of the county to the Trans-National network, relieve areas of congestion and improve safety levels on all public roads. Improvements to the National Secondary routes and non-National routes will be implemented by the road design office.

**On the proposal of Cllr. J. Joyce and seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed to add the following to Section 2.3.1 "The ongoing National Roads improvement programme, which is being implemented by the Roads Project Office of the Council, will deliver the necessary improvements to the National Primary Routes. This programme will provide better connections from all parts of the County to the Trans-National network, relieve areas of congestion and improve safety levels on all public roads. Improvements to the National Secondary routes and non-National routes will be implemented by the road design office".**

**Issue**                      Roads and Transportation.

**Summary**                      Table 3.7 page 41: add the following "To construct inner relief roads for various towns e.g. Athenry, Barna, Clarinbridge, Craughwell, Moycullen and Oughterard.  
To construct a ring road around Athenry".

**Response**                      Agreed.

**Recommendation**                      Table 3.7 page 41: add the following "To construct inner relief roads for various towns e.g. Athenry, Barna, Clarinbridge, Craughwell, Moycullen and Oughterard.  
To construct a ring road around Athenry".



Cllr. S. Gavin stated that there may not be great acceptance in some villages of this proposal as it may not be achievable and could cause difficulties at a later stage. Mr. J. Morgan stated that if the Council do not plan relief roads now the areas will be built on and it will then not be possible to provide such relief roads at a later stage.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. Fahy and seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed to add the following to table 3.7 page 41 of the Draft Development Plan "To construct inner relief roads for various towns eg Athenry, Barna, Clarenbridge, Craughwell, Moycullen and Oughterard. To construct a ring road around Athenry."**

<b>Issue</b>	Roads and Transportation.
<b>Summary</b>	Clause 3.3.7 (Page 42) Add "towns villages and a rural hinterland " the opening sentence.
<b>Response</b>	Agreed.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Clause 3.3.7 (Page 42) Add "towns villages and a rural hinterland " the opening sentence.

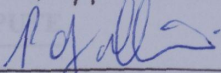
**On the proposal of Sen. U. Burke and seconded by Cllr. J. Joyce It was agreed to add "towns, villages and a rural hinterland" to the opening sentence of Clause 3.3.7 on page 42 of the Draft Development Plan.**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Roads and Transportation</b>
<b>Summary</b>	Clause 4.5 Page 78 -Disused canal and railway lines. Concerned that the clause might be interpreted negatively.
<b>Response</b>	Concerns noted.
<b>Recommendation</b>	It is recommended that an alteration to the plan is not needed.

Members questioned the wording of the recommendation and discussed whether the Clause should be deleted.

**On the proposal of Cllr. J. Joyce and seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed to defer a decision on this submission.**

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Submitted, Approved & Signed  


24/2/03

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**CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON FRIDAY 22nd  
NOVEMBER, 2002.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Mayor P. O'Sullivan

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**Baill:** Deps. J. Callanan, P. Connaughton, N. Grealish, P. McHugh, Sen. U. Burke, Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, J. McClearn, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, Cllrs. P. O'Malley, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, S. Walsh, T. Walsh.

**Oifigigh:** D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Gilmore, P. Ridge, Directors Of Services; E. Lusby, Head of Finance; T. Murphy, A. Comer, C. Wallace, D. Barrett, Senior Executive Officers, G. Healy, M. Barnicle, Staff Officers; T. Donoghue, Assistant Staff Officer.

**Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.**

The Mayor congratulated Cllr. Conneely who has been recommended by the Government to replace Sean O'Neachtain, MEP, on the Committee of the Regions for the West Region.

**RESIGNALLING AT ATHENRY RAILWAY STATION**

1771

Cllr. Connolly referred to Iarnród Éireann's proposal to remove the northern cross-over link to Tuam and Claremorris at Athenry Railway Station and he said that this proposal was in direct conflict with the joint submission by twelve western City and County Development Boards entitled "Western Strategic Corridor Rail Link Project". He proposed that the Minister for Transport be requested to intervene to ensure the retention of the Galway/Mayo rail link. It was proposed by Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Joyce and agreed "*that this Council calls on the Minister for Transport to instruct Iarnród Éireann to revise their plans for the restructuring and resignalling of Athenry Railway Station in order to make full provision for a turnout junction to Tuam at the northern end and Gort at the southern end, in recognition of the fact that the Galway/Claremorris Railway, while unused for two years is still part of the National Railway Network*".

**SUB-POSTMASTERS DISPUTE**

1772



Following discussion on the sub-postmasters dispute, it was proposed by Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed "that this Council ask Mr. Ahern, Minister for Communications and Natural Resources, to investigate this dispute and use his good offices to resolve it.

It was proposed by Dep. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham and agreed that a similar request be sent to Mr. John Hynes, Group Chief Executive, An Post.

**COUNCIL FINANCES**

1773

Cllr. McHugh referred to the Councils financial situation whereby a number of minor works in the Tuam area could not be carried out due to lack of funding and the fact that a number of temporary employees had been let go. He said that the Members had and officials of the Council should get together to discuss the Councils finances.

The County Manager said that a report on the Draft Budget for 2003 will be discussed at a Corporate Policy Group meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2002. He referred to the slow down in the economy and the recent Departmental Estimates, which showed that many Departments are experiencing cutbacks. He said that this was an opportune time for the Council to examine the workings of the organisation and review its Strategic Plans, in order that the Council will be well positioned to avail of an upturn in the economy when this happens.

The County Manager referred to the difficulty the Council is experiencing in being asked by different Government Departments to have works carried out within a very short timescale, for which part funding is being provided by that Department. He recommended that the Council pass a resolution requesting all Government Departments to notify the Council of funding allocations, as early as possible in the year. It was proposed by Dep. McHugh, seconded by Dep. Connaughton and agreed the following resolution be forwarded to the relevant Government Departments "*this Council calls on the relevant Government Departments to notify Galway County Council of funding allocations as early as possible in the year, to allow the Council adequate time to make full use of this financial support*".

In reply to Dep. McHugh, the County Manager said that the Department of the Environment had indicated that there would be no cap on the rate increase in 2003 and that the Councils allocation from the Local Government Fund was not yet known.

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

1774

Cllr. Joyce said that he was disappointed with the IDA who had failed to deliver a worthwhile factory for larger towns, especially Ballinasloe, which had been neglected by the IDA. It was proposed by Cllr. Joyce, seconded by Cllr. Connolly and agreed "that the County Council would write a letter to the IDA to complain about their failure to deliver any worthwhile factory to our larger towns in the county". Dep. Connaughton proposed that a similar letter be sent to Tánaiste Mary Harney, T.D. Mayor O'Sullivan proposed that Mr. Conlon, Regional Manager, IDA be invited to attend a meeting of the Council in connection with this matter.

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**HOUSING – FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS GRANT**

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Cllr. Hynes said that he regretted the Minister for the Environments’ decision to remove the First Time Home Buyers Grant and he asked that this decision be revoked. In reply to Sen. Burke, Mr. Gilmore said that the Grant would still apply to disabled persons purchasing new houses. It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Sen. Burke and agreed; *“that a letter be sent to the Minister for the Environment and Local Government in connection with the removal of the First Time Home Buyers Grant”*.

**COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES**

1776

Sen. Burke referred to the fact that up to five thousand people may be taken off the Community Employment Schemes. It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Sen. Burke and agreed that the following resolution be sent to the Minister for the Environment and Local Government in relation to Community Employment Schemes;

1. *“That there would be no break in the schemes,*
2. *That a concession be made to persons over fifty years of age,*
3. *That there be no cutbacks in the numbers taking part in the schemes”*.

**MINUTES**

1777

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2002 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Dep. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr. Fahy.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2002 were approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor on the proposal of Cllr. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Fahy.

**REPORTS**

1778

The Report of the Environmental & Conservation Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Dep. Grealish.

**MATTERS ARISING – ROAD RESTORATION GUIDELINES**

1779

Referring to the Minutes of the Environmental & Conservation Services Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2002, Cllr. Fahy said that guidelines being introduced by DOE officials should not have the effect of increasing the cost of the Craughwell Water Supply Scheme. Mr. Morgan said that as a result of poor reinstatement work over the years, roads authorities had to pay the cost of remedying the works concerned. He said that public utilities should have to pay the full cost of reinstatement. Mr. Kavanagh said that when the Council got approval to the Craughwell Water Supply Scheme, this extra cost was not included and in order to keep within the budget, it may be necessary to put the piping inside the fencing rather



than on the roadway. Sen. Burke referred to the fact that for years, the Council and DOE had not been in favour of laying the piping inside the fence.

The Report of the Planning & Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2002 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhartharta, seconded by Cllr. Connolly.

The Report of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2002 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Comh. Ní Fhartharta.

The Report of the Housing Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2002 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhartharta, seconded by Cllr. J J Mannion.

The Report of the Loughrea Area Committee Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2002 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Sen. Burke.

**MATTERS ARISING –**

**1780**

Sen. Burke referred to Minute number 1736 of Council meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> October 2002. He said that a decision taken at that meeting had serious implications in connection with the provision of the Loughrea By-Pass. He pointed out that it was important that decisions taken by the Council should not in any way delay progress on the Bye-Pass. He referred to a meeting that Oireachtas members of the Council had with NRA officials. Some zoning decisions by the Council were causing difficulties for the NRA in relation to the By-Pass. Cllr. McClearn said that it had been agreed at the outset of the process that no lands outside the line of the By-Pass road would be zoned and that Councillors delayed the process by introducing new proposals for zoning. Dep. Connaughton said that the NRA had given a commitment that they would allow the Loughrea By-Pass go ahead as a stand-alone project but they are worried about the status of land between the outer boundary of the town and the By-Pass route. Mr. Ridge said that the decisions taken by the Council in relation to the lands identified as “Cusacks” and “Clarkes” were not in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. This had been pointed out to the Members on a number of occasions. He said that the Draft Plan for Loughrea would finish public display on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2002 and that the NRA were entitled to make a submission in relation to the matter at that stage. He said that the submissions received must be considered by the Council and go back on public display again, in the event that a Material Alteration was proposed.

The County Manager said that the Council had been advised on a number of occasions, in relation to the zoning of these lands and he pointed out that the Members should deal with the common good and not individual considerations.

**TO APPROVE THE OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR 6 MONTHS**

**01/01/03 – 30/06/03**

**1781**

**Report dated 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2002 was circulated to each Member.**



On the proposal of Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham it was agreed to approve the Overdraft Accomodation as outlined in the report.

**TO FIX DATE FOR HOLDING OF BUDGET MEETING IN RESPECT OF BUDGET 2003**

1782

Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 was circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Dep. Grealish and agreed that the Budget meeting in respect of the Budget 2003 be held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2003.

**TO CONSIDER REPORT UNDER SECTION 211 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 ON THE DISPOSAL OF 0.96 ACRES AT KYLESALIA, ROSMUC, CO. GALWAY TO MS. MAUREEN MCGLASHIN.**

1783

Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2002 was already circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhartharta, seconded by Cllr. O'Malley, it was agreed to sell the site to Ms. Maureen McGlashin as outlined in the report.

**TO APPROVE THE DRAFT ESSENTIAL REPAIRS GRANT SCHEME**

1784

Report dated the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 was circulated to each Member.

The report was approved for adoption on the proposal of Dep. Connaughton, seconded by Dep. Callanan.

**TO APPROVE THE DRAFT DISABLED PERSONS GRANT SCHEME**

1785

Report dated the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 was circulated to each Member.

The report was approved for adoption on the proposal of Cllr. Joyce, seconded by Cllr. O'Malley.

Mayor O'Sullivan said that the Draft Disabled Persons Grant and Essential Repairs Grant Schemes were discussed in detail at Housing SPC meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2002 and were recommended to the Council for approval.

In response to questions from the members, Frank Gilmore, Director of Services clarified the following:

- The age limit for Essential Repairs Grant has been reduced from 65 to 60 years.
- Regulation 10 on page 2 of Essential Repairs Grant Scheme to be amended by the substitution of "approval" instead of the word "payment".
- Regulation 13 on page 2 of Disabled Persons Grant Scheme should be also be amended by the substitution of "approval" instead of the word "payment".

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**TO CONSIDER REPORT AND DRAFT PARKING BYE-LAWS 2002**

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**Report dated the 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 and Draft Parking Places Bye-Laws 2002 were circulated to each Member.**

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. J.J. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Gavin, and agreed that this matter be referred back to the relevant Area Committees. The Mayor pointed out that it would also have to be discussed by the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, who would submit the matter for consideration by the full Council. In reply to Cllr. Rabbitt, Mr. Morgan said he would investigate the present position in relation to the implementation of the Traffic Management Plan for Oranmore.

**APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRS OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

1787

It was agreed to defer this item until the December meeting of the Council.

**MAYORS BUSINESS**

1788

It was proposed by Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Connolly and agreed that a Special Meeting of the Council be held at 1.00p.m. on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2002.

**CONFERENCES:**

1789

On the proposal of Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. Fahy, it was agreed that the attendance of the following members be approved at the Conferences set out hereunder, the cost of each Conference having been circulated to each Member: -

**“Waterway Corridor Study Seminar” – Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.**

**27<sup>th</sup> November 2002.**

Cllrs. P. Hynes, J. Joyce, J. McClearn, J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, P. O’Sullivan, T. Rabbitt.

**Intensive Course on Planning Law – MacNeill Theatre, Hamilton Building, Trinity College, Dublin 2.**

**12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> December 2002.**

Dep. P. McHugh, Sen. U. Burke, Cllr. M. Cunningham.

**“Situation & Outlook Conference” – Green Isle Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin 22.**

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2002.**

Dep. P. McHugh, Cllrs. J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, J. McClearn, J. McDonagh, T. McHugh, Comh. P. O’Foighil, Cllr. T. Walsh.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 12 – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON – LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME** 1790

*The following reply was given:-*

“This road currently satisfies the criteria of serving more than two landowners and will be considered for a Local Improvement Scheme if an official application is made.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 13 – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON – ROADS**

*The following reply was given:-* 1791

“This road is included in the 5 Year Roads Plan for 2005. Some work was carried out on it this year using both N.O.M. and maintenance funds. The work involved the reconstruction of a length of 600m and maintenance work was carried out on the worst sections of the remainder of the road.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 14 – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON – BRIDGES**

*The following reply was given:-* 1792

“Consideration is being given to improving sight distance at this location.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 15 – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING** 1793

*The following reply was given:-*

“The safety aspect of this proposal will be assessed in the context of an National Roads Authority Safety Audit. When the audit is completed the Council will be informed of the proposal for this location.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 16 – CLLR. M. FAHY – ROADS** 1794

*The following reply was given:-*

“Maintenance works will be carried out at this location in 2003.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 17 – CLLR. M. FAHY – LIGHTING** 1795

*The following reply was given:-*

“This request has been submitted to the N.R.A. for their consideration.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 18 – CLLR. M. FAHY – BURIAL GROUND**

*The following reply was given:-* 1796

“The Council are awaiting the submission of an archaeological report on the proposed revised Burial Ground site at Drumacoo. On receipt of this report the Council will liaise with Duchas and the Local Community.”



**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 19 – CLLR. J.J. MANNION – FLOODING**

*The following reply was given:-*

1797

“Drainage works will be carried out at this location under the 2003 Roadworks Programme.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 20 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – WATER SCHEMES**

*The following reply was given:-*

1798

“The proposed changes in relation to the collection of water charges from group water schemes connected to the public water supply is being introduced as a direct result of Government Policy in relation to Polluter Pays Principle. All non-domestic connections using water from a public water supply will in future have to be metered and payment will then be based on consumption. All group schemes will be billed on the basis of bulk meter readings where they are connected to the public supply with appropriate allowances given for domestic usage. The Council is obliged to implement Government Policy in this regard and in the long term it will have the benefit of making consumers of public and group schemes more responsible for water usage and water conservation.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 21 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – PLANNING**

*The following reply was given:-*

1799

“If a county road is in good condition but not taken in charge we will consider this when examining an application for planning permission. This in itself does not exclude people from getting planning permission; provided there is a public right of way over the road, and subject to other issues being considered such as public health, traffic, amenity and housing need.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 22 – CLLR. J. MCDONAGH – ROADS**

*The following reply was given:-*

1800

“This road will be considered for inclusion in next year’s roads programme.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 23 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA - WATER**

*The following reply was given:-*

1801

“Ba mhaith liom chuir in iúl duit i go bhfuil tuairise á chur le chéile agus beidh muid ag scríobh chuig go luath.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 24 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA – RECYCLING BINS**

*The following reply was given:-*

1802

“Ta deontas ceadaithe don Chomhairle Chontae on Roinn chun cur leis an líon bancanna sa Chontae agus feabhas agus forbairt a dheanamh ar na cunn ata lonnaithe anseo cheanna fein. Ta se is i gceist bancanna do bhuideil agus cannaí di a chur a fhail in mBaile Bhearna.”



**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 25 – COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA – LIGHTING**

The following reply was given:-

1803

“Má molfar suíomh do na soilse seo déanfar barúil orthu don clár soilse poiblí i 2003.

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 26 – CLLR. T. RABBITT – LITTER BINS**

The following reply was given:-

1804

“The Council are examining the situation regarding the provision of Litter Bins in Clarinbridge. It is the policy of the Council to provide Litter Bins with small apertures so as to prevent their use for the illegal dumping of domestic waste.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 27 – CLLR. T. RABBITT – ROADS**

The following reply was given:-

1805

“These works will be carried out at this location in the coming months.”

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 28 - CLLR. T. RABBITT – WATER TOWER**

The following reply was given:-

1806

“I wish to advise that the Council are considering the maintenance costs of the Water Tower in the context of 2003 Estimates.”

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Submitted, Approved + Signed  
*R. Aull*  
16/12/02  
Date

**RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY**

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

The Linnane family, Ballyclera, Kinvara, Co. Galway.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. Fany and agreed that a Special Meeting of the Council be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2002 starting at 2.30 p.m. to continue the Council's Consideration of the Draft Development Plan