

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**MINUTES OF REMOTE COUNCIL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY**  
**COUNCIL**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 11.00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Cllr. Peter Keaveney  
Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway

**Baill:** Comh./Cllr. T Broderick, J. Byrne, I. Canning,  
L. Carroll, J. Charity, D. Collins, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, G.  
Cronnelly, D. Ó Cualáin, J. Cuddy, S. Curley, T. Ó Curraoin,  
A. Dolan, G. Donohue, G. Finnerty; D. Geraghty, S.  
Herterich Quinn, M. Hoade, C. Keaveney, D. Kelly, D.  
Killilea, M. Kinane, G. King, P. Mac an lomaire, M. Maher, E.  
Mannion, J. McClearn, K. McHugh Farag, A. McKinstry,  
P.J. Murphy, Dr. E. Francis Parsons, A. Reddington, P.  
Roche, J. Sheridan, N. Thomas, S. Walsh and T. Welby.

**Oifigh:** Mr. J. Cullen, Chief Executive, Ms. E. Ruane, Director of  
Services, Mr. L. Hanrahan, Director of Services, Mr. M.  
Owens, Director of Services, Ms. J. Brann, Meetings  
Administrator, Ms. V. Loughnane, Senior Planner, Mr. B.  
Dunne, A/Senior Executive Planner, Mr. B. Corcoran,  
Executive Planner, Ms. A O Moore, Asst. Planner, Ms. A.  
Power, Senior Staff Officer, Ms. U Ní Eidhín, Oifigeach  
Gaeilge

**Item No. 1: To consider the Chief Executive's Report on the Submissions  
received to the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 under Part  
11, Section 12(5) and (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as  
amended)** 3914

Cllr. P. Keaveney again reminded the Members of the huge workload that was ahead of them and requested that their contributions be short and to be as businesslike as possible.

Cllr. Killilea thanked Mr. Owens for email received earlier outlining definition of Greenfield Site and Infill Site as requested by him. He advised that he had some questions arising from this. It was agreed that this matter would be raised again later in the Meeting.

Mr. Owens advised that it was intended to start with submissions relating to R1 lands and then move through the ones that were deferred since yesterday so that all the settlement centres can be closed out.

Mr. Owens reminded the Elected Members of the provisions of Part 15 of the Local Government Act and the Code of Conduct for Councillors that provides the Ethical Framework for local government including provision for the disclosure of pecuniary or other beneficial interests or conflicts of interest. It was again noted that Councillors must disclose at a meeting of the local authority any pecuniary or other beneficial interest or conflict of interest (of which they have actual knowledge) they or a connected person have in, or material to, any matter with which the local authority is concerned in the discharge of its functions, and which comes before the meeting. The Councillor must withdraw from the meeting after their disclosure and must not vote or take part in any discussion or consideration of the matter or seek to in any other aspect influence the decision making of the Council. Mr. Owens referred to the paragraph 7 of the Protocol for Remote Meetings of Council for the guidance on the means of making a declaration at a remote meeting.

## **KINVARA**

### **GLW C10-1312 – CLLR. PJ MURPHY**

**Pg 812**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission supports the designation of a parcel of land that is identified as Residential Phase 1 lands in the Draft Plan.

#### **Chief Executive's Response:**

The lands subject to this submission have been zoned Residential Phase 1 as per Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:  
No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed by Members.***

### **GLW C10-1149 – CLLR. PJ MURPHY**

**Pg 812**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response.

He advised the submission relates to three separate parcels of lands in Kinvara which are outside the Draft Development Plan 2022-2028 plan boundary. It is requested that two parcels of land would be zoned Residential Phase 1 (1.8acre and 8 acres) and the third parcel of land would be zoned Residential Phase 2 (4 acres).

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The subject lands are outside the draft plan boundary. In relation to Residential Phase 1 there is a quantum of lands that are required as outlined in Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Hierarchy and Housing Strategy. In accordance with table 2.9 there is a requirement of 7.27ha of Residential Phase 1 lands. As per the Draft Plan this quantum of lands has been identified and therefore it is considered that the request to zone additional Residential Phase 1 is not appropriate in this instance.

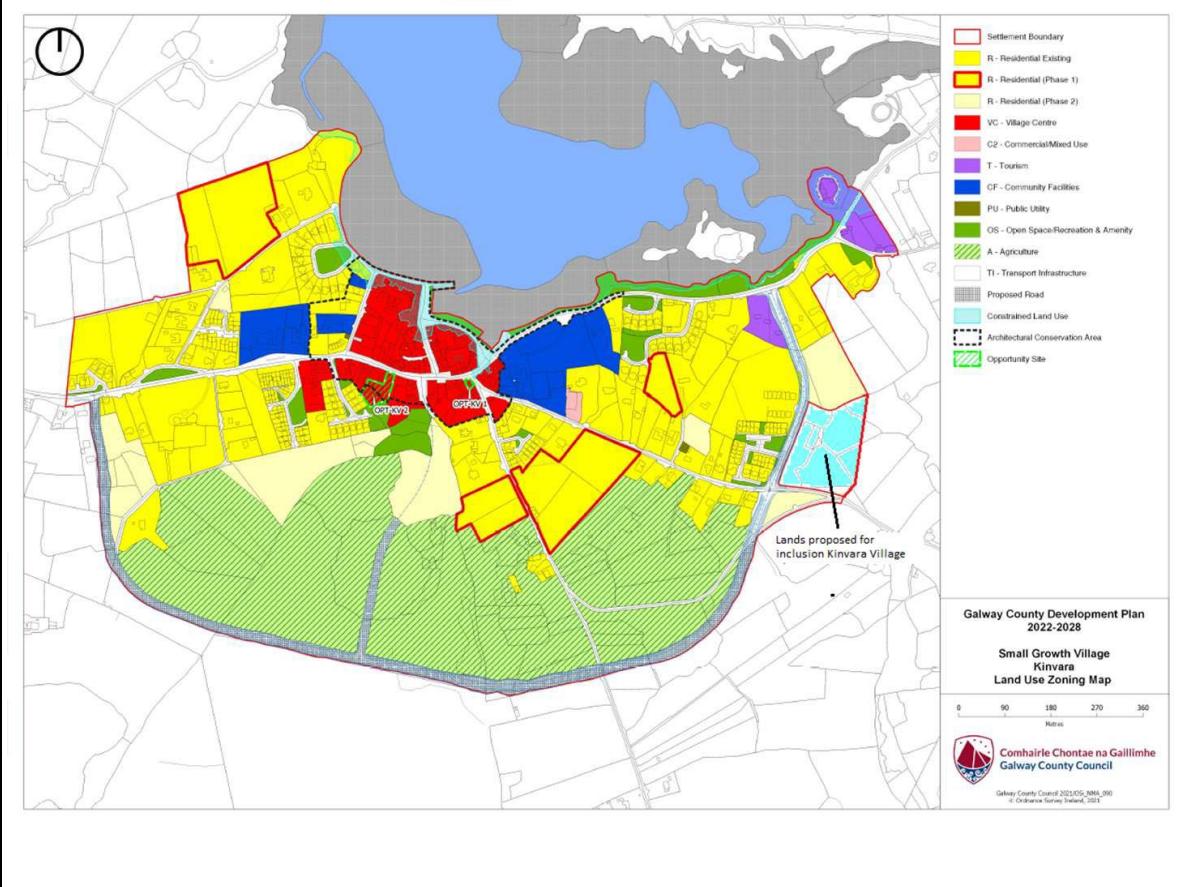
In relation to the Residential Phase 2 lands, it is considered that the zoning of additional phase 2 lands is not warranted in this instance.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

**Cllr. Murphy submitted the following Motion:**

*I would like to alter my proposal in the CDP regarding lands in Kinvara. I would now like to propose instead that the smaller section of land shown with a broken red line on the map be included as residential phase 2 instead of residential phase 1 as I had previously requested.*



Cllr. Murphy advised that he had sent in an initial proposal for R1 zoning but accepted that this would have affected the Core Strategy Table. He stated that he was proposing that the lands now be changed to R2. He stated that it was an ideal site for development in terms of infrastructure. He suggested that when Mid Term Review was being carried out, there may be an opportunity to move some R1 lands to R2 and this was one of the most appropriate pieces of ground for development. He advised that he had spoken to the landowner about provision of lands for hockey pitch but advised he was not interested in that. He stated the landowners desire was to develop this piece of ground for residential development and he asked the Members to support his motion.

Cllr. Byrne stated that this proposal made sense and he supported the Motion. Cllrs. Finnerty, Donohue and Kinane all supported the Motion.

***It was proposed by Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Donohue and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-949 – KINVARA HOCKEY**

**Pg 813**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response. However, he pointed out that based on previous motion agreed relating to R2 lands, that the CE's Recommendation has been superseded by Elected Members' Decision.

He advised this submission relates to the provision of sporting facilities for a local hockey club in Kinvara. It is requested that a multisport pitch is required to cater for the growing demand that exists within the community. An analysis has been given of the demand for these sporting facilities within the village. There has been a number of options(re-zonings) given in relation to the provision of Open Space/Recreation and Amenity lands or Community Facilities within the village. It has also been requested that one parcel of Residential Phase 2 lands would be rezoned to Residential Phase 1 lands.

### **Chief Executive's Response:**

It is acknowledged that the Hockey Club membership has grown and developed over the years. While it is requested to zone lands Open Space Recreation and Amenity or Community Facilities it is considered that Community Facilities lands would be more appropriate to cater for the uses proposed. It is therefore considered appropriate to zone a parcel of land to the east of the village for Community Facilities (See recommendation below). A full review of all lands were undertaken in Kinvara as per recommendation below these lands were identified.

In addition, the request to re- zone lands from Residential Phase 2 to Residential Phase 1 is not considered appropriate. There is a quantum of lands that are required as outlined in *Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Hierarchy and Housing Strategy*. In accordance with table 2.9 there is a requirement of 7.27ha of Residential Phase 1 lands. As per the Draft Plan this quantum of lands has been identified and therefore it is considered that the request to zone additional Residential Phase 1 is not appropriate in this instance.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

It is recommended that lands currently outside the settlement boundary be included within the settlement plan and zoned for Community Facilities to ensure sufficient lands are available within the plan boundary to meet the needs of local sports groups.

**From**



**To**



***This was superseded by Cllr. Murphy's Motion and was noted by the Members.***

**GLW C10-902 – SHARON TANNIAN**

**Pg 815**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He stated that the submission notes that additional community spaces are required in Kinvara and requests that additional land is zoned for community use within the village. The submission requests that land is made available for a multi-use 2G astroturf surface pitch which would cater for hockey amongst other sports. The submission suggests that a public park/public seating/skate park could be developed adjacent to the multi-use pitch for older children/teenagers to avail of. Connectivity could be provided to this new community space through cycleways/walkways. Additionally, the submission requests that cycleways/pathways be provided on all approaches to Kinvara, including to beaches and piers such as in Tracht or

Parkmore; with cycleways provided throughout the village and a reduction in speed to 30km/hr to ensure pedestrian and cyclist safety.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The contents of this submission have been noted. The Planning Authority considers that there are sufficient policy objectives provided to support the development of community facilities in Kinvara.

As per submission no. GLW-C10-949, there is additional lands zoned for Community Facilities which would support the provision of a hockey pitch.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly and agreed by Members.***

Cllr. Byrne stated that it was disappointing that in doing Village Plan they were not able to propose any lands for community facilities and gave the example of the Hockey Club. He suggested that something to be considered going forward is to include an objective to support local community groups for facilities outside settlement boundary of towns/villages. Cllr. Kinane agreed with Cllr. Byrne's comments and stated that it was very disappointing for the Hockey Club that there was no available site in Kinvara for a hockey pitch. She stated that her view was that sports facilities should be within walking distance of the village. Cllr. Byrne stated that if they had an objective to support Sporting Groups it would be a very worthwhile objective going forward. Cllr. Murphy stated that there was lots of land in the village of Kinvara but not land that would be made available and they were constrained by the owners of the land. Cllr. Welby agreed that it was extremely hard to get everything in the centre of town on the basis of it being an Older Town. He agreed that they needed to have an objective that not everything would be built in the town. Cllr. McKinstry stated ideally it should be in the town centre and suggested that the objective could be made if it was close enough but certainly not on small country roads. Cllr. Kinane suggested that it was important to concentrate on putting infrastructure in place and while she was not against putting in an objective, the infrastructure needed to be in place.

**GLW C10-944 – MARTIN CORLESS**

**Pg 815**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to a parcel of land, which is located 750m west of Kinvara village measuring 1.99ha. These lands are zoned Residential Phase 2 in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. It is requested that these lands would be rezoned Residential Phase 1. It is stated that these lands were zoned previously in the Kinvara Local Area Plan 2005-2011. A justification for the proposed zoning has been provided.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The subject lands are zoned Residential Phase 2 lands. It is not considered appropriate to zone the lands Residential Phase 1. In relation to Residential Phase 1 there is a quantum of lands that are required as outlined in Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Hierarchy and Housing Strategy. In accordance with table 2.9 there is a requirement of 7.27ha of Residential Phase 1 lands. As per the Draft Plan this quantum of lands has been identified and therefore it is considered that the request to zone additional Residential Phase 1 is not appropriate in this instance.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-940 – GABRIEL BIRMINGHAM**

(Pg 816)

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to a parcel of land, which is approximately 700m north-west of the Kinvara village centre. These lands are not included in the plan boundary of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. It is requested that these lands would be included in the Draft Plan boundary and zoned Residential Phase 1. A justification for the proposed zoning has been provided

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The subject lands are outside the draft plan boundary. In relation to Residential Phase 1 there is a quantum of lands that are required as outlined in Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Hierarchy and Housing Strategy. In accordance with table 2.9 there is a requirement of 7.27ha of Residential Phase 1 lands. As per the Draft Plan this quantum of lands has been identified and therefore it is considered that the request to zone additional Residential Phase 1 is not appropriate in this instance

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-899 – MARY BIRMINGHAM**

(Pg 816)

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to a parcel of land that is not included in the Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 and it requested that these lands would be zoned Residential. It is stated that these lands were previously included in the Kinvara Local Area Plan 2005-2011.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The subject lands are outside the draft plan boundary. In relation to Residential lands there is a quantum of lands that are required as outlined in Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Hierarchy and Housing Strategy. In accordance with table 2.9 there is a requirement of 7.27ha of Residential Phase 1 lands. As per the Draft Plan this quantum of lands has been identified and therefore it is considered that the request to zone additional Residential lands is not appropriate in this instance.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-826 – OCC CONSTRUCTION**

**Pgs 816/817**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to lands south of Kinvara village on Convent Road. It is proposed to re-zone 2ha from Residential Phase 2 to Residential Phase 1. A justification for the proposed re-zoning has been provided.

In addition, it is also requested that there should be a higher population/residential land allocation for Kinvara under the provisions of the Core Strategy based on the geographical location and infrastructure provision within the village.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The lands are zoned Residential Phase 2 in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. It is not considered appropriate to zone the lands Residential Phase 1. In relation to Residential Phase 1 there is a quantum of lands that are required as outlined in *Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Hierarchy and Housing Strategy*. In accordance with table 2.9 there is a requirement of 7.27ha of Residential Phase 1 lands. As per the Draft Plan this quantum of lands has been identified and therefore it is considered that the request to zone additional Residential Phase 1 is not appropriate in this instance

In relation to the population allocation for Kinvara, *Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Hierarchy and Housing Strategy* the Core Strategy population allocation is in accordance with the Transitional Roadmap from the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy (RSES). The population allocation for Kinvara reflects the village and the available capacity within the water and wastewater network.

**Chief Executives Recommendation:**  
No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-790 – PAM FLEMING**

(Pg 817)

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to accessibility and the fact that this topic is generally omitted from the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. It is suggested that there would be measures put in place to improve the car parking facilities and disabled car parking spaces.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

**Chapter 11 Community Development and Social Infrastructure** contains a suite of policy objectives in section 11.13 that references accessibility. In addition, **Chapter 6 Transport and Movement** also contains policy objectives for car parking facilities including disabled car parking facilities (**NNR 8 Car Parking**).

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-754 – KINVARA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Pgs 818/821

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of this very comprehensive submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised that a comprehensive submission was made on behalf of Community Council and covers the following topics:

Accessibility within the village is an issue, with reference to car parking facilities:

- There is no public car park to accommodate the volumes of cars and buses that goes through the village daily;
- The main pier within the village which is a protected structure is being used as a public car- park;
- A car park within the village should be prioritised;
- The car parking facilities approaching the Traught beach are inadequate.

Traffic Management:

- A traffic management plan is required which should include the safe crossing points to support and encourage local children attending school;
- Footpaths need addressing.
- There are no cycle paths or bicycle shelters in the village;
- The one-way traffic system should be considered within the village;
- The existing bus stop is no longer at a suitable location;
- Speed limits should be examined.

**Kinvara Bay Walk:**

While it has been stated that there has been significant progress with Galway County Council (GCC) and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in progressing the initial stages of the Kinvara Bay Walk, it is requested that this should be included in the Development Plan.

**Infrastructure and Amenity:**

It is stated that there is currently no public sports facility in the village to support the active and growing sports clubs in Kinvara. A list of such sporting organisations has been provided. It is requested that a suitable site would be provided to encourage and develop within the community for such facilities. It is stated that there are no such spaces within the village and that such facilities such be provided.

**Waste and Recycling:**

Environmental issues been created because of the lack of waste facilities within the village. It is stated that the location of the existing recycling facilities is not in the appropriate location.

**Protection of Kinvara Pier:**

The main pier is a protected structure and requires conservation work to be carried out. It is requested that the pier would be rezoned as a working pier. The public seating has been removed and should be reinstated.

**Housing:**

In relation to section 16.3.1 it is stated that Kinvara has two well established housing estates and several small scale developments. It is requested that the paragraph should be revised and updated to take account of the established housing estates within the settlement.

The provision of housing in the settlement plan with low density and the requirement to allocate housing for the elderly has been queried.

It is requested that the community led approach should be supported within the village. There are a number of specific requests that have been made in relation to community led housing:

- Review the Housing Density provision for the village to support mixed density housing developments in order to provide smaller cost-effective housing and housing for the elderly
- Actively support community led initiatives to address challenges of affordability and cultural life
- Actively support a pilot project for a Community Land Trust (CLT) to provide affordable houses on designated lands for community -led housing.

A number of policy objectives in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 have been listed which should make reference to CLTs and related innovative housing practices:

- Chapter 4: Rural Living and Development
- 4.2 Strategic Aims
- 2.3.14 Core Strategy Policy Objectives
- 2.5 Policy Objectives of the Housing Strategy
- 2.6 Specific Housing Need
- Chapter 11 Community Development and Social Infrastructure

In relation to Chapter 4, section 4.6.3 Rural Housing Policy Objectives it is requested that there would be more open approach to rural housing. There is a number of terms (Long standing, substantial, continuous part, immediate family circumstances, substantiated rural housing need) that need to be removed in favour of more open access. In addition, the concept in relation to “inurement” should be abolished. It is stated that rural links must not be limited to those who have ties to the land or property. In addition, it is stated that the “8 km radius of their original family home” restriction should be abolished or replaced with a reasonable requirement that the construction would be within the same Local Electoral Area within 25km radius.

#### Environment

Reference has been made to *Chapter 10* “Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure”. It is suggested that there should be a separate section in the plan dealing with protection and enhancement of local habitats within the small villages section. Reference is made to the Natura 2000 sites within the settlement boundary. It is also requested that there would be reference to areas of natural value within and around villages such as green spaces, hedgerows, trees lines and wildlife commuter corridors. It is suggested that there would be a plan to include the enhancement of nature and biodiversity alongside plans for residential and commercial development.

#### Chief Executive’s Response:

In the Small Growth Villages, section 10.6 policy objective **SGV 6 Village Centre** references the requirement to prepare village centre management plans which would include a number of topics that have been raised in the submission in relation to car parking facilities.

**Chapter 6 Transport and Movement** contains a number of policy and objectives in relation to the improvements of transport infrastructure throughout the county including the settlements of the county.

#### Chief Executive’s Response:

In the Small Growth Villages, section 10.6 policy objective **SGV 6 Village Centre** references the requirement to prepare village centre management plans which would include a number of topics that have been raised in the submission in relation to car parking facilities.

**Chapter 6 Transport and Movement** contains a number of policy and objectives in relation to the improvements of transport infrastructure throughout the county including the settlements of the county.

In relation to the provision of advancing the walkway from Dunguaire Castle to the village, there are policy objectives included in the plan that would support such walkways. In **Chapter 6 Transport and Movement** and **Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure** there is a number of policy objectives that support the provision of walkways in Galway.

The policy objectives in the Kinvara Settlement Plan provides for a number of community uses within the village, the County Development Plan facilitates development in appropriate locations subject to the proper planning and development of the area.

It is considered that policy objectives in **Chapter 7 Infrastructure, Utilities and Environmental Protection** and especially policy objective WM 7 Recycling Infrastructure supports the delivery of waste facilities in the county.

The pier at Kinvara is a protected structure. It is outside the remit of the Galway County Development Plan in relation to the use of the pier.

The narrative that is included in section 16.3.1 notes the existing housing estates and small-scale developments. It is not considered warranted to include a specific reference to all the housing estates within the settlement plan. It has been acknowledged that Kinvara has developed in the last number of years and this is reflected by the population allocation and zoning of lands.

It is considered that the density allocation for Kinvara which is a Small Growth Village is considered appropriate for the village.

There are a number of policy objectives that support the housing supply and mix of tenures namely **Chapter 3 Placemaking, Regeneration and Urban Living**.

It should be noted that the policy objectives in the draft plan supports the provision of housing in settlements and in rural areas. **Chapter 3 Placemaking, Regeneration and Urban Living and Chapter 4 Rural Living and Development** contains policy objectives that support housing in villages and rural countryside.

The narrative in **Chapter 4 Rural Living and Development** and policy objectives contained therein are in accordance with the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy (RSES). It is considered appropriate to include wording that is referenced in the submission due to the proximity of Galway city and the level of pressure that is experienced for rural housing. The Rural Housing policy objectives are consistent with the Rural Housing Guidelines 2005(as updated). It is considered that the wording of the policy objectives in Chapter 4 are appropriate.

It is considered that there is sufficient reference and inclusion of policy objectives in the Development Plan that addresses the concerns raised in the submission. There is a suite of policy objectives that addresses the habitats and local environment within the county namely in **Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure**.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

Cllr. Byrne stated that in conjunction of Kinvara Community Council, he attended a number of virtual and impersonal meetings that generated this detailed submission. He stated that while he accepted that the CE response, it was important that there was engagement with the Community Council to see how these objectives can be delivered. Cllr. Murphy joined with Cllr. Byrne in these comments.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-695 – MICHAEL MCARDLE**

**Pg 821**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised that a submission was received in relation to community led housing and community led trusts. The following is a key recommendation:

- Actively support community-led initiatives to address challenges of affordability and cultural life in the village of Kinvara and other communities throughout County Galway.
- Actively support a pilot project for a Community Land Trust, initially in Kinvara, to provide affordable homes to local people on specifically designated land for community-led housing. This could be on lands currently designated Residential Phase 1 (preferred) or, optionally, Residential Phase 2, Agricultural, Open Space/Recreation & Amenity, as shown on the plan.
- 4.2 Strategic Aims
- 2.3.14 Core Strategy Policy Objectives
- 2.5 Policy Objectives of the Housing Strategy
- 2.6 Specific Housing Need
- Chapter 11 Community Development and Social Infrastructure

### **Chief Executive's Response:**

- In relation to the provision of housing under Community Land Trust, this is outside the remit of a County Development Plan. The Development Plan provides policy objectives and indicates land use zonings that support the appropriate use of lands for a number of different uses within settlements such as Kinvara.

### **Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

- No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-673 – KINVARA CLIMATE ACTION**

**(Pgs822/823)**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised that this submission is from a local climate action group. There is concern that there is a lack of strong policies objectives with the specific aim of protecting the environment from biodiversity collapse and the climate emergency.

There is specific reference to Chapter 4 Rural Living and Development and Volume 2 section 16.1 Small Growth Village.

Reference has been made to the Chapter "Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure". It is suggested that there would be a separate section in the plan dealing with protection and enhancement of local habitats within the small villages section. Reference is made to the Natura 2000 sites within the vicinity.

It is stated that the Development Plan should be in line with the Government's Climate Action Bill. The plan should be in line with Government 2030 interim targets. It is also requested that there would be reference to areas of natural value within and around villages such as green spaces, hedgerows, trees lines and wildlife commuter corridors. It is suggested that there would be a plan to include the enhancement of nature and biodiversity alongside plans for residential and commercial development.

There are several additional requirements:

- Developments undertaken should consider water and air quality;
- Active protection for wildlife corridors, hedgegrows, trees, nesting and breeding sites etc;
- Undertake a tree survey;
- The plan should include adaptation strategies for flooding that will work towards resilience to climate change;
- Enhance and support local food systems, including Farmers Market;
- Small one or two bed units should be provided
- Facilities to park bicycles and lock bikes.

#### **Chief Executive's Response:**

It is considered that there is sufficient reference and inclusion of policy objectives in the Development Plan in relation to the natural environment. There are a suite of policy objectives that addresses the habitats and local environment within the county namely in **Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure**.

There is a specific chapter in relation to climate change, **Chapter 14 Climate Change, Energy and Renewable Energy** which contain a suite of policy objectives that has linked all the chapters to the Climate Action Plan 2019. Table 14.3 Climate Action Policy Objectives illustrates the relationship between the policy objectives of Climate Action and chapters in Volume 1 and settlement plans in volume 2.

The provision of green spaces, corridors and environmental parameters are very important for the towns and villages throughout the county. There are a number of policy objectives that will support the enhancement of the local streetscape such as policy objectives in Volume 2 Settlement Plan **KSGV 8 Streetscape Enhancement Works and policy objective SGV 4 Village Centre Management**. In addition, **Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure** contains a number of policy objectives that would also support the establishment of

wildlife corridors and ecological network. **Chapter 15 Development Management Standards** contains standards.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

Cllr. Byrne commended Kinvara Climate Action Group on their submission who worked closely Kinvara Community Council. He recommended engagement with this Group also. Cllr. Murphy commended their emphasis on importance of 1/2 bed accommodation in Kinvara area. He stated that he would like to see this becoming a priority in all of our village developments.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-558 – WILLIAM HAYES**

(Pg 823)

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to lands outside of the settlement boundary. It is requested that these lands would include the settlement boundary and zoned Tourism and related uses. Reference is made of the unique setting of Dunguaire Castle and that these lands would contribute to its unique setting.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The subject lands are outside the settlement boundary of Kinvara. It is not considered appropriate that these lands would be zoned Tourism. It is considered that there is no justification to include these lands within the plan boundary.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Donohue and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-972 – TRICIA WASERMAN**

(Pg 824)

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission objects to the stated 'proposal' for a ringroad/bypass on the road which comes from the N67, through the castle car park and through Bothar na Mias estate. The submission objects on the basis of noise and air pollution, people safety, road safety and access to the estate.

**Chief Executive's Response :**

The contents of the submission have been noted. The Planning Authority notes that the Kinvara Inner Relief Road is a permitted development and the Council continues to support the development of the inner relief road.

**Chief Executive Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10– 508 – CAITRIONA MONAHAN**

(Pg 824)

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to the bypass being proposed in Kinvara. There is concern regarding the proposed route traversing through the residential estate Bothar Na Mias. It is suggested that there should be a better solution for easing traffic congestion in the village.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

It should be noted that there is an existing Part 8 for the relief road and as such the Draft Development Plan 2022-2028 reflects this permission.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10–263 – COPPINGER BUILDING**

(Pg 824)

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to lands at Dungory, Kinvara. The lands are not included in the settlement boundary for the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. It is stated that a section of these lands has the benefit of planning permission for housing and that it would be a natural progression if the lands were zoned Residential.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The lands are removed from the plan boundary and are not connected to the plan boundary. It is not considered appropriate to zone the lands Residential. In relation to Residential Phase 1 there is a quantum of lands that are required as outlined in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Hierarchy and Housing Strategy**. In accordance with table 2.9 there is a requirement of 7.27ha of Residential Phase 1

lands. As per the Draft Plan this quantum of lands has been identified and therefore it is considered that the request to zone additional Residential is not appropriate in this instance.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**  
No Change (Existing Part 8).

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-42 – BRENDAN O'SHAUGHNESSY**

**(Pg 825)**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to Opportunity Site OPT-K1 and clarifies as to what this exactly means for the subject lands

**Chief Executive's Response:**

Opportunity Sites are identified based on their location and the zoning in this instance is Town Centre. Town Centre zoning allows for a range of uses in accordance with the DM standards

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**  
No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Donohue and agreed by the Members.***

Cllr. Byrne, referring to Kinvara Plan, stated that there was going to be an issue in the next 5 years in Kinvara due to lack of lands zoned for Business/Enterprise in this plan. He stated there was no place now zoned for Business/Enterprise in the village of Kinvara and suggested that an objective be inserted in to support Business/Enterprise outside of settlement centres. Cllr. Murphy agreed with Cllr. Byrne's comments that Kinvara doesn't have enough land for growth of this town. He said there was massive demand for housing and business in the Kinvara area. He stated that he fully understood the constraints of the Core Strategy but he stated that he felt that a village like Kinvara was being held back for development by the Core Strategy. Cllr. Reddington supported Cllr. Byrne's suggestion of allowing small businesses to set up outside of settlement areas.

## **MOYLOUGH**

## **GLW C10-1405 – JOHN WHYTE**

**(Pg 826)**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised that this submission refers to a site in the centre of the village which is zoned as Village Centre and an Opportunity Site. The submission has highlighted that the subject lands have a beautiful walled boundary and have concerns with regard to the potential of the site to be turned into another housing estate. The submission considers that the site would be better utilised for amenity purposes as there is a lack of passive open space and landscaping within the village centre.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The Planning Authority note the content of the submission. However, the prominent location of the proposed opportunity site at the village centre crossroads is appropriate in this instance given the potential contribution that the historical Moylough House could make to the village core, which could include a sustainable reuse of the existing building on site.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

Cllr. M. Connolly stated that the piece of ground in question was a walled garden at the back of Moylough House. He requested the engagement of services of the Conservation Officer in relation for preservation of these the walls into the future.

**Cllr. M. Connolly submitted the following Motion:**

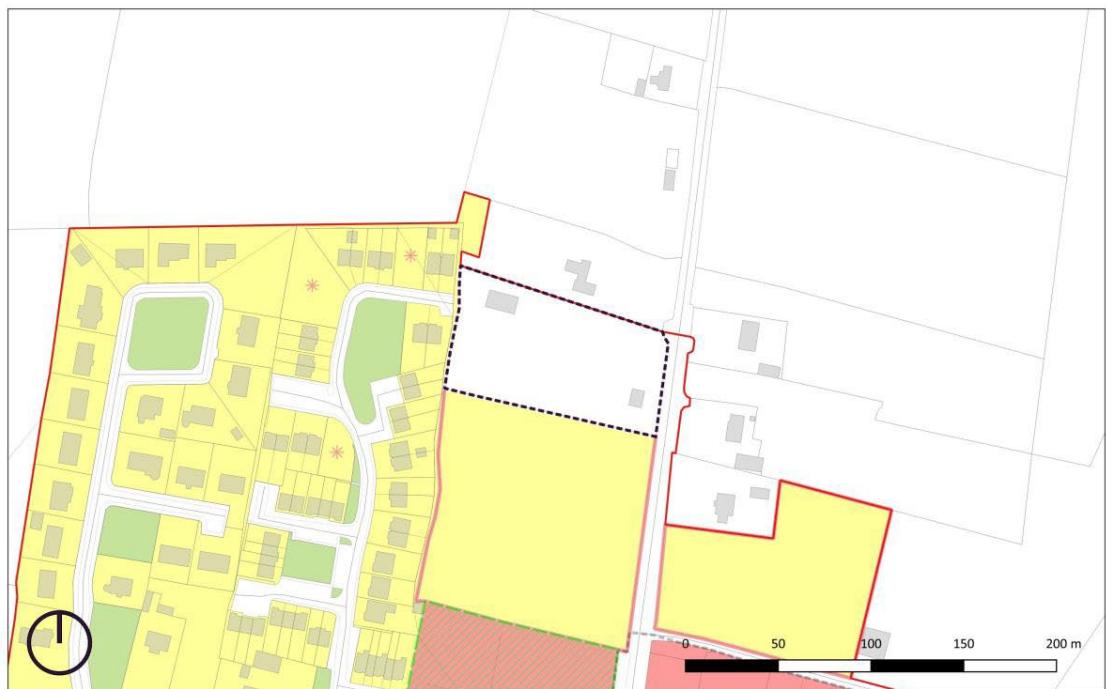
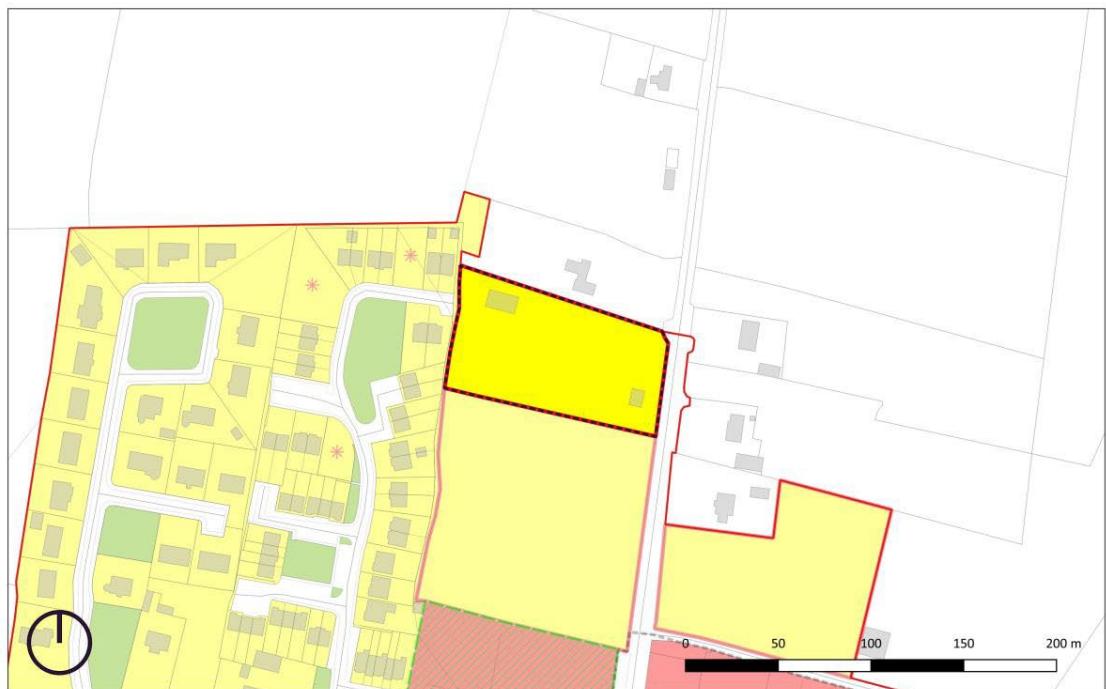
Proposal to remove R1 - .707 ha of R1 lands  
Proposal to remove R1 - .87 ha of R1 lands

9 - Moylough -  
Cllr Michael Connolly (No Ref)  
From - Residential (Phase 1)  
To - Outside Plan Boundary  
Area - 0.87 Ha.



10 - Moylough -  
Cllr Michael Connolly (No Ref)  
From - Residential (Phase 1)  
To - Outside Plan Boundary  
Area - 0.707 Ha.

10 - Moylough -  
Cllr Michael Connolly (No Ref)  
From - Residential (Phase 1)  
To - Outside Plan Boundary  
Area - 0.707 Ha.



He explained that the one landowner owns the two parcels of land and it was unlikely to be coming on the market within the next five years. He stated that the Landowner had concerns about paying a vacant site levy.

***Motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty and agreed by the Members.***

## **BALLYGAR**

### **GLW C10-261 – SHAY MULROONEY**

**(Page 809)**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised the subject lands are outside the draft plan boundary for Ballygar. It is requested that these lands would be zoned Residential. It is stated that these lands are well suitable and can accommodate the development potential.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

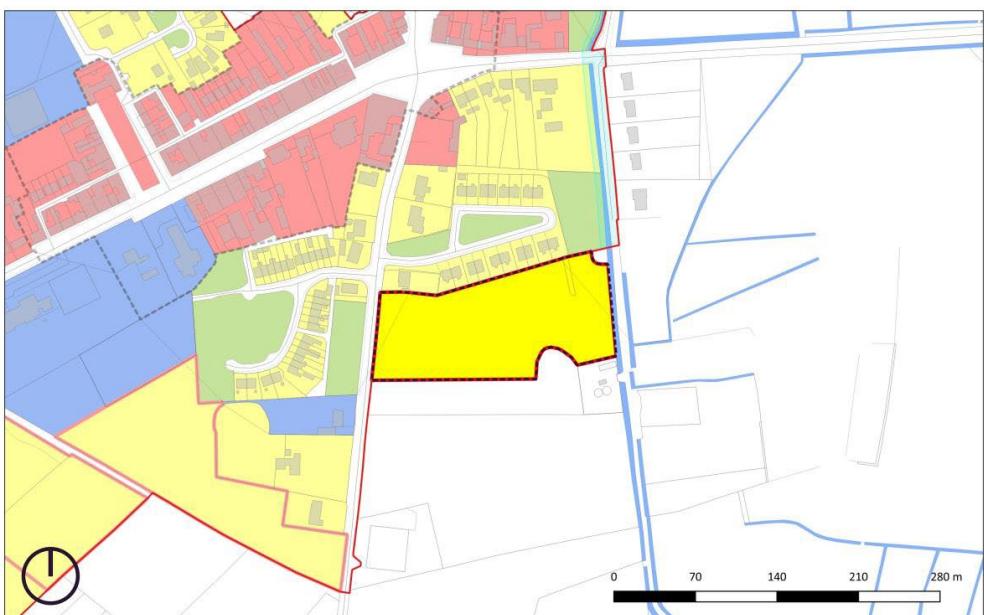
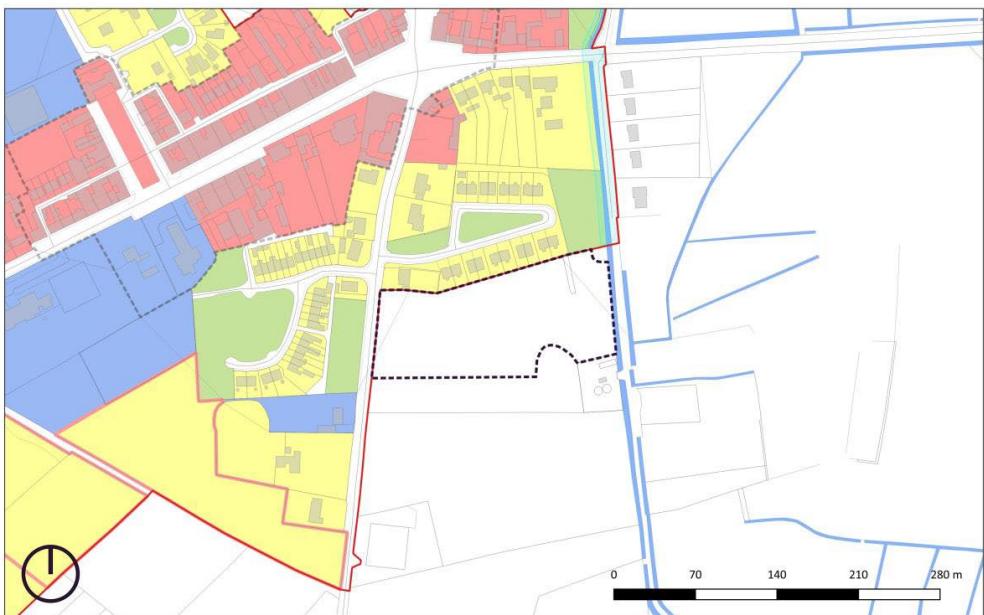
The core strategy as outlined in *Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Hierarchy and Housing Strategy* identifies a quantum of lands that are required for the next six years in the village. It is therefore considered that the request to increase the zoning for residential phase lands is not justified. In addition, it is not considered appropriate to zone the lands Open Space as this land use is linked to residential zone 1 lands.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

**Cllr. M. Connolly submitted the following motion:**

8 - Ballygar -  
Cllr Michael Connolly (No Ref)  
From - Outside Plan Boundary  
To - Residential (Phase 1)  
Area - 1.654 Ha.



Cllr. M. Connolly stated that there were two parcels of land that he was proposing to de-zoned and was proposing to zone a portion as submission by Mr. Mulrooney

1. Removal of 1.654 ha from R1
2. Removal of 0.536 ha from R1
3. New quantum of 1.654 ha relates to Mr. Mulrooney.

Mr. Dunne stated there was an issue with regards flooding at this location and a full flood risk assessment would have to be carried out. He stated that it was located beside an existing housing estate and there would be concerns around capacity of treatment plant. He suggested if there was an element of flood risk, this portion could be allocated to open space.

Cllr. M. Connolly referred to the Business and Enterprise zoning at Pound Road. He stated that he was proposing the removal of Business and Enterprise zoning on the basis that the person who owns it had no intention of developing it. Mr. Dunne advised that there was currently an existing business in operation there. He advised in terms of sequential approach it was required that there would be some portion Business/Enterprise zoning in the village of Ballygar. Cllr. Connolly stated that he has no interest in it being zoned Business and Enterprise

Cllr. M. Connolly stated that there was another request for zoning outside town boundary on Cloonlyon Road, Ballygar but within 60km speed limit. He advised that there were a lot of commercial/industrial type business in that area, i.e. Murray Timber/Rooney Joinery/Hughes Trucking etc. He highlighted also that there was existing lighting and footpaths in this area also. He requested that if a planning application came in for this area for business/commercial type use that it gets a fair decision. Cllr. Geraghty agreed with his comments. He stated that towns like Ballygar need areas like what is on Cloonlyon Road. He also requested that this area would be looked favourably upon to make it more attractive for industry.

***Cllr. M. Connolly advised that he was withdrawing his motion for rezoning here.***

Mr. Dunne stated that there was an established business there. He advised that the zoning of it won't make a difference to it. He stated that it wasn't appropriate to zone it in this instance.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed by the Members.***

## DUNMORE

### GLW C10-1312 – CLLR. D. KILLILEA

Mr. Dunne advised that Cllr. Killilea had a motion in on this also.

He advised this submission relates to the addition of two opportunity sites -OPT -DU 2 and OPT-DU 3.

Opportunity site no .2 measures 2.3ha and Opportunity site No.3 Measures 1.06ha.

#### **The proposing in relation to Opportunity No.2:**

Proposed Opportunity

To provide for a mix of uses capable of accommodating retail and or commercial development. The overall development proposal must address the street frontage

where the prominent use of land changes from residential to commercial. Innovative, high quality building design and appropriate layouts taking into account the location and setting of subject lands. A mix of commercial and residential uses or a mews type development may be appropriate here.

**The proposing in relation to Opportunity No.3:**

To provide for a mix of uses capable of accommodating retail and or commercial development.

The overall development proposal must address the street frontage where the prominent use of land changes from residential to commercial. Innovative, high quality building design and appropriate layouts taking into account the location and setting of subject lands.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

In relation to this Opportunity Site No.2 this relates to lands identified in Flood Zone A/B. As per the OPW Submission No. GLW-C10-588 the Justification test has been applied to these lands and as a result of other undeveloped alternative town centre lands been available, the Justification Test has been applied and these lands do not pass the Justification Test.

In relation to Opportunity Site No.3, it is located on Constrained Land Use and Village Centre lands.

In relation to this Opportunity Site No.3 this relates to lands identified in Flood Zone A/B. As per the OPW Submission No. GLW-C10-588 the Justification test has been applied to these lands and as a result of other undeveloped alternative town centre lands been available, the Justification Test has been applied and these lands do not pass the Justification Test.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

See OPW Recommendation.

***Mr. Dunne advised that Cllr. Killilea had a motion in on this also.  
It was agreed to take this motion when considering the OPW submission***

**GLW C10-8 – C.B. CUTELLE**

**(Pg 811)**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the issues raised in the submissions and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to the Dunmore/Tuam area. It is requested that more attention would be given to this area.

- The road between Dunmore and Tuam has not been widened.
- The street in Dunmore is still very narrow despite the proposal to demolish it previously
- There are a number of shops in the Tuam area that require to be refurbished
- Traffic arrangements around Tuam should be addressed
- Bus connections around Tuam

- Query in relation to the bypass around Dunmore-

**Chief Executive's Response:**

Submission Noted. It is considered that **Chapter 6 Transport and Movement** contains a number of policy objectives in relation to the improvement in the road network. It should also be pointed out that table 6.1 identifies road improvements in and around the Tuam/Dunmore area.

There are also Policy Objectives under section 6.5.2.4 that addresses public transport infrastructure.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

Cllr. Killilea advised that on the road between Dunmore and Tuam there were a number of schemes in the pipeline and by the end of this County Development Plan, a very significant portion of this roadway would be widened. He wished to acknowledge the submission that was made and stated that it has very warranted observations in relation to Dunmore. Referring to the Part 8 that would be coming in Q1 2022, he stated that this was going to be one of the most important infrastructural developments for Dunmore.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Killilea, seconded by Cllr. Sheridan and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-1873 POBAL RUA**

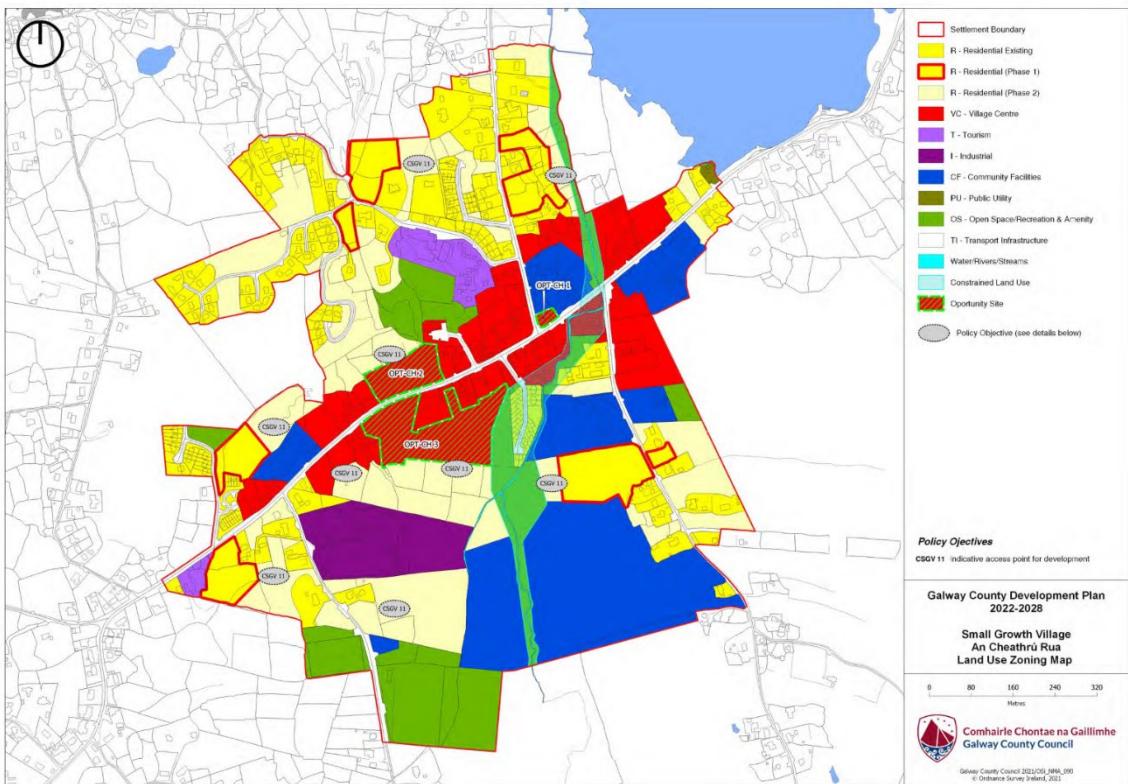
It was agreed to go back to this consider motion submitted by An Comh O Cualáin that was deferred at meeting on 06/01/2022.

**An Comh. O Cualáin submitted the following motion:-**

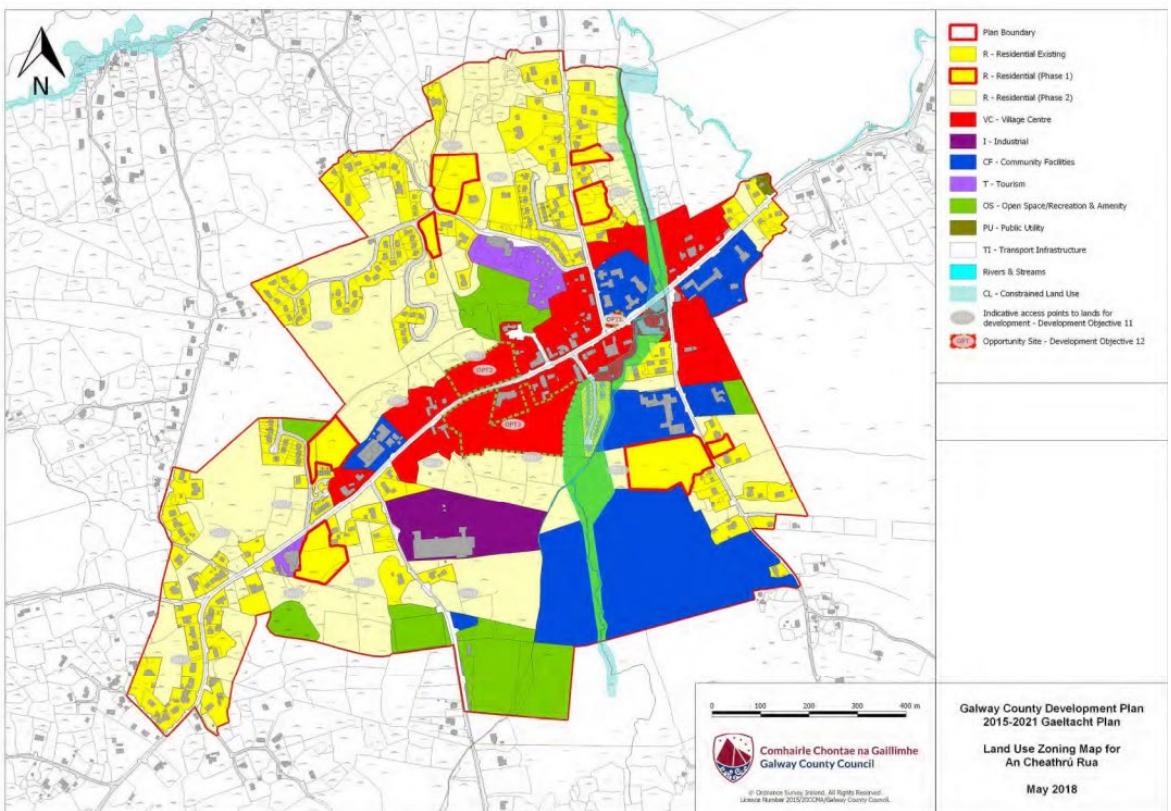
**Town boundary An Cheathrú Rua**

I propose the town boundary for An Cheathrú Rua is retained as per the previous town boundary in the Land use Zoning Map 2015-2021 as per Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021 Gaeltacht Plan.

**From:**



To;



In relation to the motion submitted by An Comh O Cualáin, Mr. Dunne stated that the motion had to be very clear and transparent so that they were aware of what was required to go out on public display which was not the case with the wording

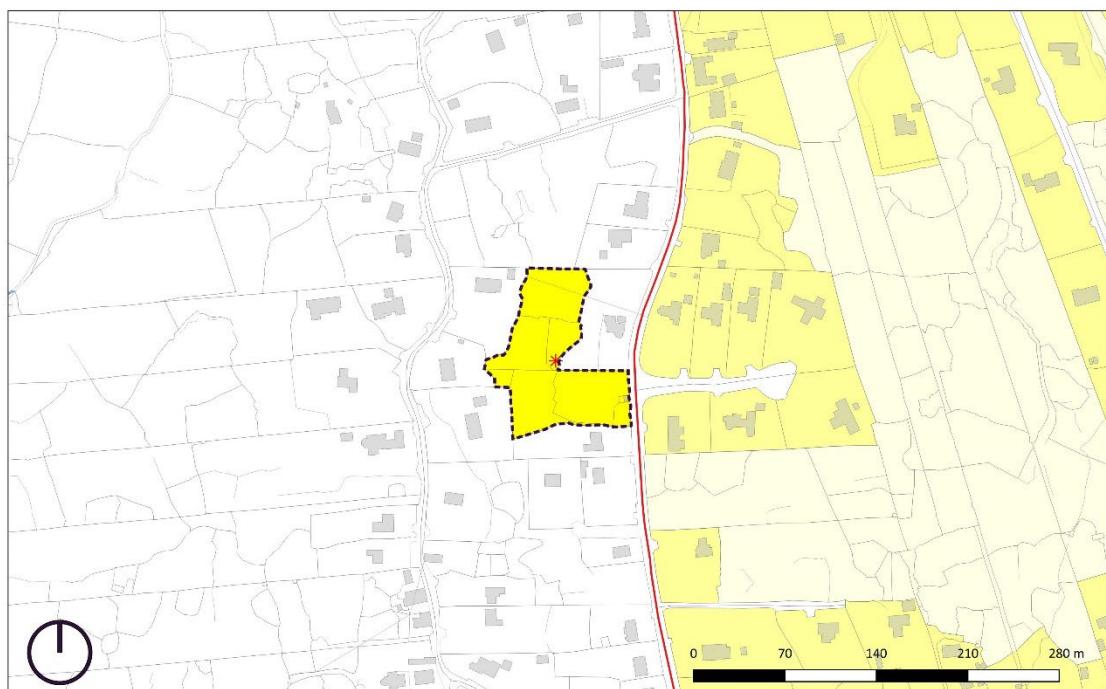
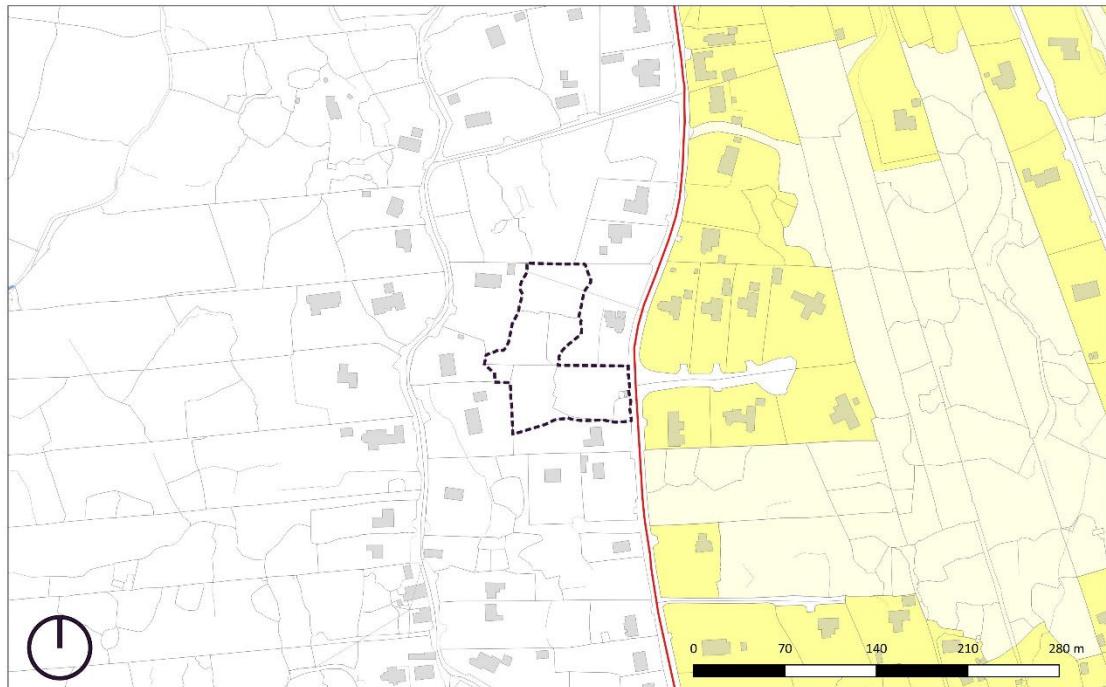
submitted. An Comh O Cualáin advised that he had sent in a further map and was requesting that boundary would revert back to what was in previous plan and advised that it wasn't going to effect the Core Strategy. Mr. Dunne explained that do so would mean extending out the town boundary and advised that it also included a lot of Existing Residential and queried if he was proposing R2 zoning for the rest of the lands. He further advised that there may be further minor amendments that needed to be brought to the attention of the members of the public when it goes out on public display. He advised that the R1 lands were not the same in both maps and the quantum of lands was different.

***Following further discussion, An Comh O Cualáin agreed to review wording of the motion submitted and it would be discussed again after lunch.***

### **GLW C10-834 – SHANE O'CONNOR**

Deferred Motion from 06/01/2022 – See Map below:

Material Alteration 2.2 - Bearna  
MASP - Bearna - Land Use Zoning Map  
Elected Members Amendments as a Result of Notice of Motion (GLW-C10-834)  
From - Outside Plan Boundary / To - Residential Infill  
Area - 0.807 Ha.



*It was proposed by Cllr. Thomas, seconded by An Comh. O Curraoin and agreed by the Members.*

**GLW C10-686 – HYMAN PROPERTIES**

**Deferred from 06/01/2022**

**Cllr. Walsh submitted the following Motion:**

*I propose that the Spiddal Town Boundary be extended to include the area coloured yellow on the attached map as Residential Infill and the Area coloured green as Amenity Green Space. This land is part of Existing Housing Estate 043817*

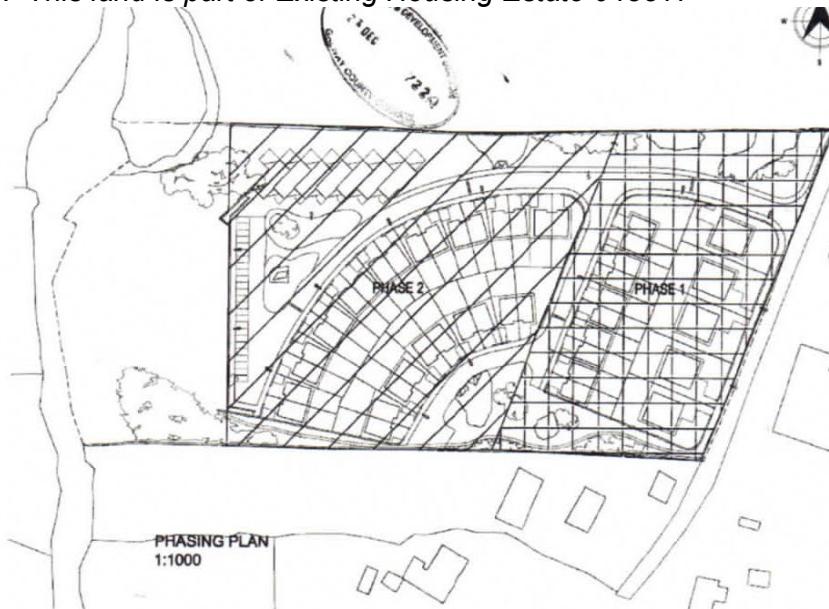
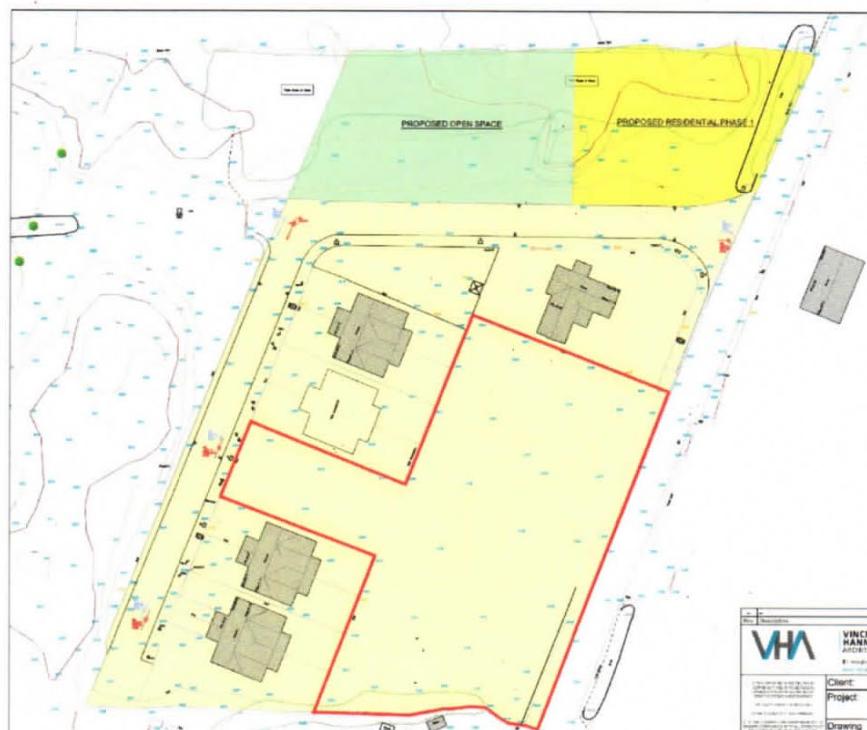


Fig 3. Phasing Diagram of Overall Ard na Speire Development 2007



Mr. Dunne advised that the CE would have concerns on this and was not in agreement with this proposal.

***Motion was proposed by Cllr. Walsh, seconded by An Comh. O Curraoin and agreed by the Members.***

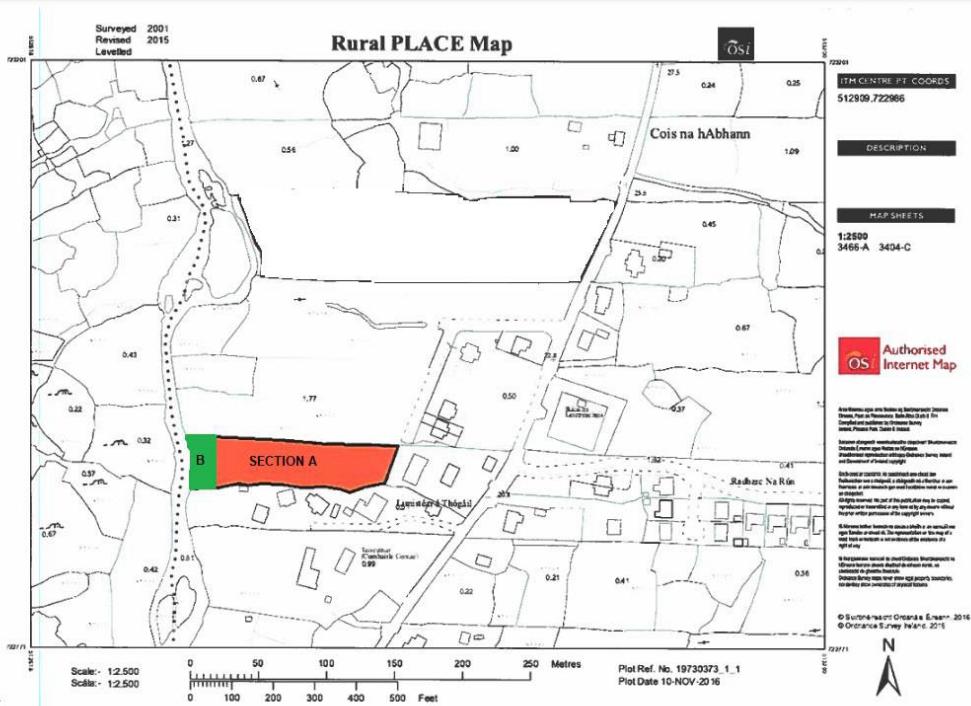
## GLW C10-112 – MARTIN ENDA THORNTON

Deferred from 06/01/2022

Cllr. Thomas submitted the following Motion:

*I propose to extend the Spiddal Town Boundary to include Section A coloured orange to be Residential R2 and Section B coloured Green to be Open Space Recreational and Amenity*

*Proposed Councillor Noel Thomas  
Seconded Councillor Seamus Walsh*



Mr. Dunne stated that they would have concerns about access to these lands.

**Motion was proposed by Cllr. Thomas, seconded by Cllr. Walsh and agreed by the Members. Cllr. Thomas advised that these were on family lands.**

## GLW C10-1910 – CLLR. IVAN CANNING

Deferred from 06/01/2022

Cllr. Canning submitted the following Motion:

*I propose to extend the local area plan boundary LEP for the town of Portumna and propose to zone a tract of land Tourism. The site is located North West of Portumna on the Woodford Road, on St Joseph's Road and is represented in its totality by the Tourism Zoning on the Portumna Plan currently in place.*

*I confirm that the tract of land is on the current local area plan.*

**Motion was proposed by Cllr. Canning, seconded by Cllr. Walsh and agreed by the Members.**

## **GLW C10-710 – JOHN KEANE**

Deferred from 06/01/2022

Cllr. McClearn stated that if this proposal refers to GLW C10 – 710, it is reflecting existing.

*It was agreed to zone the lands Tourism as per the Portumna LAP 2016-2022.  
Proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Canning and agreed by the Members.*

## **GLW C10-1156 – HG ARCHITECTURE C/O MARTIN GILLANE**

Deferred from 06/01/2022

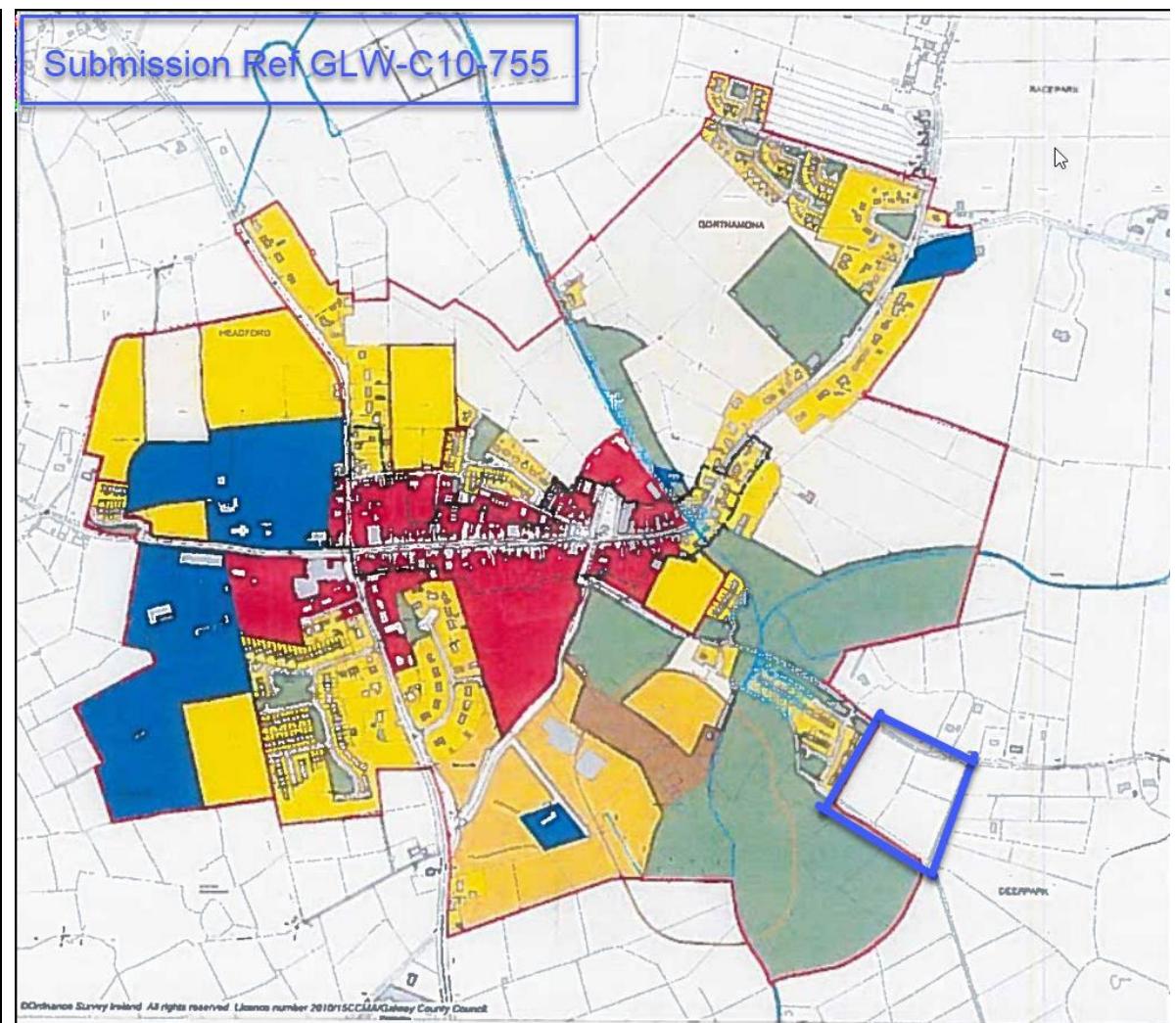
*Ms. Loughnane advised that the lands pertinent to this submission should be read in conjunction with GLW C10-710 above and this was agreed by the Members.*

## **GLW C10-755 – J. Creaven**

Deferred from 06/01/2022

**The following Motion was submitted by Cllr. Hoade:**

*I propose to extend town boundary and include those lands in Phase Two as per the map with the original submission.*



Mr. Dunne advised that this was adding to the significant quantum of R2 lands already zoned in Headford.

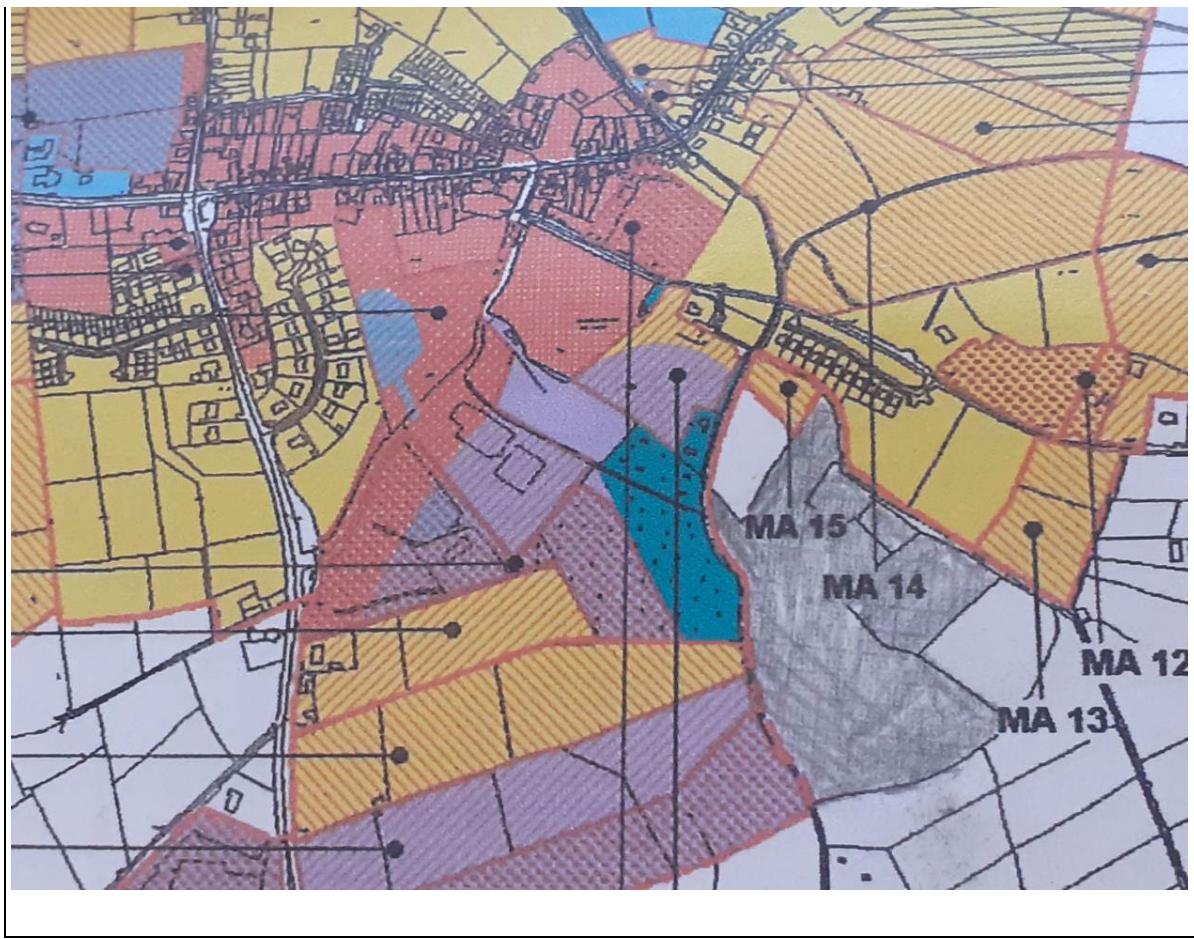
***Motion was proposed by Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Reddington and agreed by the Members.***

### **GLW C10-844 – D. KING**

Deferred from 06/01/2022

**The following Motion was submitted by Cllr. Hoade:**

***I propose that we zone this (shaded grey) land R2 as per the map with the submission.***



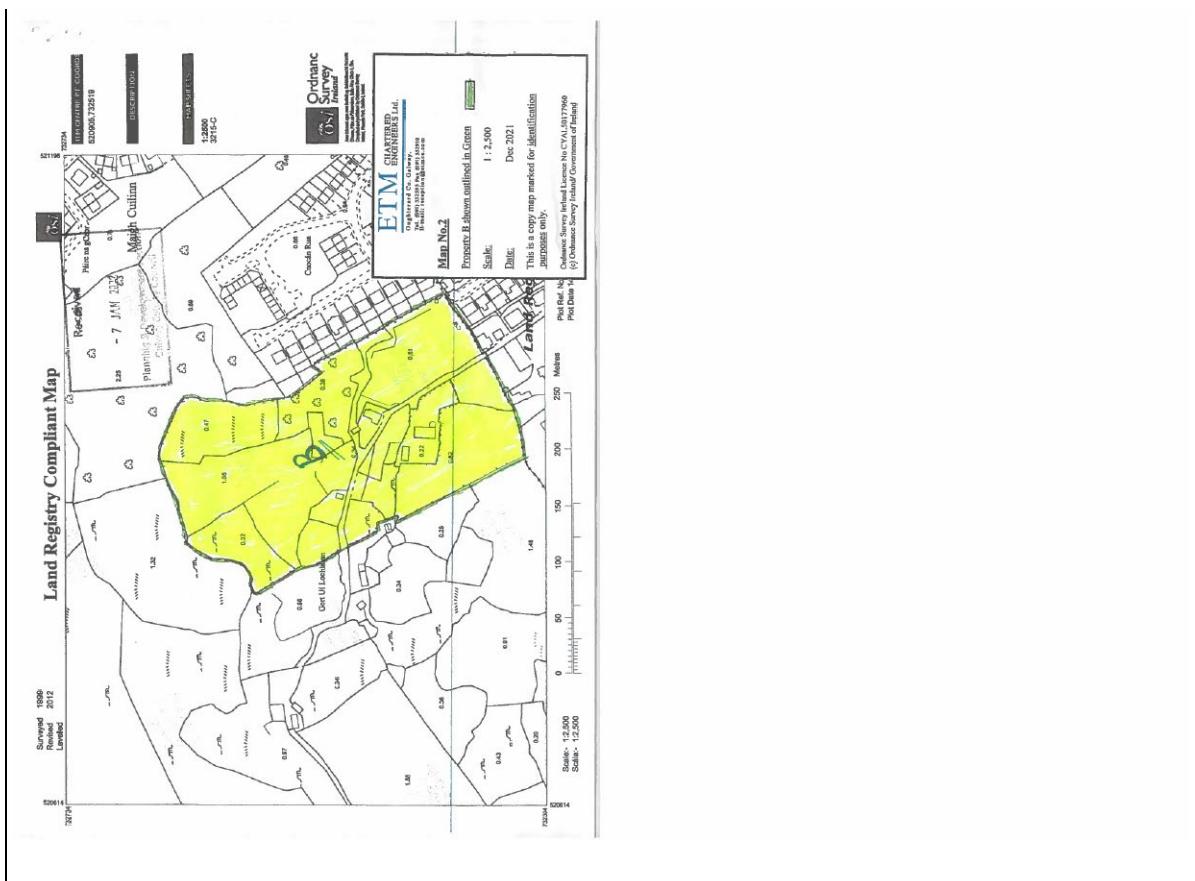
***Motion was proposed by Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Reddington and agreed by the Members.***

***Mr. Dunne advised that on portion of the lands where there is flood risk, that these would be zoned Open Space/Recreation and otherwise they would be R2. This was agreed by the Members.***

Cllr. Byrne requested that a map showing the extent of all of the R2 lands zoned in the Headford area. Mr. Dunne, whilst acknowledging the extent of the additional R2 lands zoned in Headford, advised Cllr. Byrne that the Forward Planning Section would not be in a position to have the full quantum of R2 lands zoned during this Council Meeting mapped in the timeframe suggested.

**Cllr. Thomas submitted the following Motion:**

***I propose that the village boundary be extended and the area marked in yellow to be zoned agriculture.***



Mr. Dunne advised that the lands in question are regarded as agriculture as they stand. He further advised that there was existing residential on it and it was being proposed for rezoning as agriculture but it didn't reflect what was on the ground. Cllr. McKinstry queried what were the consequences of zoning of agricultural land inside town boundary. Mr. Dunne advised that they wouldn't be recommending zoning existing residential units as agriculture. He advised that the lands were agriculture as per the Development Plan and did not need to be zoned *Agriculture*. Cllr. Thomas stated that he would be amending proposal to zone existing properties Existing Residential, and the remainder Agriculture and he requested that this be deferred until later.

***It was agreed to defer this motion until later.***

### **GLW C10-1281 – CLLR. NOEL THOMAS**

**Deferred from 06/01/2022**

Mr. Dunne stated that they would have reservations about this proposal in terms of compact growth and not complying with NPF.

Cllr. Thomas advised that this was very near the village and there was a long planning history to this particular site. He was proposing that change of use of these lands from Residential to Community facilities. He stated that site was not suited to residential use from a flooding point of view and would be ideal for community use given its location in the village centre. Referring to the wooded area behind the site, he stated that there was a lot of native woodland contained there and it was proposed

to remove same to make way for this development. He referred to earlier comments made by Members about the number of villages that didn't have community facilities in their villages and that 90% of people were in favour of protecting this ground for community use.

Cllr. Mannion stated that they were assured by the Director of Services for Housing that the flooding issues would be resolved and addressed. She stated that she was not concerned about the flooding risk here and was disheartened when the P8 was refused in 2020 on this site for 31 no. social houses to be provided here. She stated it would be a shame if it wasn't developed on given the housing crisis that existed. Regarding the reference to community facilities, she reminded the Members that Coillte had given 23 acres over to Oughterard Community Development to develop as community facilities. She stated that she was asking her colleagues to support the CE recommendation and not to dezone these lands and give an opportunity to provide much needed homes for people.

Cllr. Byrne stated he was opposed to rezoning these lands and would not support Cllr. Thomas's motion. He suggested that if community facilities were so important, perhaps the previous motion submitted by Cllr. Thomas proposing zoning of agricultural lands, that that could be used as community facilities as he could see no benefit of zoning agriculture within the town boundary.

Cllr. McKinstry stated he would not be supporting this motion and proposed to hold on to these lands for Social Housing. He stated that they were assured that the flooding issues would be resolved.

Cllr. Welby also stated that he was opposing this motion. He stated that these lands were too big to develop as open space. While appreciating how passionate Cllr. Thomas was about this, he stated he would be extremely concerned about giving rise to ASB if this large tract of land was developed as a large open space area. He advised that this could be detrimental to the community and particularly to those living close to it. He stated that there was 23 acres of land given by Coillte to develop community lands/open space area and he stated that this was more appropriate for development of community facilities. He further stated that he would not like this as a green area with the huge foliage cover there. He suggested they get input from Director of Housing on this discussion also.

Cllr. Walsh advised that it was not practical to develop Coillte lands as they were too far out from the town. He stated that Cllr. Thomas was trying to safeguard this area for future community facilities and he would be supporting him in this motion.

Mr. Hanrahan, Director of Services advised that when this came up for rezoning at May Meeting, it was agreed to leave the zoning as R1. He advised that since then the Part 8 for Social Housing had been refused. He stated that they had taken on board the reasons why it had been refused and have worked on the layout to include housing for People with Disabilities, Old Persons Dwelling and part of the development would include community facilities, such as pathways, outdoor basketball facilities which would be included in the next Part 8. He advised that they have solutions to the reasons why it was refused. He further advised that this was the only R1 land the Council owned in Moycullen and if this was taken away, the only option would be to purchase lands which would be cost prohibitive. He advised the Members against rezoning of these lands as requested.

Cllr. Thomas stated that the Coillte lands were too far away from the village and it has been earmarked for a community centre. He stated that the onus and responsibility of the Local Authority was to try and promote community growth in a responsible manner. He urged the Members to vote in favour of his motion.

As the motion was not agreed, the Cathaoirleach called for a vote. The Vote was taken and the following was the result:

For: 16

Cllr. M. Connolly	Comh. O Cualain	Cllr. Curley
Comh. O Curraoin	Cllr. Dolan	Cllr. Finnerty
Cllr. Geraghty	Cllr. Herterich/Quinn	Cllr. Hoade
Cllr. Killilea	Cllr. Kinane	Cllr. King
Cllr. McHugh/Farag	Cllr. Sheridan	Cllr. Thomas
Cllr. Walsh		

Against: 21

Cllr. Broderick	Cllr. Byrne	Cllr. Carroll
Cllr. Charity	Cllr. Collins	Cllr. D. Connolly
Cllr. Cronnelly	Cllr. Cuddy	Cllr. Donohue
Cllr. P. Keaveney	Cllr. Kelly	Cllr. Mac an Iomaire
Cllr. Maher	Cllr. Mannion	Cllr. McClearn
Cllr. McKinstry	Cllr. Murphy	Cllr. Parsons
Cllr. Reddington	Cllr. Roche	Cllr. Welby

No Response: 2

***The Cathaoirleach declared the motion not carried.***

**Cllr. Thomas submitted the following motion:**

*Wildlands, Moycullen – agriculture to Tourism*

*The proposal is to extend the plan boundary to include a small parcel of agricultural land outlined in red and to zone it as tourism.*



Mr. Dunne stated that the CE recommendation was that this would not proceed as proposed as tourism. He stated that it was outside the town boundary and would be against the elongation of the planning boundary beyond the bye-pass.

Cllr. Thomas explained that Wildlands have an access route under the Bye-Pass. He stated that this piece of land was owned by Wildlands and would help them to expand and develop their business.

Mr. Dunne advised that from looking at OS map, it would appear there was a risk of flooding at this location as it was located beside the River Corrib and would have concerns from a flooding and environmental perspective. He further advised that TII would have a major issue with this zoning also and would raise a number of red flags to Prescribed Authorities.

As the motion was not agreed, the Cathaoirleach called for a vote. The Vote was taken, and the following was the result:

For: 19

Cllr. Canning	Cllr. D. Connolly	Cllr. M. Connolly
Comh. O Cualain	Cllr. Curley	Comh. O Curraoin
Cllr. Dolan	Cllr. Geraghty	Cllr. Herterich/Quinn
Cllr. Hoade	Cllr. C. Keaveney	Cllr. Killilea
Cllr. Kinane	Cllr. King	Cllr. Parsons
Cllr. Sheridan	Cllr. Thomas	Cllr. Walsh
Cllr. Welby		

Against: 11

Cllr. Byrne	Cllr. Carroll	Cllr. Charity
Cllr. Collins	Cllr. P. Keaveney	Cllr. Maher
Cllr. Mannion	Cllr. McClearn	Cllr. Murphy
Cllr. Reddington	Cllr. Roche	

Abstain: 7

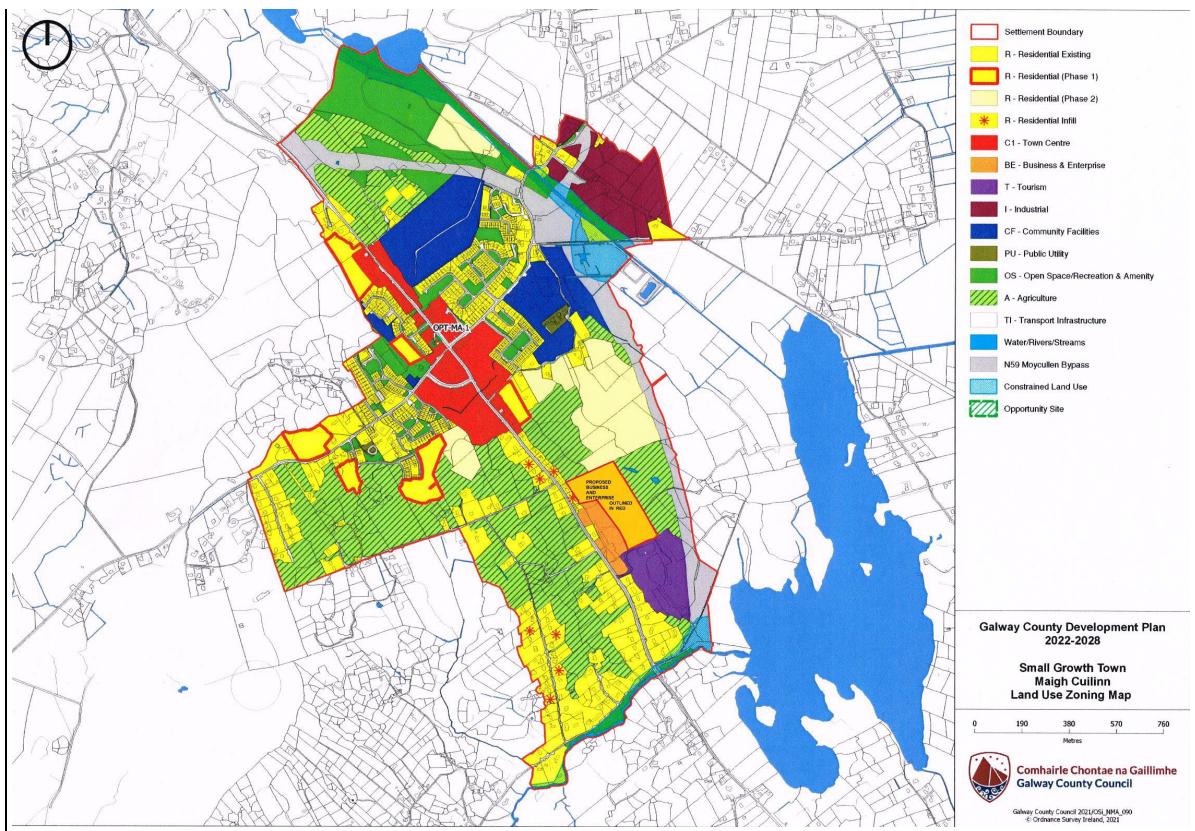
Cllr. Broderick	Cllr. Cronnelly	Cllr. Cuddy
Cllr. Donohue	Cllr. Kelly	Cllr. McHugh/Farag
Cllr. McKinstry		

No Reply: 2

***The Cathaoirleach declared the Motion carried.***

**Cllr. Walsh submitted the following motion:**

*I propose the attached map (Moycullen Business & Enterprise) with lands to be changed to Business and Enterprise outlined in red, labelled and coloured yellow*



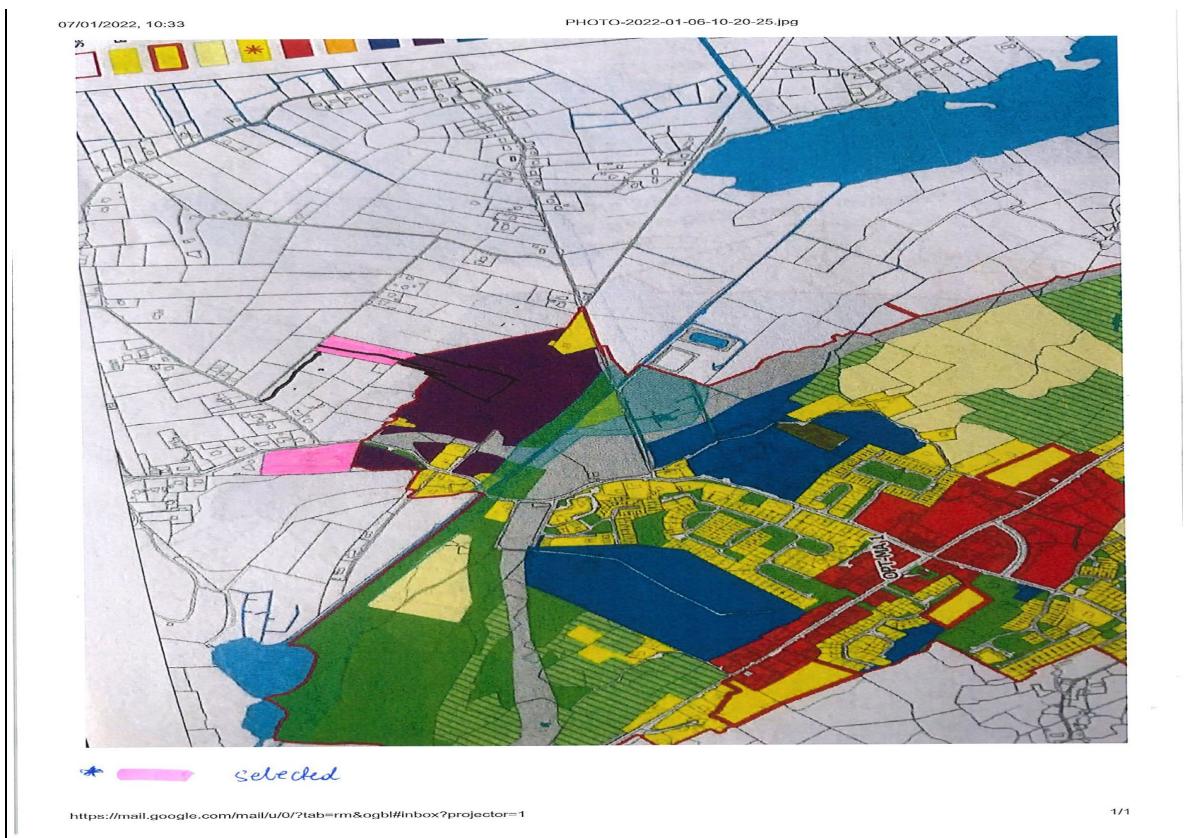
Mr. Dunne stated the CE would have concerns about the extensive area to be zoned and extending zoning of Business/Enterprise out that far and advised that it was zoned Agriculture in last plan.

Cllr. Walsh stated that this had always been an industrial area and had been zoned industrial in the past but accepted it wasn't in the Draft Plan.

***The motion was proposed by Cllr. Walsh, seconded by Cllr. Thomas and agreed by the Members.***

**Cllr. Mannion submitted the following Motion:**

*I propose that the village boundary be extended to include area in pink with black line through it and the lands be zoned industrial.*



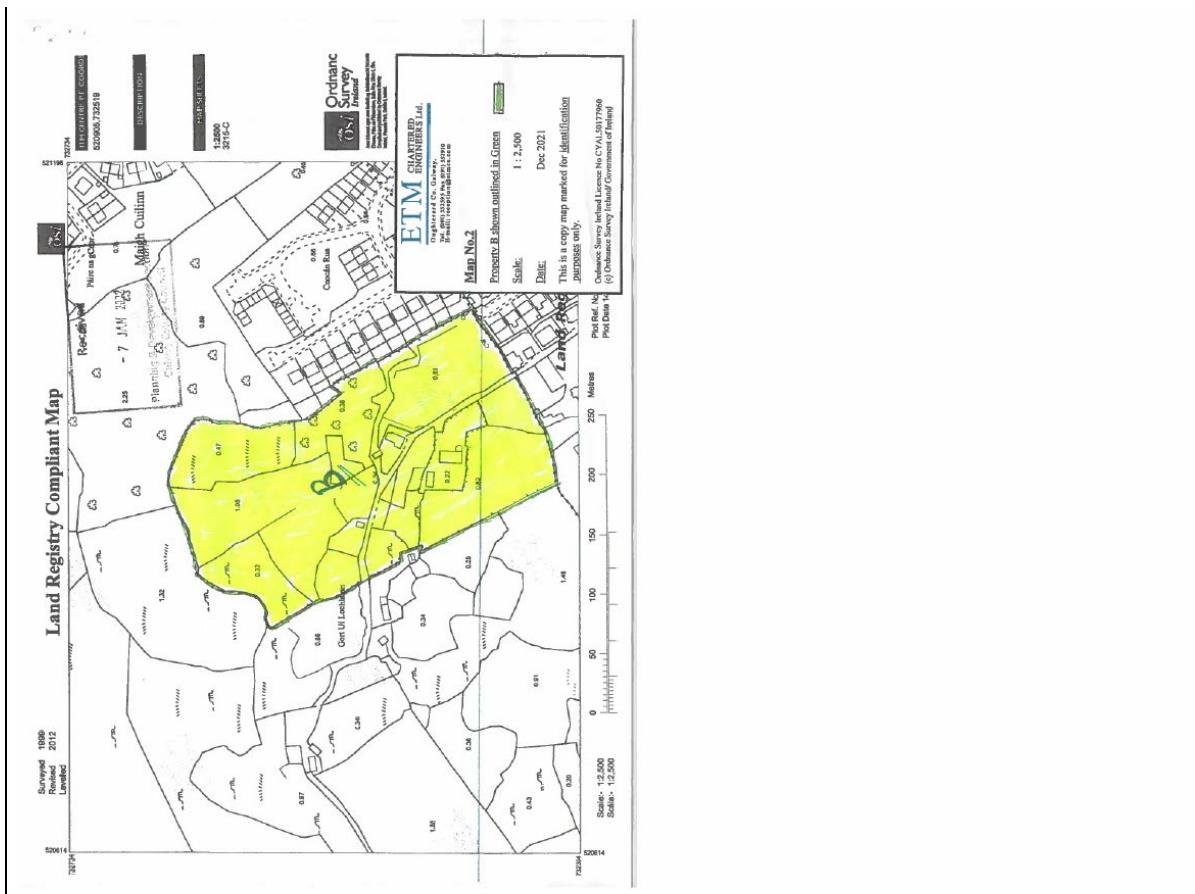
Mr. Dunne explained that it was a small extension to Industrial zoned lands and advised that there were sufficient lands there for expansion. He advised that CE would not be recommending the extension of this zoning.

***The motion was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. McKinstry and agreed by the Members.***

**Deferred from 06/01/2022**

**Cllr. Thomas submitted the following amended motion:**

*I propose that the village boundary be extended and the area marked in yellow to be zoned agriculture and the existing residential property be zoned Existing Residential.*



Mr. Dunne advised that the CE recommendation was that it does not consider it necessary to extend the boundary to zone it Agriculture.

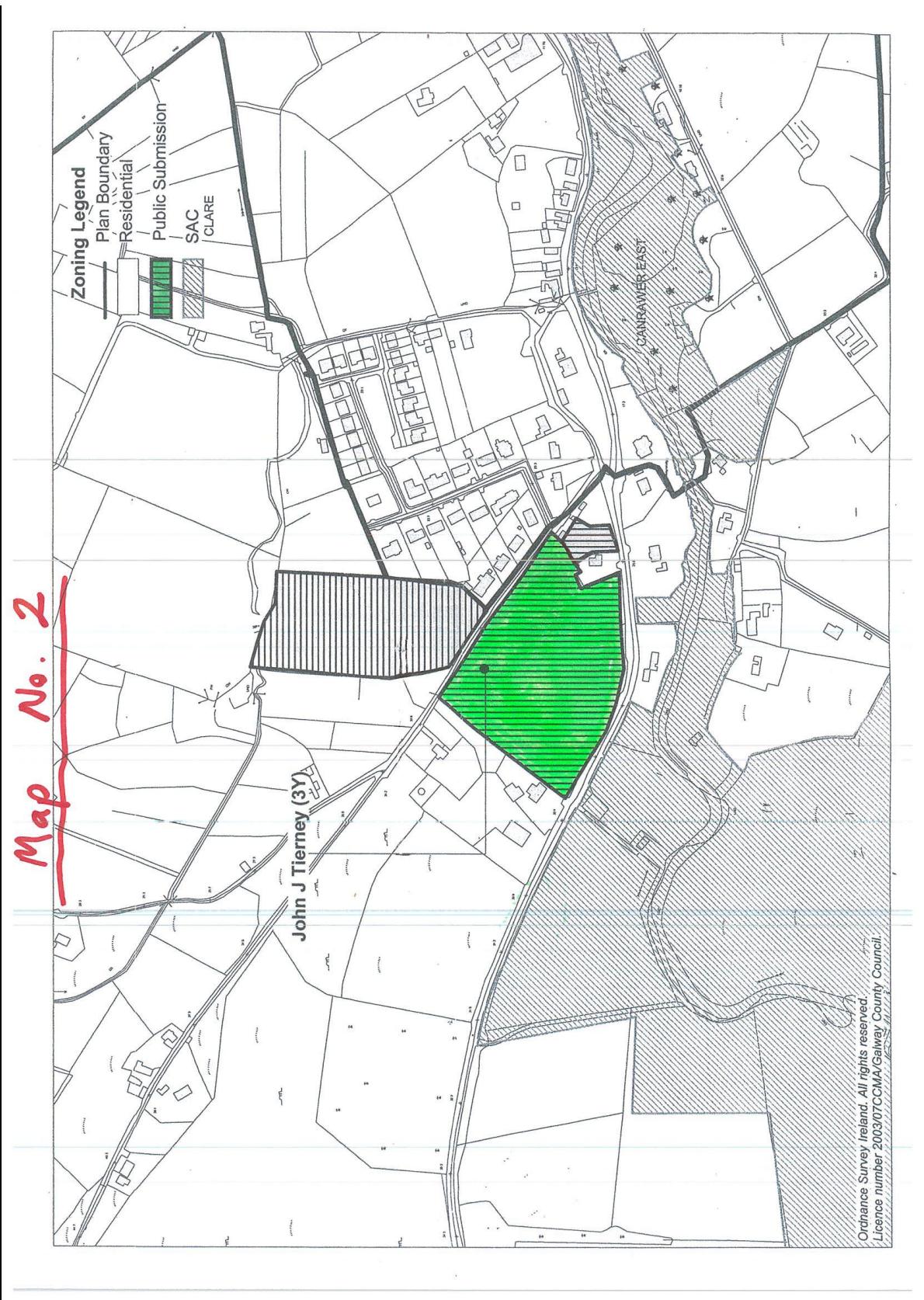
***Motion was proposed by Cllr. Thomas, seconded by Cllr. Killilea and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-1157 JJ & E TIERNEY**

**Deferred from 06/01/2022**

**ClIr. Mannion submitted the following Motion:**

*I propose that the town boundary be extended to include lands hatched on enclosed map and land be zoned Residential Phase 2.*



Ms. Loughnane advised that CE would have reservations about this zoning and zoning R2 was not appropriate at this location.

Cllr. Mannion advised that they would have originally wanted R1 zoning but accepted that this was not possible so was proposing that that it be zoned R2.

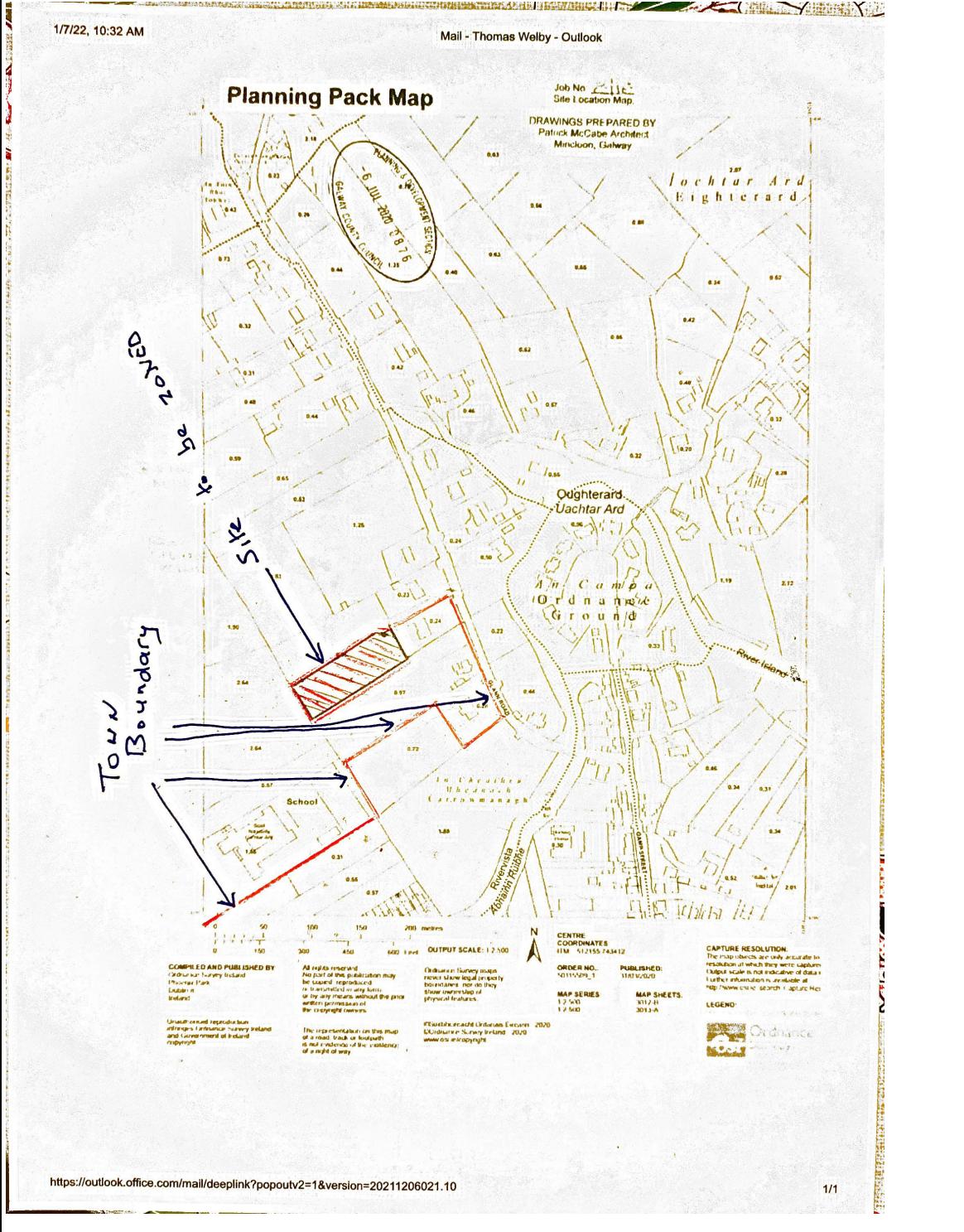
***Motion was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. King and agreed by the Members.***

GLW C10 849 – S. TIERNEY

Deferred from 06/01/2022

**The following Motion was submitted by Cllr. Mannion:**

*I propose to extend town boundary to include site hatched in red and to zone lands residential infill for one house.*



Ms. Loughnane advised that the zoning of these lands residential infill is not appropriate and is remote from the town plan boundary.

***The motion was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. King and agreed by the Members.***

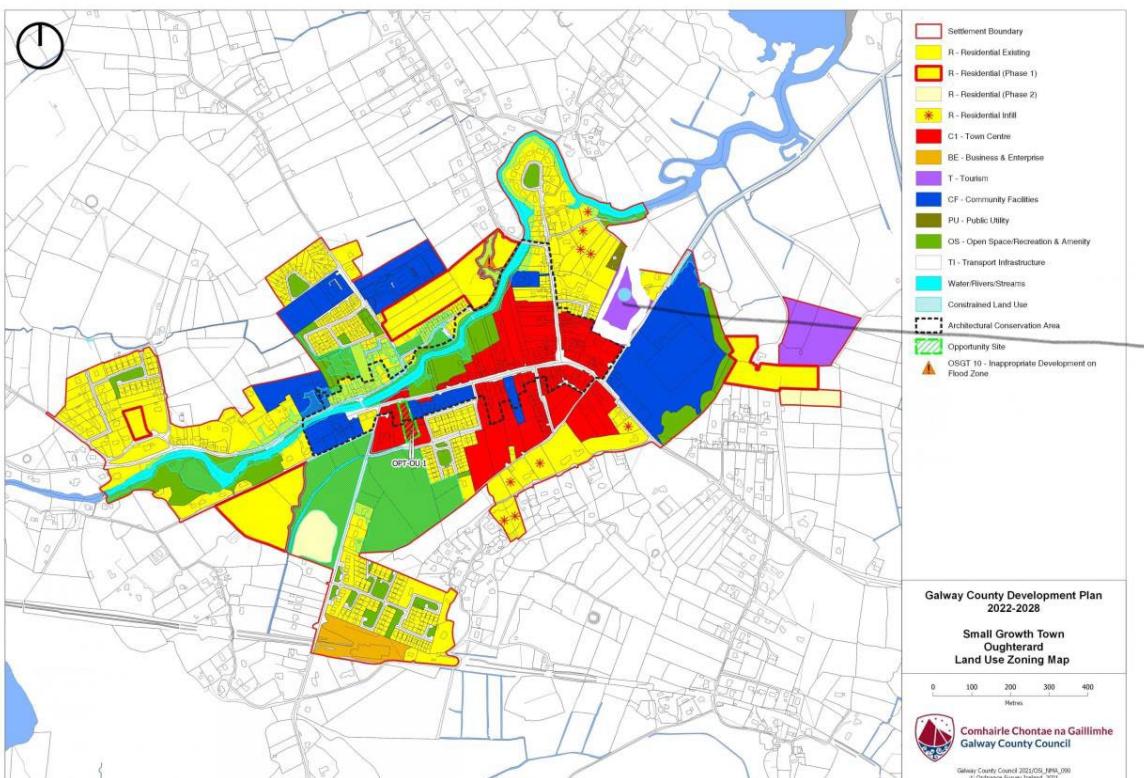
### **GLW C10-866 P KEOGH**

**Deferred from 06/01/2022**

**Cllr. Welby submitted the following Motion:**

*I wish to extend the Town Plan Boundary and zone B, C, & D Residential Phase 2 and accept the CEOs recommendation in relation to A as per the map supplied with the submission.*

*Please see attached map on which i wish to remove the T - Tourism zoning on lands on the Pier road in the Town (outlined in white with a black line going east - and replace with C1 - Town Centre. This is the zoning that was attached to this property on the pre-draft plan. It should be noted that a portion of these lands are the subject to a live planning application 21/1289 (request for further information 7th Sept 2021) and the adjoining lands in the same parcel are the subject of a proposed Primary Care centre*



Ms. Loughnane advised that this was quite a distance from town and CE would not be recommending it.

***The Motion was proposed by Cllr. Welby, seconded by Cllr. Mannion and agreed by the Members.***

### **GLW C10-807 – D FINN**

Deferred from 06/01/2022

Mr. Dunne outlined there is concerns regarding the adjoining lands based on the Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment and access arrangements thereafter to serve a future dwelling.

**Elected Members of the Athenry/Oranmore Municipal District submitted the following Motion:**

*We the undersigned Elected Members of the Athenry Oranmore Municipal District hereby propose that 0.1699 Ha (0.42Acres) of lands located at Cartron, Garraun, Oranmore, Co Galway be zoned from Open Space/Amenity& Recreation to Residential Phase 2 in the 2022-2028 Galway County Development Plan. This piece of land has been in the ownership of the Finn family for in excess of 30 years and would facilitate the construction of a one off family home for the personal use of Mr Donnacha Finn who operates a Motor Dealership business in Oranmore and who currently resides in rental accommodation in Renville Village.*

*The subject site as detailed in green on the accompanying Land Registry Compliant Map is in close proximity to the public sewer and public water supply.*

**Cllr Liam Carroll, Cllr James Charity, Cllr David Collins, Cllr Gabe Cronnelly, Cllr Jim Cuddy, Cllr Albert Dolan, Cllr Shelly Herterich Quinn**

***Motion was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Collins and agreed by the Members.***

### **GLW C10-1863 POBAL RUA**

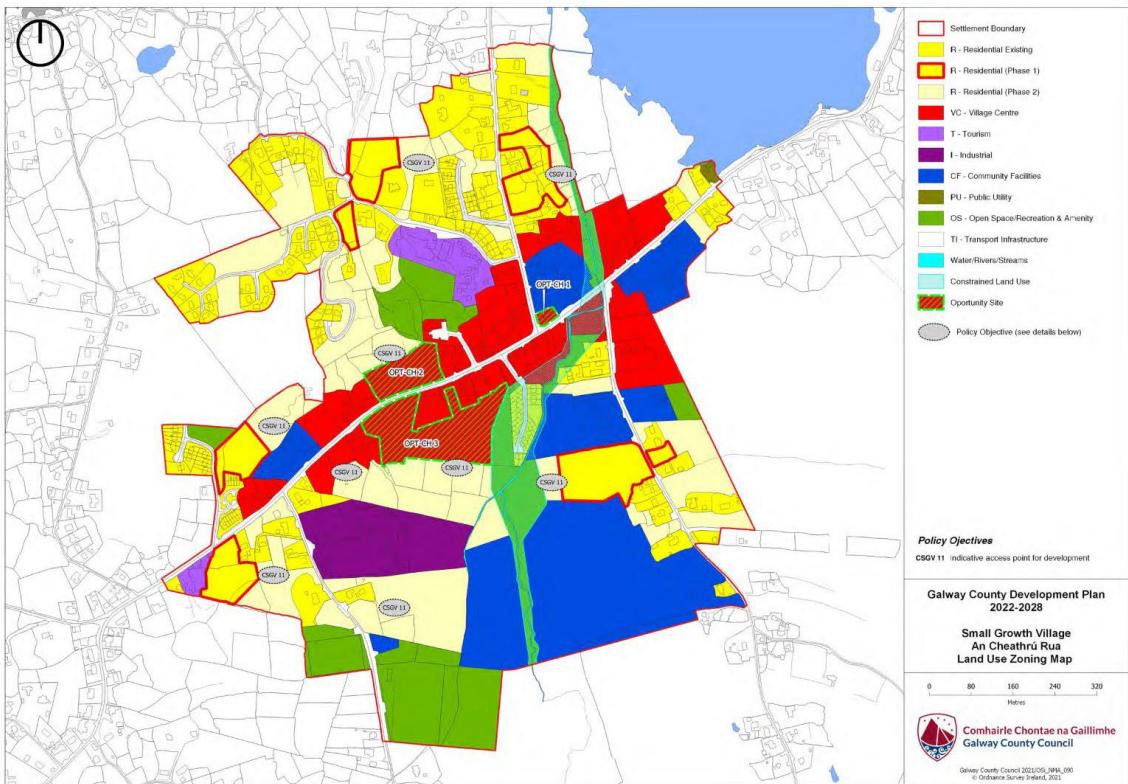
Deferred from 06/01/2022

Mr. Dunne queried the justification for extending the Plan Boundary to revert back to the extant boundary as per variation 2B to the current Development Plan.

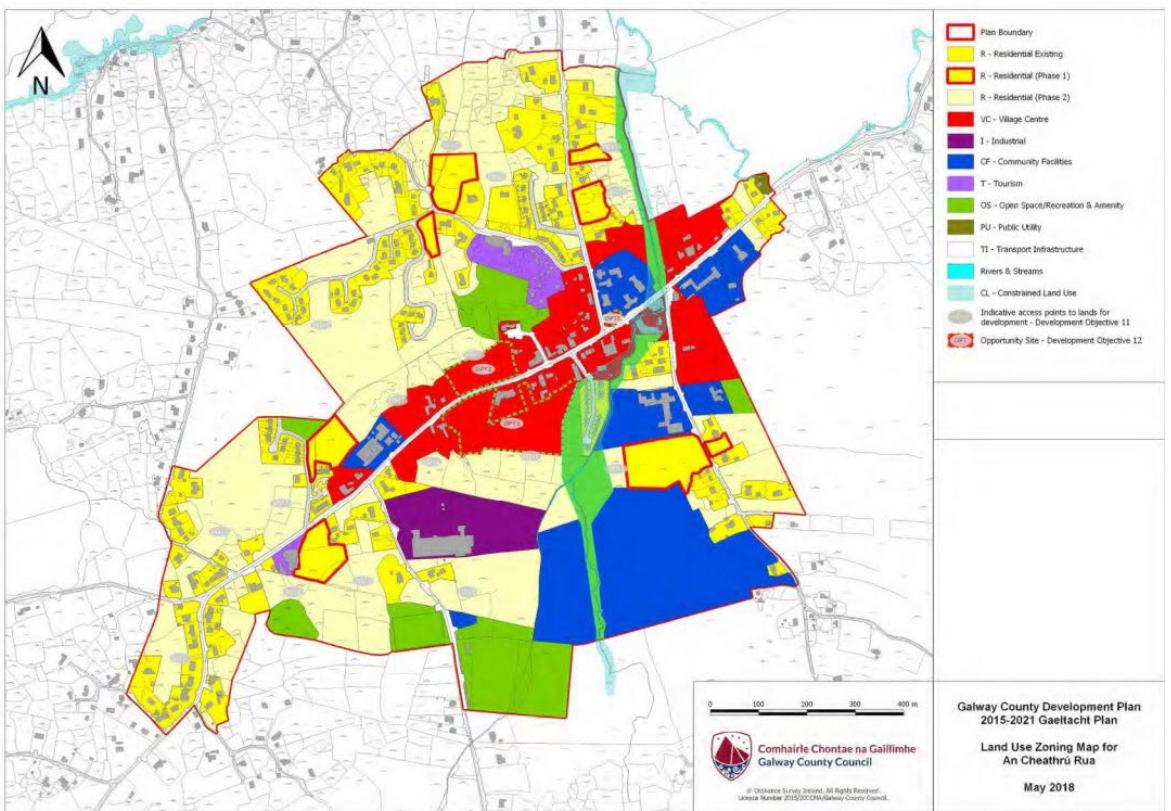
**Amended Motion submitted by An Comh. O Cualáin:**

*I propose to revert to current variation 2B as Per the Land Use Zoning Map for An Cheathrú Rua 2015-2021. I propose to retain all of the R1 Lands as per the draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 Small Growth Village An Cheathrú Rua Land Use Zoning map as on display. I propose to Zone lands R2 and associated land uses and land uses as per 2015-2021 Galway County Development Plan.*

**From this**



To This;



***Motion was proposed by An Comh O Cualáin, seconded by Cllr. Thomas and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-11 – JOHN SHAUGHNESSY**

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Mr. Dunne outlined the contents of the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission has requested that the lands be rezoned from Business and Technology to Agriculture.

### **Chief Executive's Response:**

The submission to rezone the subject lands from Business and Technology to Agriculture has been noted. It is not considered appropriate to introduce the Agriculture zoning to the Oranmore Settlement Plan. Therefore, it would be considered appropriate to remove these lands from the settlement boundary, and the lands would be unzoned. Any development potential of these lands would need to satisfy the policy objectives outlined in ***Chapter 4 Rural Living and Development.***

### **Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

Remove the subject lands from the settlement boundary;

**From:**



**To**



**CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Cuddy, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed by the Members.**

## GLW C10-556 DARRAGH GUINNANE

Cllr. Cronnelly submitted the following Motion:

*I wish to have the 0.5ha as outlined on the attached map rezoned to R2 zoning & included within the Oranmore Local Plan Boundary.*



Mr. Dunne advised that there was a detailed report was included with submission regarding request to zone to Residential 1. He advised that CE would have concerns as it is adjacent to an Environmental Site. Ms. Loughnane stated that the Engineer acting on behalf of landowner had taken all set-backs into account on road so as to meet the required R1 lands to be rezoned. She advised that those R1 lands don't really exist as they are taken off potentially where there may be development and taking it off the roadside edge. She advised as a Planning Authority, Galway County Council would not be recommending this. She advised that there was a long history

with this site, it had an adjoining SAC and had a history of flooding in the past. She advised that they would not be recommending R1 zoning.

Cllr. Cuddy advised that this was no longer a SAC and it was outside the Planning Boundary. Cllr. M. Connolly advised that there was a significant history with this site. He read out a summary of the history of this site and supported Cllr. Cronnelly's motion to rezone it to R1 lands. Cllr. Dolan advised that this was a family site, and the family home was within the town.

Mr. Owens advised that the Members had already agreed with the CE Recommendation at Meeting on 06/01/2022 and therefore this motion was not valid. Following on from queries from Members regarding submitting an alternative motion, Mr. Owens advised that it was open to the Members to bring forward an alternative motion, but they would not be able to revisit a motion that has already been decided upon. Cllr. Cronnelly stated that he would submit a Motion and advised that the wording of same would not reverse or contradict the previous motion that had been voted upon.

***It was agreed to come back to this Motion once it was submitted.***

## **GLW C10-946 SEAN MCDONNELL**

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Mr. Dunne outlined the contents of the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to lands at the east of Claregalway Road (R381) which are zoned Business and Technology, Open Space / Recreation & Amenity and Environmental Management in the Oranmore Local Area Plan 2012-2022.

As part of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, the lands are zoned Business & Technology, with a small area of Open Space / Recreation & Amenity within the site boundary. It is requested that the lands would be rezoned from Business and Technology to Business and Enterprise. The submission outlines a rationale for the proposed zoning.

### **Chief Executive's Response:**

Noted. These lands have been identified as Business & Technology. It is an objective of the MASP to promote the development of high value business and technology uses to reinforce Oranmore's role as a growth centre for large, innovative, companies in sectors including, science and technology-based industry in life sciences, bio-pharma, IT, internationally traded services and Research and Development. It is not considered appropriate to identify these lands Business and Enterprise as this site is more appropriate for business and technology uses permitted under the MASP.

### **Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

Cllr. Carroll advised that the Members from Athenry/Oranmore Municipal District had submitted a Motion on this and would be submitting required maps.

***It was agreed to defer decision on this motion until required maps were submitted.***

## **GLW C10-2242 MICHAL MANNION**

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Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised this submission relates to lands in Tuam and requests for re-zoning of lands.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

**Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy** contains the Core Strategy Table(2.9) where settlements are listed and a quantum of population and lands required for Residential Development are indicated. Tuam is identified as a Key Town as per the RSES. It is expected that the existing Tuam Plan will be reviewed and a Draft Tuam Plan will be published in Quarter 1 of 2022 where submissions can be made on Draft Plan.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

Cllr. Killilea advised that he had spoken to Forward Planning Section on this and stated that this was inside Tuam LAP. He had been advised that Tuam LAP will be going out in Q2 2022 and this may be dealt with at that stage. Advice from Planners is that it cannot be dealt with now as it is in LAP.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Killilea, seconded by Cllr. C. Keaveney and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-997 – SEAN O DRISCEOIL**

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Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised this submission has raised a number of issues regarding Connemara. The following recommendations are listed:

- That all Municipalities have a specific plan published and that the citizen need not examine the Draft Galway County Development Plan for the area in which they are interested.
- It is imperative that planning officers with Irish are dealing with South Connemara and the Aran islands, so that the planning system can give a full

and proper service to the public who choose to do their business through Irish with the Planning Officer.

- That an investigation is carried out into the way that Galway County Council is handling the R336 (previously L100 and N76) despite a request by Údarás na Gaeltachta 30 years ago that it be improved, and even though joint-research between Údarás na Gaeltachta and Galway County Council showed that it had the heaviest traffic in Connemara and a high-frequency of bad accidents (See 'A Preliminary Examination of Accident Patterns in Galway and Donegal Gaeltacht Areas' by An Foras Forbartha 1982).

**Chief Executive's Response:**

**Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy** contains the Core Strategy Table(2.9) where settlements are listed and a quantum of population and lands required for Residential Development are indicated. It is considered that the approach taken aligns with both national and regional policy as outlined in the NPF and RSES and is in line with the *Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning Guidelines* (2020). It is not considered appropriate that the municipalities in the county would have their own plan.

This recommendation is not under the remit of the Galway County Development Plan.

As outlined in **Chapter 6 Transport and Movement R336 is listed in Table 6.1** which supports the extensions and improvements to existing network.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. McKinstry, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-869 - KEVIN DOLAN**

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Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised this submission relates to lands in Poolboy, Ballinasloe. It is stated that the subject lands are currently zoned Industrial and that these lands should be zoned Residential.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

**Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy** contains the Core Strategy Table(2.9) where settlements are listed and a quantum of population and lands required for Residential Development are indicated. Ballinasloe is identified as a Key Town as per the RSES. The Draft Ballinasloe Local Area Plan is currently on display (22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021) where submissions can be made on the Draft Plan, under a separate process from the Draft Galway County Development Plan.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-752 SEAN O'KEEFE**

(Pg 217)

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised this submission relates to Bearna and its proposed designation as a strategic settlement in the MASP. It is stated that Bearna is not suitable for development as a metropolitan area of Galway City owing to its geographic constraints and limited services. It is noted that the local primary school is presently oversubscribed, and there is no secondary school. It is noted that the R336 is severely congested and there are major traffic issues in the village.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

Bearna is identified as a settlement within the Metropolitan Area of Galway County. This designation was pre-determined by the Department of Planning Housing and Local Government and subsequently the boundary for the Galway County Metropolitan area was included in the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy(RSES). The Settlement Plans identified in Volume 2 of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 reflects the Metropolitan Plan boundary as per the RSES.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. McKinstry and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-669 AINE NI CHONCHUBHAIR**

(Pg 218)

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised the submission states that Bearna village and area is not suitable for metropolitan city area development. The submission outlines the reasons for this statement. Issues of traffic, water and sewerage have been raised.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

Bearna is identified as a settlement within the Metropolitan Area of Galway County. This designation was pre-determined by the Department of Planning Housing and Local Government and subsequently the boundary for the Galway County Metropolitan area was included in the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy(RSES). The Settlement Plans identified in Volume 2 of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 reflect the Metropolitan Plan boundary as per the RSES.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. McKinstry and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-941 RHOC GORT LTD**

(Pg 218)

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised the submission relates to **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy** and it is requested to Amend "Table 2.9:Core Strategy" of the Draft CDP to provide for a higher "Population Allocation" and "Housing Land Requirement" for the settlement of Gort.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

**Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy** contains the Core Strategy Table(2.9) where settlements are listed and a quantum of population and lands required for Residential Development are indicated. Gort is listed in the settlement hierarchy as a "Self-Sustaining Town". It is considered that the approach taken with Gort and the population allocation aligns with both national and regional policy as outlined in the NPF and RSES, and is in line with the *Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning Guidelines* (2020).

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-817 – LIDL IRELAND**

(Pg 219/220)

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

In relation to the settlement hierarchy, there is a request to elevate Loughrea, An Cheathrú Rua, An Spidéal and Clifden to a higher position on the hierarchy.

In relation to Loughrea it is requested that it would move from a “Self Sustaining Town” to a “Key Town”, and at the very least to the same level of Athenry as an “Area of Strategic Potential”.

In relation to An Cheathrú Rua it is requested that it would be elevated to “Small Growth Town” equal to Maigh Cuilinn, Oughterard, Portumna and Headford.

In relation to An Spidéal it is requested that it would be elevated to a “Small Growth Town” equal to Maigh Cuilinn, Oughterard, Portumna and Headford.

It is suggested that there would be more “Village Centre Lands in An Spidéal.

In relation to Clifden it is requested that it would be elevated to a “Self Sustaining Town” on the Settlement Hierarchy.

**Chief Executive’s Response:**

Loughrea is regarded as a Self-Sustaining town as outlined on the settlement hierarchy in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy**. It is considered that this is the correct classification for Loughrea to sit alongside Gort in the hierarchy. The RSES identified the Key Towns of Tuam and Ballinasloe, and identified Athenry as a place of “Strategic Potential”.

In relation to An Cheathrú Rua it is considered that its classification as a “Small Growth Village” is appropriate, as it is aligned with other villages such as Kinvara and Ballygar in the 2016 Census. It should be noted that the towns identified in the “Small Growth Towns” category have higher populations in the 2016 Census.

It is not considered appropriate to include An Spidéal as a “Small Growth Town” based on the demographics, structure and population trends for the village.

It is considered that there is sufficient village centre lands in An Spidéal.

It is not considered appropriate to include Clifden as a “Self Sustaining Towns” based on the demographics, structure and population trends for the town.

**Chief Executive’s Recommendations:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Curley and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-1320 – CLLR. D. KILLILEA**

(Pg 220)

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

Included in submission is proposal to move Corofin from “Rural Settlements and Rural Countryside” to “Small Growth Villages”.

**Chief Executive’s Response:**

The settlement hierarchy has been identified in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy**. The villages listed in the settlement hierarchy reflect the population allocation and their position on the settlement hierarchy.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Killilea, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-2248 – CLLR. J. SHERIDAN**

(Pg 220)

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised it is proposed to move Corofin from “Rural Settlements and Rural Countryside” to “Small Growth Villages”.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The settlement hierarchy has been identified in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy**. The villages listed in the settlement hierarchy reflect the population allocation and their position on the settlement hierarchy.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***Cllr. Sheridan advised that he wished to withdraw this submission.***

**GLW C10-660 – CORA CLANCY**

(Pg 221)

Ms. Loughnane advised that this was already dealt with under decision taken on OPR submission.

She advised this submission requests to include Colemanstown as a village in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. A justification has been included for this request.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The settlement hierarchy has been identified in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy**. The villages listed in the settlement hierarchy reflect the population allocation and their position on the settlement hierarchy.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***This was already dealt with under decision taken on OPR submission at previous meeting. Noted by Members.***

## GLW C10-39 – JASON COTTER

Ms. Loughnane advised that this was already dealt with under decision taken on OPR submission.

This submission requests to include Attymon as a village in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. A justification has been included for this request.

### Chief Executive's Response:

The settlement hierarchy has been identified in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy**. The villages listed in the settlement hierarchy reflect the population allocation and their position on the settlement hierarchy.

### Chief Executive's Recommendations:

No Change.

*This was already dealt with under decision taken on OPR submission at previous meeting. Noted by Members.*

## GLW C10-155 – RABANE DEVELOPMENTS

(Pg 222)

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

This submission relates to Mountbellew and requests that it is categorised as a “Small Town” in the Draft County Development Plan.

In relation to Section 2.4.11 Rural it is requested that ribbon development is permitted in Mountbellew to deliver new homes until public infrastructure has been upgraded.

### Chief Executive's Response:

The settlement hierarchy has been identified in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy**. Mountbellew was examined, however due to the constraints in relation to the wastewater infrastructure it was considered prudent to list Mountbellew in level 7.

In relation to linear development it is not considered prudent to permit this pattern of development within Mountbellew.

### Chief Executive's Recommendations:

No Change.

*The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed by the Members.*

## GLW C10-655 – AUGHRIM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LTD.

Ms. Loughnane advised that this was already dealt with under decision taken on OPR submission.

The submission requests that Aughrim, and its hinterland, is placed higher up in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 than its current status.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The settlement hierarchy has been identified in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy**. The villages listed in the settlement hierarchy reflect the population allocation and their position on the settlement hierarchy.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

*This was already dealt with under decision taken on OPR submission at previous meeting. Noted by the Members.*

## **GLW C10-55 CARMEL MOORE**

Ms. Loughnane advised that this was already dealt with under decision taken on OPR submission.

She advised this submission proposes that Woodford is categorised as a “Small Growth Village” (Settlement 6) in the Draft County Development Plan.

It is noted that Woodford has a lot to offer in terms of tourism and they have submitted a proposal for inclusion in the Athlone to Galway Greenway.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The settlement hierarchy has been identified in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy**. The villages listed in the settlement hierarchy reflect the population allocation and their position on the settlement hierarchy.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

*This was already dealt with under decision taken on OPR submission at previous meeting. Noted by the Members.*

## **GLW C10-633 – COLM O CINNSEALA**

**(Pg 223)**

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised this submission references a statement in the Core Strategy which recognises the benefits of rural intergenerational sustainability.

- Include mention of intergenerational sustainability in Policy Objective RC 4 and 5.
- Amend Section 2.4.4 to read – *‘Strengthening villages in level 7 as an alternative to rural housing in the open countryside by way of looking favourably on the granting of planning permission for small housing developments of 5 affordable homes for those with proven close ties to the local community and located in proximity to local shop/s, school and public transport.’*

**Chief Executives Response:**

- Noted. It is considered that there are policy objectives in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy** and **Chapter 4 Rural Living and Development** that support the villages listed in the Settlement Hierarchy 7.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

- No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-1258 COLM O CINNSEALA**

***It was noted that this was the same submission as GLW C10-633***

**GLW C10-439 – MARK COFFEY**

**(Pg 223)**

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised this submission relates to Athenry and raised a number of issues. It is suggested that the population estimation growth of 18,655 “*should be doubled for zoning purposes to allow for enough land to come to market*”. Otherwise, this submission suggested, land prices will increase and there will be very little land available to develop during the life of the Plan.

It is suggested that Athenry should be treated as a “Key Town” with a proposed density of 30 units per hectare. It noted that “*540 units is not enough for life of next plan*”. This submission recommended 1,540 additional units for Athenry; the rationale outlined is that Athenry is serviced by a motorway and can cater for demand from Briarhill and Garraun.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

As part of the review of the Draft Galway County Development Plan population allocations for the County were considered. **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy** has outlined the population projections for the settlements as included in the Settlement Hierarchy. The proposed population

projections in this submission, as allocated to Athenry, are considered to be inappropriate.

The designation of Ballinasloe and Tuam as Key Towns is consistent with the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Northern and Western Region is considered appropriate. Athenry's importance is considered to be suitably addressed with the designation of Strategic Potential as outlined in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy**.

To date there has been a number of public consultation events and time periods to make submissions as part of the Development Plan process. This enables all stakeholders to engage with the Forward Planning and Policy Unit of Galway County Council to provide input into the plan.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

*The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. McHugh/Farag and agreed by the Members.*

**GLW C10 1764 – CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FEDERATION (CIF)**  
**(Pg 224)**

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues contained in this significant submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised that a detailed submission was received from Construction industry Federation (CIF) in relation to the following points:

**Population Projections:**

In relation to population growth it is stated that there is a requirement to increase the number of homes to accommodate this population increase. It is stated that these units should be located within the existing built footprint on lands which include key regeneration/brownfield sites, infill sites and underutilised lands at locations that are well served by existing and planned public transport, amenity, social and community infrastructure.

**Supply of Housing & Employment Buildings/Lands:**

It is considered that specialist housing needs will be considered in the Draft Galway County Development Plan.

It is stated that policies in support of higher density residential development will make optimal use of land and will assist Galway (and Ireland) in reaching sustainability targets.

It is stated that there are many existing infill sites with great potential to deliver housing in sustainable and attractive locations in Galway.

In addition, these infill sites present Galway with opportunities to utilise vacant sites for employment premises, and CIF would suggest that policies and objectives in support of commercial and industrial nature on infill sites are considered.

The CIF requests that careful consideration is given to the provision of employment lands and buildings, in order that commercial development is supported, and employment continues to grow.

It is important that population growth projections and density guidelines are viewed as facilitative tools to promote sustainable development rather than restrictive tools that constrains development. Therefore, flexibility needs to be built into the Draft Galway County Development Plan to allow for any necessary adjustments to reflect actual population growth, likewise, flexibility in density guidelines will be necessary to reflect market demand and construction viability.

### **Infrastructure & Transport**

CIF supports measures to ensure the most efficient and sustainable use of land, and to facilitate access to a range of transport modes accessible to all sections of the community. CIF contends that the emerging CDP should seek to support and advance the delivery of the N6 Galway City Ring Road ("GCRR") as a means of enhancing accessibility.

### **Services/ Cluster Housing**

It is stated that the provision of appropriate servicing for towns and villages in the County needs to be given due consideration. Reference has been made to the Cluster Housing guidelines by Tipperary County Council.

### **Chief Executive's Response:**

**Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy** contains the Core Strategy Table(2.9) where settlements are listed and a quantum of population and lands required for residential development are indicated. It is considered that the approach taken aligns with both national and regional policy as outlined in the NPF and RSES, and is in line with the *Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning Guidelines* (2020).

It is considered that there are policy objectives in **Chapter 3 Placemaking, Regeneration and Urban Living** that address the points raised in relation to the supply of housing, infill residential development.

Comments noted in relation to Infrastructure and Transport.

**Chapter 4 Rural Living and Development** identifies a specific Policy Objective **RC 5 Rural Clustering on un-serviced lands in Villages**. In addition, there is a Policy Objective **RC 7 Guidelines for Cluster Housing Schemes in Villages**.

### **Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-867 – IRISH TRAVELLERS MOVEMENT**

**(Pg 226)**

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues contained in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised this submission relates to the provision of housing for Travellers. It is stated that the following provision should be included in the Development Plan:

- Traveller specific accommodation developments completed under the last Development Plan period should be outlined in the Development Plan.
- National-level planning guidelines for Development Plans set out the relationship between the Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP), the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998, and the statutory Development Plan.
- Sites should be identified and zoning of land for Traveller specific accommodation, including transient accommodation, should be mapped and illustrated in the programme, in line with the Planning and Development Act, (2000) as amended, particularly s10(2)(i).

It is suggested, given the lifespan of the development plan, that consideration should be given for how sites will be identified for the next Traveller Accommodation Programme. A comprehensive list is provided of what should be indicated.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

**Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy** and **Chapter 11 Community Development and Social Infrastructure** of the Draft Plan include policy objectives which support the provision for accommodation for Travellers. The housing of mixed type and tenure, as well as housing to accommodate the needs of specific user groups, is supported in the Draft Plan.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Roche, seconded by Cllr. Killilea and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-841 – THE INTERGENERATIONAL STRATEGISTS**

**(Pg 227)**

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues contained in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised the submission was made in the context of what elements make up the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. Reference has been given to the LECP 2016-2022 and that the vision in the Draft Galway County Development Plan reflects this.

The stated purpose of this submission is to contribute specifically to the definition of a vision for Galway County in the context of the twin global challenges of a Climate Emergency and a Biodiversity Crisis. It is noted that the presentation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) in the Draft Galway County Development Plan (2022-2028) Written Statement, is at best nothing more than a hat tip to Galway's sustainable future and at worst just a green washing of 'business-as-usual'.

It is stated that unless the Galway County Development Plan (2022-2028) represents a radical transformation in the values and institutions that underpin society; a proactive approach to identifying the desired future, outlining the strategic steps to get there, and identifying those within this timeframe that will be delivered, it will not be the transformational journey that the citizens of County Galway, both present and future, will be eager to embrace.

It is noted that there is an opportunity to eliminate the ambiguity and vagueness of the language used that has blighted previous development plans, thus providing a clarity of definition that is both intelligible and measurable.

It is stated that the vision of transport in the Galway County Transport & Planning Strategy is redundant, because it is fundamentally based on a 20th Century transport design philosophy.

It is requested that there would be key performance indicators in relation to climate change. It is stated that more ambition is needed for this energy transition than is outlined in the Draft Galway County Development Plan (2022-2028). It is also noted that there is a need for transparency in the provision of consumer and commercial energy requirements.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The premise of the submission has been noted. While a number of points have been raised in relation to the structure and content of the Draft Galway County Development Plan, it is considered that each chapter of the plan, and its associated appendices comply with the NPF and the RSES. All of the policies and objectives have undergone the SEA/AA process, and it is considered that the Draft County Development Plan is fully compliant with national policy.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Killilea, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-796 – IRISH GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL (IGBC)**

**(Pg 228-242)**

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues contained in this comprehensive submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised that this submission commends the overall approach to climate change in the Draft Plan, however there is concern that the Plan does not deliver on the national imperative to ensure planning policy is decoupled from rising carbon emissions.

**1. Density:** the standard density at 35 Dwellings Per Hectare and lower in certain areas (11-30) (Table: 2.9: **Chapter 2**). It is recommend that density should be increased overall to allow all citizens to live a low carbon life style.

**2. Policy presumption of development** in “structurally weak areas” (p.72 and 73). It is suggested that this conflicts with the Plan’s policy objectives on climate and sustainable transport.

**3. Compact growth:** It is considered that there is evidence of conflicting messaging regarding the quantum of development to be delivered within existing settlement boundaries. Section 2.3.1 states that “*at least 30 % of housing within settlements is to be within the existing built up footprint area in conjunction with sequential development of settlements*” while Table. 2.9 states that “*up to 30% of housing can be built in the footprint*”.

### **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy.**

It is recommended that the Development Plan should refer to more holistic assessment methodologies for measuring sustainable homes, and recommends the use of qualitative evaluation of environmental, and quantitative evaluation of carbon performance, for all residential development.

A number of actions are recommended in this submission as follows:

- The Council should require assessments that consider the environmental impact of new homes across their life cycle (using tools such as the Home Performance Index) as part of planning consent.
- The Council should introduce a sustainable accessibility index, and a minimum benchmark, for all homes and buildings as a prerequisite for planning approval.
- Introduce a Whole Life Cycle approach to take embodied carbon into account in public procurement decision.
- Require Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) for construction products used on public projects.
- Look for carbon measurement as part of criteria for planning consent.
- Engaging in active land management and site activation measures, including the implementation of the vacant site levy on all vacant residential, and regeneration to meet housing delivery objectives in underused sites and underused buildings.
- It is suggested that Policy Objective MM 1 Monitoring and Management would be amended.

#### **2.1.1 Future Settlement Growth**

IGBC supports the approach for compact growth with a focus on town centre/infill residential in levels 1,2,3 and 4, however, it suggests the following rewording to provide clarity and signalling the need for housing that is sustainable:

- Strengthening villages in level 7 **that are identified as having sufficient service capacity as a priority over those that require on site services** as an alternative to rural housing in the open countryside.
- Supporting, facilitating and promoting a transition to a low carbon society **by means of the provision of sustainable transport infrastructure (cycle and pathways) within existing settlements and requiring same for all newly developed areas.**

#### **2.1.3 National Planning Framework**

IGBC suggests that the listed “**Priorities and Principles for Future Housing**” in line with the NPF should clearly identify climate related actions and suggests that the following wording is inserted into the existing text:

- Building resilience into our housing stock through: Reuse, energy efficiency, lifetime adaptability, **providing for sustainable transport accessibility, reducing the carbon footprint, increasing green infrastructure and biodiversity in all housing development**; and integration to ensure vibrant sustainable communities.

It is noted in relation to **Chapter 3 Placemaking, Regeneration & Urban Living** that IGBC welcome the recognition of the need for transition to a low carbon climate resilient society in this chapter.

The following re-wording is proposed in **Section 3.4 Climate Change**:

"An important component to successful placemaking, regeneration and delivery of urban housing requires a strong emphasis on climate change and transitioning to a low carbon climate resilient society. ~~The urban~~ **with all** settlements of County Galway must ~~continue to overcome with~~ **adapt and respond to** the challenges posed by climate change. These areas play a pivotal role in providing housing and services for residents now and into the future. Within the county some of the urban and rural areas are susceptible to the effects of climate change such as flooding given their proximity to coastal waters and rivers. There are a number of policy objectives that are included in this plan to mitigate against the impact of climate change which include ensuring that flood plains remain as such or as open space. The plan requires the incorporation of adaptable multi-functional and sensitive design solutions that support the transition to a low carbon climate resilient society Chapter 14 Climate Change, Energy and Renewable Resource addresses this important issue and what role the county plays in mitigating against climate change".

**[insert sentence]:**

Mitigation against climate change means deep changes in the way we live to limit the potential of increasing future emissions (e.g., requiring a reduction in car dependency and increasing sustainable transport and green infrastructure and patterns of development). Planning for climate mitigation therefore also requires monitoring and management of the carbon emissions associated with patterns of development.

The following re-wording is proposed in **Section 3.5.3 Access and Movement**, in the third paragraph:

"The location of proposed development should be at or close to the services that people will rely on to support sustainable **living i.e. patterns that reduce carbon emissions**. The planning and design of access and movement networks at individual sites should ensure that it promotes sustainable modes of transport as the preferred choice. This is particularly important for development located on the edge of towns and villages which can lead to a significant proportion of short trips by private car. Measures should include the creation of routes that are attractive for pedestrians and cyclists".

### **3.5.8 Design Quality**

#### **Policy Objectives Placemaking**

IGBC proposes a rewording of some policy objectives and the inclusion of an additional policy objective in this section:

#### **PM 4 Sustainable Movement within Towns**

"It is a policy objective of the Council to encourage modal shift in our towns **and villages** to more sustainable transport alternatives ~~through mixed use development that enables local living and working which is well connected to sustainable transport~~

infrastructure such as walking, cycling, public bus and rail transport] by requiring the provision of a range of sustainable transport infrastructure in mixed use development to enable good access and permeability between living and working locations and good connections to public transport infrastructure".

It is proposed to insert a new policy objective:

**PM 12**

It is a policy objective of the Council to prioritise projects and proposals for the re-development and refurbishment of vacant and under-used retail and other buildings for housing and to give preference for refurbishment over demolition for the regeneration of towns and villages and to maintain their character for future generations.

It is proposed to insert a new policy objective:

**PM 13 Embodied Carbon Details of Materials**

To ensure that the embodied carbon of buildings is considered at the design stage, planning will take into account the design and materials used as part of planning considerations, to bring into scope the carbon intensity of new build and to reduce the climate impact of construction and development.

It is proposed to include additional text under **CGR 6 Density**:

"Promote the provision of higher density development overall in close proximity to sustainable transport corridors such as train stations and require good permeability in new developments, as well as the provision of sustainable transport infrastructure in such areas (cycle and path networks)".

**Chapter 4 Rural Living and Development**

It is noted that housing in rural areas should only be considered within development boundaries of designated growth towns and villages, on serviced sites, with priority given to infill and conversion of existing underused or vacant buildings for development.

**Chapter 5 Economic Development, Enterprise and Retail Development**

It is proposed to introduce an energy efficiency 'training clause' for upskilling attached to all renovation procurement contracts starting in the first year of new Development Plan.

**Town Centres and Retail**

It is noted that all large retail and warehouse developments should be required to undertake life cycle assessment and/or a reuse potential assessment as part of the planning consent process.

**Chapter 6 Transport and Movement**

This submission recommends the following amendments to policy objectives outlined below:

**Policy Objectives**

**GCTPS 3 Sustainable Transport**

"The County will seek to support] advance a variety of measures which will reduce car dependency for residents and will specifically seek to improve access to sustainable transport choices (including responsive and "flexible" modes) for those residents in rural areas of the County".

**GCTPS 4 Walking and Cycling**

"Direct the Support for and enhancement of, existing and new walking and cycling networks as the "first choice" for shorter local journeys and to link settlements within the County and to Galway City".

**WC 1 Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure**

"To require the design and delivery of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in all new development to be in accordance with the principles, approaches and standards

set out in the National Cycle Manual and the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets".

### **WC 2 Bicycle Parking**

"**Deliver on To encourage**] the provision of secure bicycle parking facilities and associated facilities within the public realm of **the city**, towns and villages throughout the County **by way of attaching planning conditions for delivery within all new developments**".

### **WC 3 Sustainable Transport Movement**

"To require sustainable transport **movement and good permeability** to be given priority at the earliest design stage of development proposals".

### **WC 5 Traffic Free Cycle Routes**

"To **map out** and provide, where possible traffic free pedestrian and cyclist routes particularly where such routes would provide a more direct, safer, and more attractive alternative to the car".

### **Parking & Cycle Standards**

IGBC suggest that the Council review its standards for parking in large retail/office developments and its standards for cycle parking to decrease the former and increase standards for the latter, for both residential and non-residential development.

## **Chapter 7 Infrastructure, Utilities & Environmental Protection**

In this submission it is proposed to:

- Introduce a Whole Life Cycle approach to take embodied carbon as well as operational (energy) into account in **public procurement** decisions. Councils should revise Procurement Guidance to require that Life Cycle Analysis (LCC) and Life Cycle Costing (LCA) be required for all public building contracts.
- Require Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) for construction products used on public projects.
- Look for carbon measurement as part of criteria for planning consent for private developments.

## **Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure**

It is noted that the Development Plan should highlight to the public the significant role, and the importance of green infrastructure, for climate change adaption and mitigation - from planting; to limiting conversion of gardens to driveways and large-scale hard surface soil sealing in developments; to promoting the increased planting of native trees/community planting/gardens; and the need to protect, develop and manage existing ecological networks for their many varied and important ecosystem services.

## **Chapter 14: Climate Change, Energy & Renewable Resource**

It is noted that the Development Plan must be designed with carbon neutrality as the end goal. This means that all actions, objectives, and policies must be aligned with the overall national objective of reducing carbon by 51% by 2030.

The quantum of permissions in the DP should be on zoned and serviced land on Infill/Windfall/brownfield sites within existing settlement boundaries, as a priority. The following is recommended in this submission:

- Take a 15-(or 10) minute settlement approach, which is central to sustaining and maintaining vibrant communities.
- Adopting the Ecosystem Services Approach (ESA)30 by ensuring the protection of the benefits that ecosystem services and biodiversity provide to society and requiring enhancement measures within all development.
- Adopting the 'Avoid Shift Remove' approach to transport to limit in as far as possible private car-based transport31.

- **Engaging in active land management and site activation** measures, including the implementation of the vacant site levy on all vacant residential and regeneration.

## 14.2 Strategic Aims

It is recommended to include the following wording:

“To reduce the County’s CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by achieving national, regional and any local targets for achieving a low carbon economy by 2050; and increase energy efficiency in Local Authority activities **and introducing the evaluation of carbon emissions through its development management functions**”.

“To promote the sustainable development of the County by ensuring that future development is considered and managed against the risk of flooding; To increase awareness of the potential impacts of climate change to enable people to adapt and manage future extreme weather events such as flooding within the County; **and to increase awareness and understanding of the direct link between development and carbon emissions and climate change**”.

### CC 1 Climate Change

**“Ensure** ~~Support and facilitate~~ the implementation of European, national and regional objectives for climate adaptation and mitigation taking into account other provisions of the Plan (including those relating to land use planning, energy, sustainable mobility, flood risk management and drainage) and having regard to the Climate mitigation and adaptation measures”.

### CC 2 Transition to a low carbon, climate-resilient society

“It is the Council’s policy objective to **deliver on** support the transition to a competitive, low carbon, climate- resilient and environmentally sustainable economy by 2050, **by means of taking carbon into account into planning decisions and by** way of reducing greenhouse gases, increasing renewable energy, and improving energy efficiency”.

### CC 4 Local Authority Climate Action Plan

**“Ensure that planning can** support the preparation of a Climate Action Plan for County Galway”.

### CC 5 Climate Adaptation and Mitigation

“To promote, support and direct effective climate action policies and objectives that seek to improve climate outcomes across County Galway through ~~encouragement~~ and integration of appropriate mitigation and adaptation considerations and measures into all development and decision-making processes”.

### CC 9 Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation

“Galway County Council shall incorporate climate change adaptation into land use planning, building, **design, development and disposal**, layouts, energy, transport, natural resource management, forestry, agriculture and marine waters”.

### New Policy Objectives proposed in this submission:

#### CC 10 Building Energy Efficiency and Conservation:

**“The Council will require all new building design and retrofitting of existing buildings, to increase building energy efficiency, reduce embodied carbon, ensure energy conservation and the use of renewable energy sources in accordance with national regulations and policy requirements”.**

#### CC 11 District Heating:

**“Systems for the central and efficient distribution of heating through a network of connected underground pipes to large urban centres and towns will be actively supported by the Council for all appropriate new commercial and residential development”.**

## Chapter 15: Development Management Standards

### 15.6.2 Waste

#### **The following are suggested actions:**

- Introduce a Whole Life Cycle approach to take embodied carbon as well as operational (energy) into account in public procurement decisions. Councils should revise Procurement Guidance to require that Life Cycle Analysis (LCC) and Life Cycle Costing (LCA) be required for all public building contracts.
- Require Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) for construction products used on public projects.
- Look for carbon measurement as part of criteria for planning consent for private developments.

#### **Suggested action:**

- The Development Contributions Scheme may be used as a tool to influence the delivery of more carbon efficient housing stock. For homes above optimum sizes, **Carbon Development Levies** could apply. These would be based on a sqm scale, charged at a rate linked to the current rate of carbon tax. The revenue accruing from the carbon development levy would be ring-fenced by Councils for carbon mitigation, energy renovation and green infrastructure measures within each local authority.

#### **Chief Executive's Response:**

As outlined under the OPR Recommendation No.2 the density in relation to a number of settlements have been increased. However, it should be noted that in smaller settlements the density applied is reflective of the individual settlement plans.

The identification of structurally weak areas is in accordance with the RSES and the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines 2005.

This has been addressed under the OPR Recommendation No.2.

There are policy objectives in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 that support the sustainable and orderly development within the county. All of the Draft Galway County Development Plan chapters have specific sections in relation to climate change and how the spatial strategy and policy objectives for each topic have been climate proofed and will contribute to mitigation and adaptation to climate change. **Chapter 14 Climate Change, Energy and Renewable Resource** contains a suite of policy objectives that support the spatial strategy for the county.

As part of the consideration of any planning consent, the Planning Authority examine the impact of the development on the environment, and in particular the impact of such development on areas such as flooding which includes the climate change parameters. The Sustainable Accessibility Index and its introduction lies outside the remit of the Development plan and lies more within the realms of other legislative codes. The Draft Development Plan does address sustainability in a number of chapters, in particular under objectives **RH7 Renovation of Existing Derelict Dwelling, RH8 Substantially Completed Single Dwellings, RH10 Vacant/Unfinished Housing** and **RH 13 Rural Housing Capacity**.

As per **OPR Observation No. 1**, of the OPR submission, requires the delineation of the villages in level 7 which forms part of the response to address this issue

Within selected settlements Local Transport Plans will be devised which will include sustainable transport infrastructure. In addition,

**Chapter 6 Transport and Movement** and **Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure** outline the policy objectives that seek to introduce and facilitate sustainable transport infrastructure. The Urban Design Frameworks for the settlements in the eastern environs provide for comprehensive policy objectives to link and promote sustainable transport infrastructure.

As outlined in each Chapter of the Draft County Development Plan climate change has been referenced and is embedded in the spatial strategy for the county.

The spirit of the text proposed is already included in the Draft Development Plan not only in **Chapter 14 Climate Change, Energy and Renewable Energy** but throughout each of the other chapters.

The additions are noted and considered appropriate. Recommendation to amend draft with text in yellow.

It is not considered necessary to include this text as proposed.

The additions/amendments are noted and considered appropriate. Recommendation to amend draft with text in yellow.

Policy Objectives in Chapter 3,4, 6, 10 and 14 cover the spirit of these proposed additions. Therefore, it is considered that no change is proposed. **DM standard 65 Residential Energy Efficiency and Climate Adaptation Design Statement** addresses this point.

The internal composition of materials is not a matter for the County Development Plan.

It is not considered necessary to include the wording as proposed.

**RH7 Renovation of Existing Derelict Dwelling, RH8 Substantially Completed Single Dwellings, RH10 Vacant/Unfinished Housing** and **RH 13 Rural Housing Capacity** in the Draft Development Plan address the comments of this submission. As outlined under **Chapter 3 Placemaking, Regeneration and Urban Living, Chapter 6 Transport and Movement**, and **Chapter 11 Community Development and Social Infrastructure** it is considered that there is sufficient policy objectives in place to support accessibility and permeability in new developments.

The Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, **Chapter 4 Rural Living and Development**, contains a revised Rural Housing Typology map where the GCTPS boundary has been extended. However, as per the OPR Recommendation no. 9 and 10 this has been further amended in line with NPO 15 and 19 of the NPF.

The role of a County Development Plan is to support measures such as reduction in car dependency. The settlement plans contained in Volume 2 reflect the zoning of lands in close proximity to existing transport connections and compact urban growth.

The Draft Development Plan is not a funding plan but seeks to promote a variety of measures. The delivery and advancement is supported by the policy objectives and therefore, the inclusion of the words “advance”, “delivery”, and “direct” are not appropriate in the context of the policy objectives.

It is considered that there is merit in relation to this wording.

Policy objectives support the promotion of cycle routes and to “map out” is not appropriate within the Development Plan process as this will require assessment of the individual projects at application stage.

It is not clear where the map for these traffic free routes would be located. The County Development Plan is a higher level strategic document, and the settlement plans identify lands zoned for development.

The role of a County Development Plan is to support measures as outlined in GCTPS.

It is considered that the parking and cycle standards as outlined in Chapter 15 Development Management Standards are appropriate.

The role of a County Development Plan is to provide Policy Objectives and Development Management Standards to guide future developments. The Development Plan cannot deliver infrastructure.

The area of procurement is outside the remit of the County Development Plan.

It is considered that the policy objectives in relation to GI are appropriate.

The County Development Plan will implement Climate Change initiatives and requirements as outlined under national Legislation.

The County Development Plan supports the implementation of European, National and Regional objectives, it is not considered necessary to amend the wording as suggested.

The Draft Galway County Development Plan supports the transition to a low-carbon, climate resilient society. It is not considered necessary to amend the wording as suggested.

The County Development Plan supports the preparation of a Climate Action Plan.

It is not considered necessary to remove the wording as suggested.

It is considered that the wording as proposed is appropriate in this instance.

The policy objectives in the Draft County Development Plan supports energy efficiency within buildings.

Procurement issues are outside the remit of the County Development Plan.

The Development Contribution Scheme is outside the remit of the Development Plan process and is a separate policy document.

**Chief Executive’s Recommendations:**

## **Chapter 3 Placemaking, Regeneration and urban Living**

### **3.5.3 Access and Movement**

The location of proposed development should be at or close to the services that people will rely on to support sustainable living i.e. patterns that reduce carbon emissions. The planning and design of access and movement networks at individual sites should ensure that it promotes sustainable modes of transport as the preferred choice. This is particularly important for development located on the edge of towns and villages which can lead to a significant proportion of short trips by private car. Measures should include the creation of routes that are attractive for pedestrians and cyclists.

## **Chapter 6 Transport and Movement**

### **WC 3 Sustainable Transport Movement**

To require sustainable transport movement and good permeability to be given priority at the earliest design stage of development proposals.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Killilea, seconded by Cllr. McKinstry and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-792 – MARK GREEN**

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Ms. Loughnane advised that this was already dealt with under decision taken on OPR submission.

The submission states that the high level of one-off housing in Galway is unsustainable and must be restricted.

### **Chief Executive's Response:**

The Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, **Chapter 4 Rural Living and Development** contained a revised Rural Housing Typology map where the GCTPS boundary was extended. However, as per the OPR Recommendation no. 9 and 10 this has been further amended in line with NPO 15 and 19 of the NPF.

### **Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

**See OPR Recommendation No.15 and 19**

***This was already dealt with under decision taken on OPR submission at previous meeting. Noted by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-783 – SEAI**

**(Pg 242)**

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues contained in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised this submission has requested that community led housing solutions be developed to address their particular housing need.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 was prepared in accordance with the NPF and the RSES. The Draft Plan contains policy objectives that reflect compact growth and sustainable communities. The Housing Strategy and HNDA that accompanies the Draft Plan reflects the housing requirements for the county in the next 6 year period. There are policy objectives that support housing in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy** and **Chapter 3 Placemaking, Regeneration and Urban Living**. These policy objectives support the delivery of housing and housing tenure mix for settlements listed on the settlement hierarchy and rural countryside.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Killilea, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-778 – ROISIN NI CHAOIMH**

**(Pg 243)**

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues contained in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

**Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy**

It is recommended in this submission that:

- The legislation on derelict housing to be implemented.
- Restrictions to be imposed on short-term letting, so that young people can have access to rental properties.

**Chapter 6: Transport and Movement**

It is recommended in this submission that:

- Public transport in Galway should become more reliable and more affordable. Huge leaps have been made in recent years, but more work is required to be done.
- The Connemara Greenway offers a great opportunity to widen means of transport in Galway.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

- **Chapter 3 Placemaking, Regeneration and Urban Living** and policy objectives under 3.6.9 reference policy objective **CGR 4 Derelict Sites**.
- There are policy objectives contained in **Chapter 6 Transport and Movement** that address enhancement of public transport provision under Section 6.5.2.4 Public Transport.
- There are policy objectives in relation to the Greenway included in **Chapter 6 Transport and Movement** and **Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure**.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

- No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Killilea and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-775 – AMICITIA**

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Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

### **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy**

This submission recommends that a statement is included in Section 2.4.4 on Community-Led Housing. It is proposed to include the following text:

*“Community-Led Housing – evolving across Europe and the wider world – empowers communities to develop solutions which addresses their particular housing needs. This approach provides a framework for residents and communities to collaborate in the creation and revitalisation of new and existing neighbourhoods. The unique feature of Community-Led Housing is the empowerment of future residents to meaningfully participate in both the design and long-term management of their homes. Community-Led Housing is an umbrella term, encompassing a wide range of approaches, including cooperative housing, cohousing, Community Land Trusts (CLTs), and self-help housing. Although no two Community-Led Housing projects are the same, they all share a common goal of meeting specific local housing needs via collaboration, empowerment and mutual support. Community-Led Housing (CLH) is premised on the conviction that a house is not just a building, or an asset, it is a home: a place to live. SOA have released some very important publications on this topic which has led to recent amendments made to the Affordable Housing Bill. This will see community-led housing and community land trusts referenced in Irish legislation for the first time.”*

The rationale for such inclusion is that the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 has no reference to community-led housing. It is considered that Galway County Council can take the lead and implement community-led solutions that can alleviate the housing crisis across the county. It is noted that it contributes to achieve Sustainable Development Goals 1, 3, 10, 11 and 17.

### **Chief Executive’s Response:**

The Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 was prepared in accordance with the NPF and the RSES. The Draft Plan contains policy objectives that reflect compact growth and sustainable communities. The Housing Strategy and HNDA that accompanies the Draft Plan reflects the housing requirements for the county in the next 6 year period. There are policy objectives that support housing in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy** and **Chapter 3 Placemaking, Regeneration and Urban Living**. These support the delivery of housing and housing tenure mix for settlements listed on the settlement hierarchy and rural countryside.

The Draft Plan has been formulated with substantial input from stakeholders such as the Public Participation Network and communities across County Galway. Submissions and Observations have been given due consideration. The Council will continue to collaborate and liaise with members of the community and others in accordance with legislative requirements.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Killilea, seconded by Cllr. Roche and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-695 – MICHAEL MCARDLE**

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Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised that a comprehensive submission has been made which relates to a number of issues throughout the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. The submission suggests that the Draft Plan should actively support Common Land Trusts and related innovative housing practices. It is noted that this support would help the Council achieve its Core Strategy Policy Objectives contained in Section 2.3.14, and the policy objectives outlined in Section 2.5 Housing Strategy and Section 2.6 Specific Housing Needs.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 was prepared in accordance with the NPF and the RSES. The Draft Plan contains policy objectives that reflect compact growth and sustainable communities. The Housing Strategy and HNDA that accompanies the Draft Plan reflects the housing requirements for the county in the next 6 year period. There are policy objectives that support housing in **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy** and **Chapter 3 Placemaking, Regeneration and Urban Living**. These support the delivery of housing and housing tenure mix for settlements listed on the settlement hierarchy and rural countryside.

The Draft Plan has been formulated with substantial input from stakeholders such as the Public Participation Network and communities across County Galway. Submissions and Observations have been given due consideration. The Council will continue to collaborate and liaise with members of the community and others in accordance with legislative requirements.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Geraghty, seconded by Cllr. Roche and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-746 – CAROLINE ROWAN**

(Pg 246)

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised that this submission notes that the County Development Plan should include a commitment from the Council to build affordable housing for those working and living in Galway.

This submission suggests that the Council operate rent-to-buy schemes for those who wish to buy a home in Galway.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The contents of this submission have been noted. The Draft County Development Plan provides policy objectives which support the development of social and affordable housing. It is a priority of the Council to locate housing in existing settlements as a means to maximising a better quality of life for people through accessing services, ensuring a more efficient use of land and allowing for greater integration with existing infrastructure. Policy Objective **HS 2 Social and Affordable Housing** and **HS 5 Social Housing Stock** supports the provision and development of social and affordable housing.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

*The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed by the Members.*

**GLW C10-685 – Comhairle na nÓg / YOUTH WORK IRELAND**

(Pg 246/247)

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised that this submission relates to a number of chapters in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

The submission highlights the difficulties young people face in looking for accommodation to rent, and the concern felt by young people about meeting their housing needs in the future and the demand for increased provision of housing that is affordable and outside of larger built-up areas in an area of Comhairle's choice. The submission advocates for better accessibility to electric car charging points. It is recommended that e-charging points are provided for e-bikes.

The submission supports the proposals under Policy Objective GBW 1, particularly the Tuam-Athenry Greenway. The submission supports improvements to public spaces and tourism amenities and feels they will act as economic drivers for tourism as well as improved quality of life.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The contents of this submission have been noted. The Council recognises the role of Comhairle Na nÓg, and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA), in giving children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies.

The Draft County Development Plan provides policy objectives which support the development of social and affordable housing. It is a priority of the Council to locate housing in existing settlements as a means to maximising a better quality of life for people through accessing services, ensuring a more efficient use of land and allowing for greater integration with existing infrastructure. Policy Objective **HS 2 Social and Affordable Housing** and **HS 5 Social Housing Stock** supports the provision and development of social and affordable housing.

The Draft County Development Plan supports the provision of electric vehicles as a more sustainable low carbon option to conventional motor vehicle. **Policy Objective EV 1 Electric Vehicles Charging Infrastructure** supports the roll-out of additional charging points at appropriate locations.

The submission in relation to Chapter 8 Tourism and Landscape has been noted.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

*The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Roche, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty and agreed by the Members.*

**GLW C10-583 – KAY MCCORMACK**

(Pg 247)

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues raised in this submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised that this submission raises concern regarding the volume of housing that is to be applied to Garraun. The submission suggests that the density of development proposed will require high-rise housing which is not in keeping with the character of the area. The submission notes that services such as footpaths and cycling paths are not in place. It is noted that frequent rail service and additional stops along the line to access Oranmore/Athenry are needed. The submission raises the issue of flooding and the impact of development of wildlife in the area.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

Garraun is identified as a future growth area within the Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP). The development around Garraun will be based on the premise of sustainable transport and the existing train station. A central theme from the NPF espouses compact growth and it is considered that the plans for Garraun will have these principles enshrined in the future growth of this area.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

*The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly and agreed by the Members.*

**GLW C10-466 – MOR ACTION**

**(Pg 248/252)**

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the main issues raised in this very comprehensive submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised that a comprehensive and detailed submission has been made by MÓR Action which outlines the background of the group and raises a number of issues such as culture and community; sustainable mobility; town centre public realm; Renville park as a special area for recreation; and biodiversity. The submission contains a number of charts outlining public amenities that the residents of Oranmore would like to see developed. The submission reviews the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 and outlines items which they believe should be included in the plan. The submission states that the extension of the Oranmore settlement boundary to the south contradicts the SEA report and no mitigation measures have been proposed for the effects. The submission further notes that the benefits of zoning this land Residential Phase 1 on the local and wider community have not been detailed in the plan. Future development of this land must be of exceptional quality and ensure there are no impacts on the environmental components listed in the SEA Environmental Report.

There are detailed submissions outlined relevant for various chapters and volumes of the Draft Galway County Development Plan where a number of issues were raised.

In summary, the submission makes the following suggestions:

- The settlement boundaries for Oranmore and Garraun are merged and considered as a whole. The submission suggests that there has been no assessment or evidence on the potential impact of the Garraun development on Oranmore.
- A full Transport Plan is delivered as part of the Oranmore and Garraun MAsPs.
- Land use zoning of ecological and green corridors outside of the settlement boundaries is essential.
- The MASP boundary should include Renville and Maree.
- Land use zoning requirements should be set and be specific to the zoned land parcel and include objectives that deliver infrastructure and amenities for cumulative existing and future development.
- Delivery of safe segregated cycle and walking routes within Oranmore and to Renville and Galway City is a priority under the National Transport Strategy and should similarly be prioritised in the County Development Plan.
- Public realm improvements required in Oranmore.
- Specific objectives are sought to encourage the re-use of derelict and vacant buildings, and use of upper floors.

It is requested that the location, condition and ecosystem services provided by ecological corridors, green infrastructure, bat activity and habitat, wetland sites, hedgerows and natural boundaries, are mapped and understood.

In relation to **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy**, the submission states that there is no definition as to what classifies as an infill site, and infill sites are referenced multiple times throughout the plan document. This is critical as infill sites appear to be critical to achieve compact growth for Baile Chláir, Bearna and Oranmore. The submission states that if infill sites are not

managed appropriately there would be a deficit of amenities and recreational space within walking distance of the more densely populated area, or an infill sites will be harder to develop resulting in greater suburban sprawl and more reliance on car travel. If there is a 30% increase in existing footprint of the area, then there must be a proportionate development of recreational amenities.

The submission believes that the plan should include specific plans for rail, light rail, bus and cycle infrastructure to support this population growth and address congestion. The submission states that it is critical that there are commitments from 3<sup>rd</sup> parties who will be responsible for delivering infrastructure and services. The submission believes it is necessary for the plan to identify how amenities and infrastructure will be delivered for estates and roads not taken in charge.

Oranmore is within the top tier of the settlement hierarchy and the submission notes that large scale development and high density must be supported by high quality, high volume, mass transport infrastructure to avoid mass car congestion.

The submission seeks clarification on what the higher density sought under the Settlement Hierarchy means in practical terms and what criteria the Council will use to guide developers and make decisions on applications for high density development.

It is stated that the SFRA does not use the latest coastal flood risk projections from the ICWWS 2018 study to define flood zones for present day or coastal flood risk, and that the Garraun zoning map has not been subject to a level 2 SFRA to consider flood risk to the proposed zoning, resilience and adaptation to climate change. The submission raises concern regarding traffic impacts and the wildlife park for Garraun. Provision of walking/cycling infrastructure and provision of public amenities is questioned.

The submission questions how the economic/employment corridors would be supported in terms of transport infrastructure. It is questioned whether the Council is in a position to deliver sustainable mobility plans.

The submission questions what incentives will be provided for employers to allow staggered/remote working to help reduce traffic congestion at peak times, or what agreements are in place with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties if the Council cannot deliver this.

#### **Chief Executive's Response:**

Noted. The contents of this submission have been noted by the Planning Authority. The Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 is a land-use plan which provides supporting policy objectives for the issues outlined in this submission. The plan does not prohibit the proposals outlined in the submission.

Oranmore Settlement Plan and the Garraun Urban Framework Plan have been prepared concurrently and are informed by one another. The policy objectives for each settlement have been prepared with strong consideration of the other. The Planning Authority consider that both the Settlement Plan and Urban Framework Plan compliment and support each other. Both settlements are located within the MASP.

The policy objectives outlined in **Chapter 6 Transport and Movement** of the Draft County Development Plan support the proposals for traffic management within town centres. It is noted that the Galway County Transport and Planning Strategy (GCTPS) has been prepared to be compatible/compliment the Galway Transport Strategy, in particular in regard to the metropolitan (MASP) areas which border the Galway City administrative area. The strategy includes traffic management; giving priority to walking, cycling and bus movements; modifications to the traffic network; management of parking activities and heavy goods vehicles; improvements to the public realm and use of 'smarter mobility'.

The specific policy objectives outlined for Oranmore promote the development of the Town Centre which would result in an overall improvement to the public realm, as outlined in **Policy Objective OMSP 2 Sustainable Town Centre** and **OMSP 11 Open Space**.

**Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure** includes **Policy Objectives NHB 1** through to **NHB 11** which outline policy for habitats and species, including the protection of bats and bat habitats and ecological corridors. **Policy Objective GBI 1 New Developments** and **GBI 2 Green/Blue Infrastructure Network** also relate to the network of green infrastructure in the County.

The Planning Authority notes that 'Infill Sites' are described under Section 3.7.1 Infill Sites in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. It should also be noted that Town Centre/Infill Residential supports primarily residential development. Land Use Matrix Table amended.

There are a number of policy objectives which support sustainable transport modes in **Chapter 6 Transport and Movement**.

At this stage of the plan making process, the Draft Plan supports public transport such as in Section 6.5.2.4 Public Transport, and the policies and objectives contained in the Galway County Transport & Planning Strategy promote public transport. However, a number of other stakeholders would need to be consulted in relation to light rail provision, and it would be outside the remit of the development plan to specify such a study to be undertaken without consultation with said stakeholders.

Policy Objective **OSMP 1 Sustainable Residential Development** contained in Section 2.11 Metropolitan Settlement Oranmore of the MASP promotes the provision of public transport facilities complementary to sustainable residential communities. Section 2.14.3 Transportation Infrastructure and Movement addresses transportation in Oranmore.

The OPR Recommendation No.2 has resulted in a number of subsequent changes to density. The density around Garraun will generally be in the region 35/ha however, in some instances there will be higher densities particularly around the existing train station.

Climate change and coastal change have been considered in the preparation of the Garraun zoning map, and were informed by both the SFRA and the Draft County Development Plan. There are a suite of policy objectives in **Chapter 14 Climate Change, Energy and Renewable Resource**.

The SFRA GIS layers, including those relating to predictive indicators and Future Scenario mapping, will be made available for use in assessing individual planning applications as part of the Council's development management functions.

As noted in Section 5.7.1 of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, the alignment of the Strategic Economic Corridor is based around that of the Galway to Dublin rail line and the M6 road corridor. The area has a high concentration of established and valuable infrastructure.

The provision of incentives to employers is not within the remit of the Draft County Development Plan.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Kinane and agreed by the Members.***

Cllrs. Carroll and Kinane commended this group on this very significant and comprehensive submission. Cllr. Kinane advised that this was a very pro-active group and it was acknowledged that a lot of what they were looking for was covered in the different objectives contained in the Plan.

**GLW C10-1437 – COMHAIRLE SHAILEARNA**

Deferred from 06/01/2022

**An Comh. Mac an Iomaire submitted the following Motion:**

***Please add to SH1 Affordable Housing Chapter 2***

***- Under Policy Objectives Housing Strategy SH 1, Chapter 2, Affordable, that an objective be added to provide an Affordable housing scheme on the outskirts of An Spideal.***

It was agreed to amend Policy Objective SH1 in part b to the following:

***Promote the provision of an Affordable Housing Scheme on the outskirts of An Spideal***

***This amendment was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Mannion and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-1137 – WESTLYN PROPERTY LTD.**

(Pg 680)

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the main issues raised in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to lands at Westlink Commercial Park, Carrowmoneash. The lands are zoned Business & Enterprise in the Draft Galway

County Development Plan 2022-2028 and the submission requests that the lands are rezoned to Commercial/Mixed Use as an intricate part of the economic driver for the city and region. The submission outlines the planning history and background for the subject site and indicates a rationale for the proposed Commercial/Mixed Use zoning.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

Noted. These lands have been identified as Business and Enterprise. It is an objective of the MASP to facilitate the expansion of business and enterprise uses in the plan area of Oranmore where appropriate. It is not considered appropriate to identify these lands Commercial/Mixed Use as Business and Enterprise is an appropriate land use at this site in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. There is a parcel of land zoned for Commercial/Mixed Use to the west of the site at Oranmore Business Park. The plan for Oranmore includes policy objectives for the development of business and enterprise uses in the settlement, outlined in **Policy Objective OMSP 3 Business and Enterprise**.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Mannion and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-946 – SEAN MCDONNELL**

Deferred from earlier:

**Cllr. Carroll advised that the Oranmore/Athenry Councillors had submitted the following Motion:**

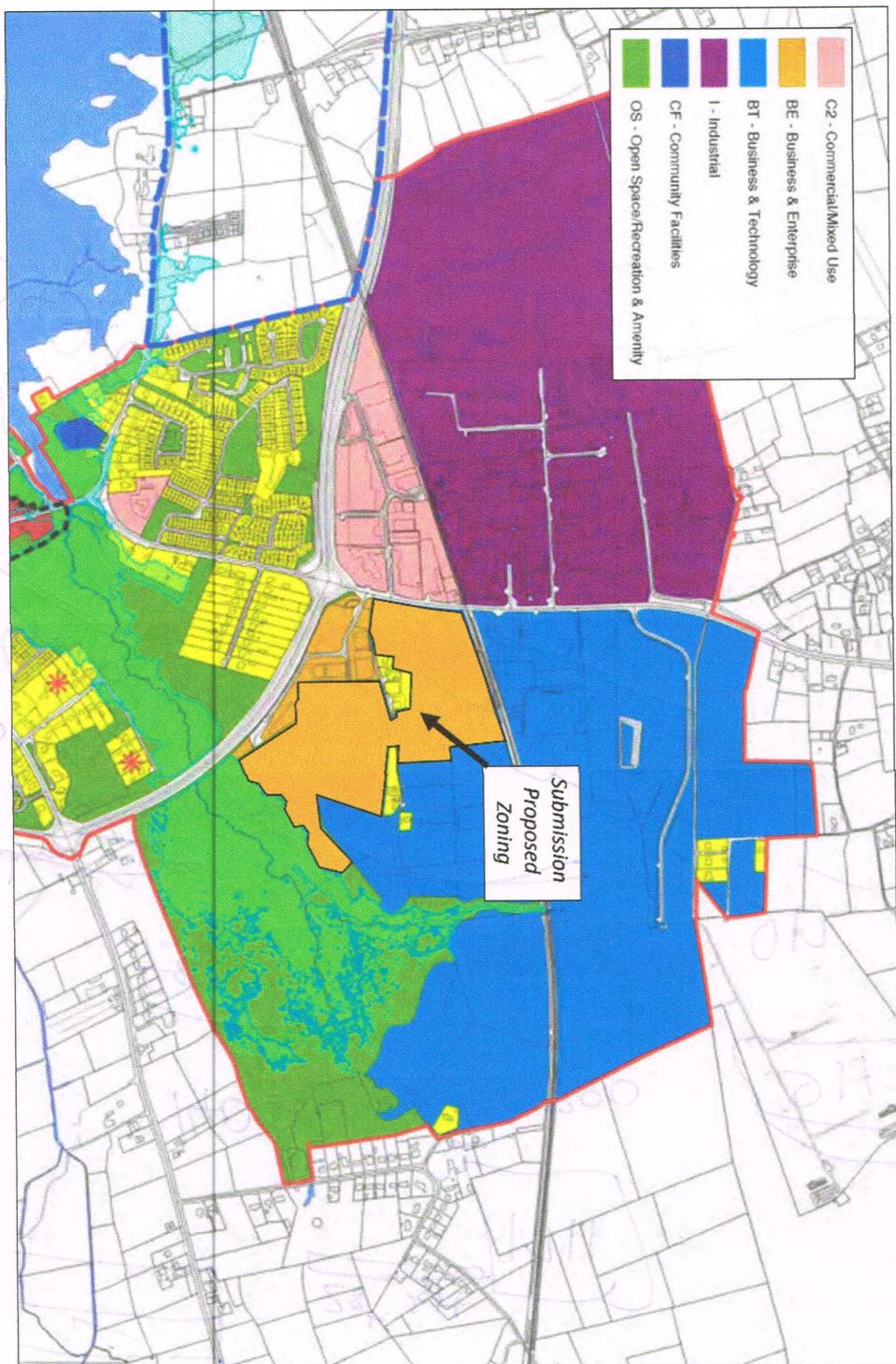
*The subject site is located to the east of the Claregalway Road (R381) and has access from a Janeway to the north (L71114). These lands comprising of circa 12 Hectares are currently zoned Business & Technology/Open Space, Recreation and Amenity & Environmental Management. The lands abut the Westlink Commercial Estate which is zoned Business and Enterprise with a number of SME's currently operating therein. Business & Technology zoning caters for large scale technology enterprises and has ample lands zoned north of the Galway to Dublin rail line in the IDA Park.*

*We, the undersigned Elected Members for the Athenry/Oranmore Municipal District, are proposing that the section of lands as outlined in black on accompanying map No. 2 be zoned from Business & Technology to Business and Enterprise. We are also proposing that the portion of lands to the south of the site, which are zoned Open Space, Recreation and Amenity & Environmental Management, remain as is*

***Cllr Liam Carroll, Cllr James Charity, Cllr David Collins, Cllr Gabe Cronnelly, Cllr Jim Cuddy, Cllr Albert Dolan, Cllr Shelly Herterich Quinn***

See attached Revised map, proposing lands to be changed from

Open Space /Recreation and Amenity to Business and Enterprise Business & Technology to Business and Enterprise. (Total area = 19.95ha)



CLW-C10-946

*Proposed  
Amendment*

Mr. Dunne advised that the current zoning is Business & Enterprise/Open Space & Recreation/Amenity and confirmed that it was outside of Flood Zone.

***It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-739 – MACIEJ NATALICZ**

**(Pg 686)**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the main issues raised in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission refers to lands between the Irish school and Bluebell Woods estate in Oranmore, which is in proximity to a Natura 2000 site. The submission states that there has been an attempt to extract the large mountains of crushed stone which remain on site.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

Noted. The contents of this submission have been noted by the Planning Authority.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-582 – LACTANS LTD**

**(Pg 690)**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the main issues raised in the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to lands at Oranhill to the south of Oranmore. The lands are located outside the settlement boundary. The submission requests that the plan boundary is extended to include these lands, and that 'Community Facilities (7.11 hectares) and Open Space / Recreation & Amenity (1.27 hectares) zoning is applied. The submission requests that these lands are zoned such as to facilitate the provision of a retirement village. The submission outlines the rationale for the proposal.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The proposal to include the subject lands in the settlement boundary and zone these Community Facilities is noted. The Planning Authority considers the proposal to be acceptable. A specific policy objective shall be included in Section 2.11 of Volume 2 of the adopted Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 to facilitate the provision of a nursing home/retirement village at these lands.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

1. Include lands in settlement boundary zoned Community Facilities and Open Space / Recreation & Amenity.

2. Amend Policy Objective OMSP 8 Community Facilities, as follows with changes highlighted red:

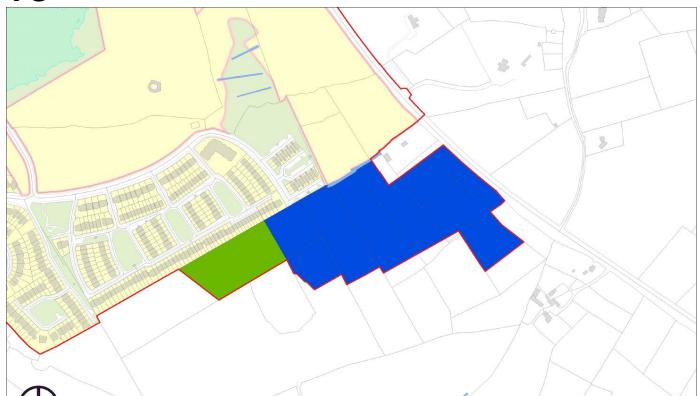
OMSP 8 Community Facilities

- (a) To seek the provision of additional community facilities including childcare, healthcare, place of worship and community centre, as an integral part of proposals for new residential development and having regard to existing facilities in the area.
- (b) Reserve lands for the provision of community facilities for the purpose of a nursing home / retirement village.

**FROM:**



TO



***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Kinane, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed by the Members.***

GLW C10-556 – DARRAGH GUINNANE

## Deferred from earlier

**Clr. Cronnelly submitted the following motion:**

*I wish to have the 0.5ha as outlined on the attached map rezoned to R2 zoning & included within the Oranmore Local Plan Boundary.*



Ms. Loughnane stated that she would have serious reservations in relation to the proposal for this piece of land as detailed earlier in the meeting.

***The motion was proposed by Cllr. Cronnelly, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy and agreed by the Members.***

### **GLW C10-746 – CAROLINE ROWAN**

**(Pg 684)**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the main issues raised in submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised the submission requests specific timelines for the development of recreational and social amenities in Oranmore. The submission requests these amenities in central locations accessible by foot or by bike. It is proposed that Galway County Council purchase green space between the Tesco and Aldi in Oranmore to develop public realm space, and the lands currently for sale at Rinville Park, to increase the size of the park to support increase in population. The submission

recommends that funding is put aside to provide bicycle parking at the park and Rinville Pier.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

Noted. The Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 is a land-use plan that outlines the policy objectives to support and facilitate the development of recreational and social amenities in line with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. The plan supports the development of facilities in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development, however, a precise timeline for the delivery of these facilities is not a matter to be addressed within the Draft County Development Plan.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Kinane and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-740 – ORANMORE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

(Pg 685/686)

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the main issues raised in submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission provides background on Oranmore Community Development Association and its aims and objectives. The submission requests additional Policy Objective OMSP 16, as follows:

*“Ensure the Development / Provision of a Social / Cultural / Youth Multi-Purpose Facility / Innovation Hub in the town centre of Oranmore or another appropriate location, which can provide a range of activities for the local community, including meeting rooms, youth facilities, game rooms, senior citizen facilities including a day care unit, indoor/outdoor sports, exercise and recreational facilities”*

The submission requests that an objective such as Objective CF 11 Coastal Walkway/Cycleway in the Oranmore Local Area Plan 2012-2022 is included in the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

This submission raises various issues for the town of Oranmore including existing school capacity, increase in motor traffic and Quality Bus Corridor. The submission requests that lands along Claregalway Road adjacent to the IDA Park are zoned for recreational amenity.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

Noted.

The proposed Policy Objective wording outlined in the submission is accounted for in the Draft County Development Plan, under **Policy Objective OMSP 8 Community Facilities**.

In relation to the addition of a policy objective such as Objective CF 11 contained in the Oranmore Local Area Plan 2012-2022, it is submitted that **Policy Objective OMSP 10 Recreational Facilities** provides for riverside walkways and cycleways. It is considered that the wording in this draft Policy Objective is appropriate and sufficient as the coastline to the west of Oranmore is now situated outside of the settlement. The Draft County Development Plan supports the development of walkways/cycleways throughout the County. **Chapter 6 Transport and Movement** outlines a number of policy objectives to support this, including **Policy Objective GCTPS 4 Walking and Cycling, WC 1 Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, WC 4 Modern Network of Walking and Cycling Infrastructure, and GBW 1 Greenways**. **Chapter 8 Tourism and Landscape** provides policy objectives to support this, including **Policy Objective GBW 1 Walkways and Cycleways**. **Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure** includes policy objectives which support the development of recreational opportunities including walkways, cycleways, greenways.

It is noted that the submission requests lands zoned for recreational amenity use in the IDA Park, however in the interest of compact growth it is appropriate that these lands remain zoned Business & Technology.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

Cllr. Kinane wished to acknowledge the work done by this Group.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Kinane, seconded by Cllr. Collins and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-628 – EOIN BUTLER**

**(Pg 689/690)**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the main issues raised in submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission refers to Oranmore and Garraun. The submission recommends that Oranmore and Garraun would be considered together. The submission outlines the basis and rationale for this proposal. It is recommended that a transport plan is delivered with the plan for Oranmore and Garraun. It is recommended that such transportation plan is at the core of plans for Oranmore and Garraun.

The submission requests that the Coast Road flooding issue is addressed.

It is submitted that additional amenity lands are needed in Oranmore that can be serviced by footpaths, cycleways, streetlighting.

The submission further notes the need for an infrastructure plan as educational facilities are located within the town centre and there is only 100metres of cycle lanes within the town.

The submission states that the MASP does not address biodiversity, nor does it include goals or objectives specific to each town in terms of biodiversity.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The contents of the submission have been noted by the Planning Authority.

Oranmore Settlement Plan and the Garraun Urban Framework Plan have been prepared concurrently and are informed by one another. The policy objectives for each settlement have been prepared with strong consideration of the other. The planning authority consider that both the Settlement Plan and Urban Framework Plan compliment and support each other. It is considered that the settlements of Oranmore and Garraun are intertwined and the future anticipated success of Garraun will have positive implications for both settlements and the wider MASP area.

As part of the Garraun Framework it is envisaged that there would be a public park to the front of the lands beside the Train Station. In addition there are lands zoned Open Space/Recreation and Amenity in the Oranmore Plan.

With regards to traffic and transport, both plans have taken into account the GTS and GCTPS and the policy objectives outlined in Section 6.3.3, ***Chapter 6 Transport and Movement*** of the Draft Galway County Development Plan support its implementation, with particular regard to the MASP. Garraun is a unique settlement as a result of the train station and the development envisaged in the UFP for Garraun will enhance the connectivity of the train station to the town centre of Oranmore. The policy objectives complement each other.

***Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure*** outlines a number of policy objectives in relation to biodiversity throughout the County.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Collins and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-627 – EOIN BUTLER**

**THIS IS SAME AS SUBMISSION GLW C10-628**

**GLW C10-692 – BERNADETTE MCCARTHY**

**(Pg 692)**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the main issues raised in submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission relates to lands to the north of Oranmore Town Centre. The submission requests that the Constrained Land Use objective is removed from the subject site.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The subject lands are identified in Flood Zone A with a Constrained Land Use objective pertaining to the site. The SFRA undertaken at Plan level provides an appropriately strategic assessment of flood risk within the town of Oranmore in compliance with the 2009 Flood Guidelines. It considers, among other things, available, published information on flood risk. Taking into account the Stage 2 SFRA prepared as part of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, it is noted that Indicative Flood Zone A at this site is appropriate.

The Constrained Land Use cannot be removed as it reflects Flood Zone A which have been delineated as per the process outlined in the Ministerial Guidelines. There is no evidence provided that would result in flood zones being updated.

The Planning Authority considers the Constrained Land Use objective to be appropriate in this instance.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-253 – GEORGE FRANCIS MCGRATH**

**(Pg 699)**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the main issues raised in submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised the submission refers to lands at Main Street, Oranmore. The lands are zoned Town Centre and Open Space / Recreation & Amenity in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. The submission requests that the entire site is zoned Town Centre. The submission outlines a rationale for the proposed zoning

**Chief Executive's Response:**

The contents of this submission in relation to the constrained land use objective and Town Centre zoning have been noted. It is submitted that the lands in question have been zoned Open Space / Recreation & Amenity due to the associated flood risk. Taking into account the Stage 2 SFRA prepared as part of the Draft County Development Plan, it is noted that Indicative Flood Zone A at this site is appropriate. The proposed zoning on Flood Zone A would not be in compliance with the 2009 guidelines, *The Planning System and Flood Risk Management, Guidelines for Planning Authorities*. Justification test would not pass on the lands within Flood Zone A.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Byrne and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-252 – ORANMORE MAREE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

**(Pg 700)**

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the main issues raised in submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised this submission refers to the infrastructural needs of Oranmore, stating that the current infrastructure is operating at 100% capacity and on occasion capacity is exceeded. The submission states that the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 is inoperable during its term as a result. The submission notes in particular the lack of wastewater provision to resolve existing overflow and environmental issues. The submission requests that the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 is deferred, and LAPs introduced in the MASP area until such a time that the infrastructure is put in place to accommodate the Development Plan.

### **Chief Executive's Response:**

Noted. The contents of the submission with regards to infrastructural needs are noted. Section 2.14 of the plan for Oranmore recognises the need to support opportunities to upgrade the existing surface and foul drainage systems. **Policy Objective OMSP 14 Public Utilities** supports upgrading of existing systems.

Irish Water have confirmed that there is adequate WWTP capacity to meet the 2028 Draft CDP population targets for Oranmore.

### **Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Kinane and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-12 – ORANMORE HERITAGE**

**(Pg 700)**

Mr. Dunne advised that this was already dealt with under OPR Submission.

He advised this submission encloses a petition to Galway County Council to protect, maintain and improve the public right of way from Renville Quay to Renville Point. The submission outlines a rationale for the petition

### **Chief Executive's Response:**

Noted. The contents of this submission regarding the public right of way have been noted. The Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 outlines policy objectives contained in Section 10.17 contained in **Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure** to support public rights of way in the County. **Policy Objective PRW 1 Public Rights of Way** supports the protection of public rights of way.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

Cllr. Kinane wished to acknowledge the work done by Oranmore Heritage Group. She requested that Galway County Council would be supportive of this Group going forward in maintaining work that has been done over the past few months.

***This was already dealt with under OPR submission. Noted by the Members.***

**GLW C10-466 – MOR ACTION**

(Pg 694)

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the main issues raised in submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

He advised that a comprehensive and detailed submission has been made by MÓR Action which outlines the background of the group and raises a number of issues such as culture and community; sustainable mobility; town centre public realm; Renville park as a special area for recreation; and, biodiversity. The submission contains a number of charts outlining public amenities that the residents of Oranmore would like to see developed. The submission reviews the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 and outlines items which they believe should be included in the plan.

The submission states that the extension of the Oranmore settlement boundary to the south contradicts the SEA report and no mitigation measures have been proposed for the effects. The submission further notes that the benefits of zoning this land Residential Phase 1 on the local and wider community have not been detailed in the plan. Future development of this land must be of exceptional quality and ensure there are no impacts on the environmental components listed in the SEA Environmental Report.

There are detailed submissions outlined relevant for various chapters and volumes of the Draft Galway County Development Plan where a number of issues were raised.

In summary, the submission makes the following suggestions:

- The settlement boundaries for Oranmore and Garraun are merged and considered as a whole.
- A full Transport Plan is delivered as part of the Oranmore and Garraun MASP.
- Land use zoning of ecological and green corridors outside of the settlement boundaries is essential.
- The MASP boundary should include Renville and Maree.
- Land use zoning requirements should be set and be specific to the zoned land parcel and include objectives that deliver infrastructure and amenities for cumulative existing and future development.
- Delivery of safe segregated cycle and walking routes within Oranmore and to Renville and Galway City is a priority under the National Transport Strategy and should similarly prioritised in the County Development Plan.

- Public realm improvements required in Oranmore.
- Specific objectives are sought to encourage the re-use of derelict and vacant buildings, and use of upper floors.
- It is requested that the location, condition and ecosystem services provided by ecological corridors, green infrastructure, bat activity and habitat, wetland sites, hedgerows and natural boundaries, are mapped and understood.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

Noted. The contents of this submission have been noted by the Planning Authority. The Draft Galway County Development Plan is a land-use plan which provides supporting policy objectives for the issues outlined in this submission. The plan does not prohibit the proposals outlined in the submission.

As outlined under the OPR Recommendation these lands are proposed to be removed from the Plan Boundary.

Oranmore Settlement Plan and the Garraun Urban Framework Plan have been prepared concurrently and are informed by one another. The policy objectives for each settlement have been prepared with strong consideration of the other. The Planning Authority consider that both the Settlement Plan and Urban Framework Plan compliment and support each other. Both settlements are located within the MASP.

The policy objectives outlined in ***Chapter 6 Transport and Movement*** of the Draft County Development Plan support the proposals for traffic management within town centres. It is noted that the Galway County Transport and Planning Strategy (GCTPS) has been prepared to be compatible/compliment the Galway Transport Strategy, in particular in regard to the metropolitan (MASP) areas which border the Galway City administrative area. The strategy includes traffic management, giving priority to walking, cycling and bus movements, modifications to the traffic network, management of parking activities and heavy goods vehicles, improvements to the public realm and use of 'smarter mobility'.

The specific policy objectives outlined for Oranmore promote the development of the Town Centre which would result in an overall improvement to the public realm, as outlined in **Policy Objective OMSP 2 Sustainable Town Centre** and **OMSP 11 Open Space**.

***Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure*** includes **Policy Objectives NHB 1 through to NHB 11** which outline policy for habitats and species, including the protection of bats and bat habitats and ecological corridors. **Policy Objective GBI 1 New Developments and GBI 2 Green/Blue Infrastructure Network** also relate to the network of green infrastructure in the County.

**Chief Executive's Recommendation:**

No Change.

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy and agreed by the Members.***

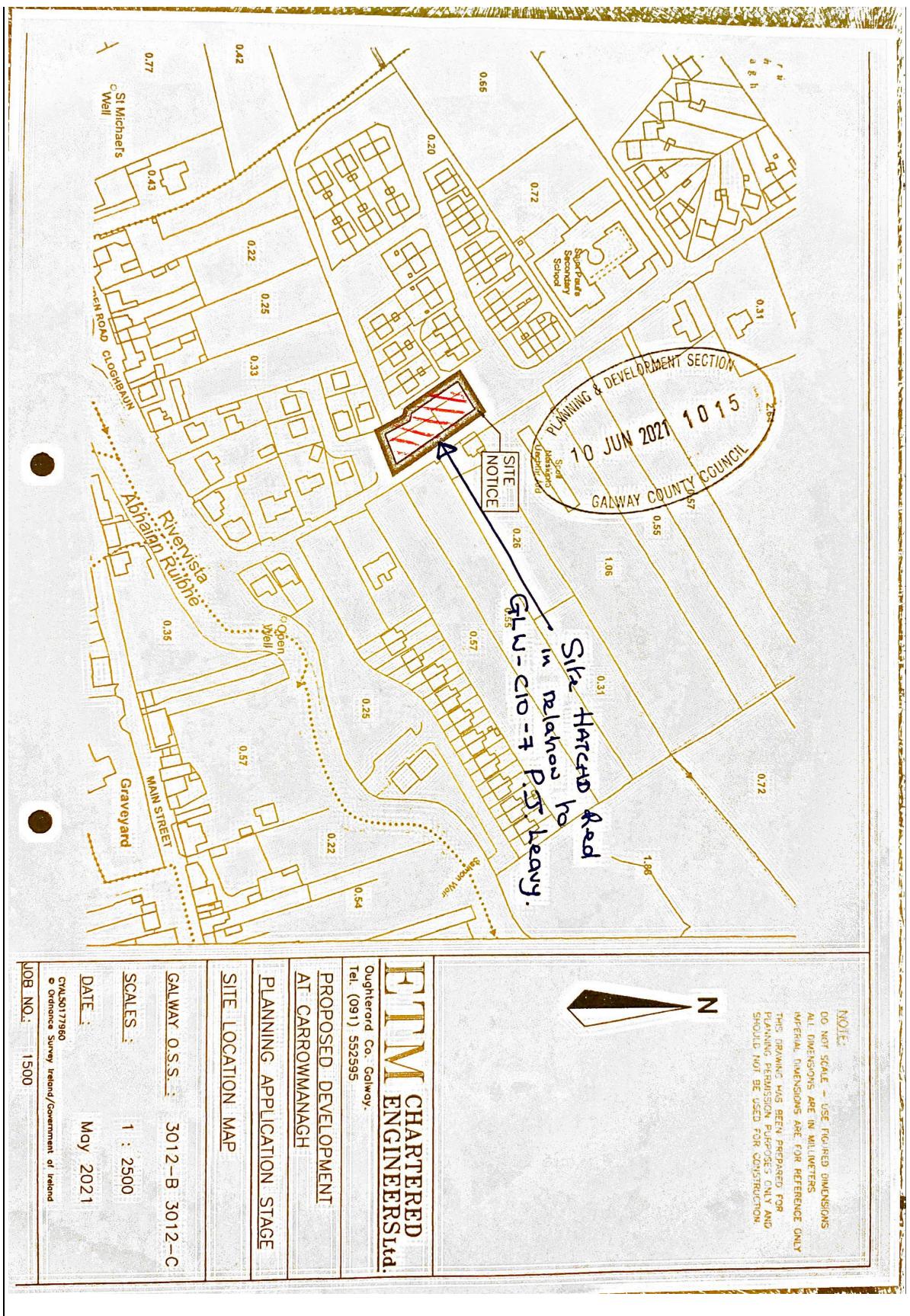
**GLW C10- 7 PJ LEAVY**

**Deferred from 06/01/2022**

Mr. Dunne outlined that it was not appropriate to zone these lands as Existing Residential.

**Cllr. Welby submitted the following Motion:**

*In relation to Submission GLW - C10 - 7 PJ Leavy i wish to reject the CEOs Response and specifically the proposal for a single residential unit. This property is adjoining the Council Estate in Oughterard and existing residential is the appropriate zoning for this property.*



***It was proposed by Cllr. Welby, seconded by An Comh. Mac an Iomaire and agreed by the Members.***

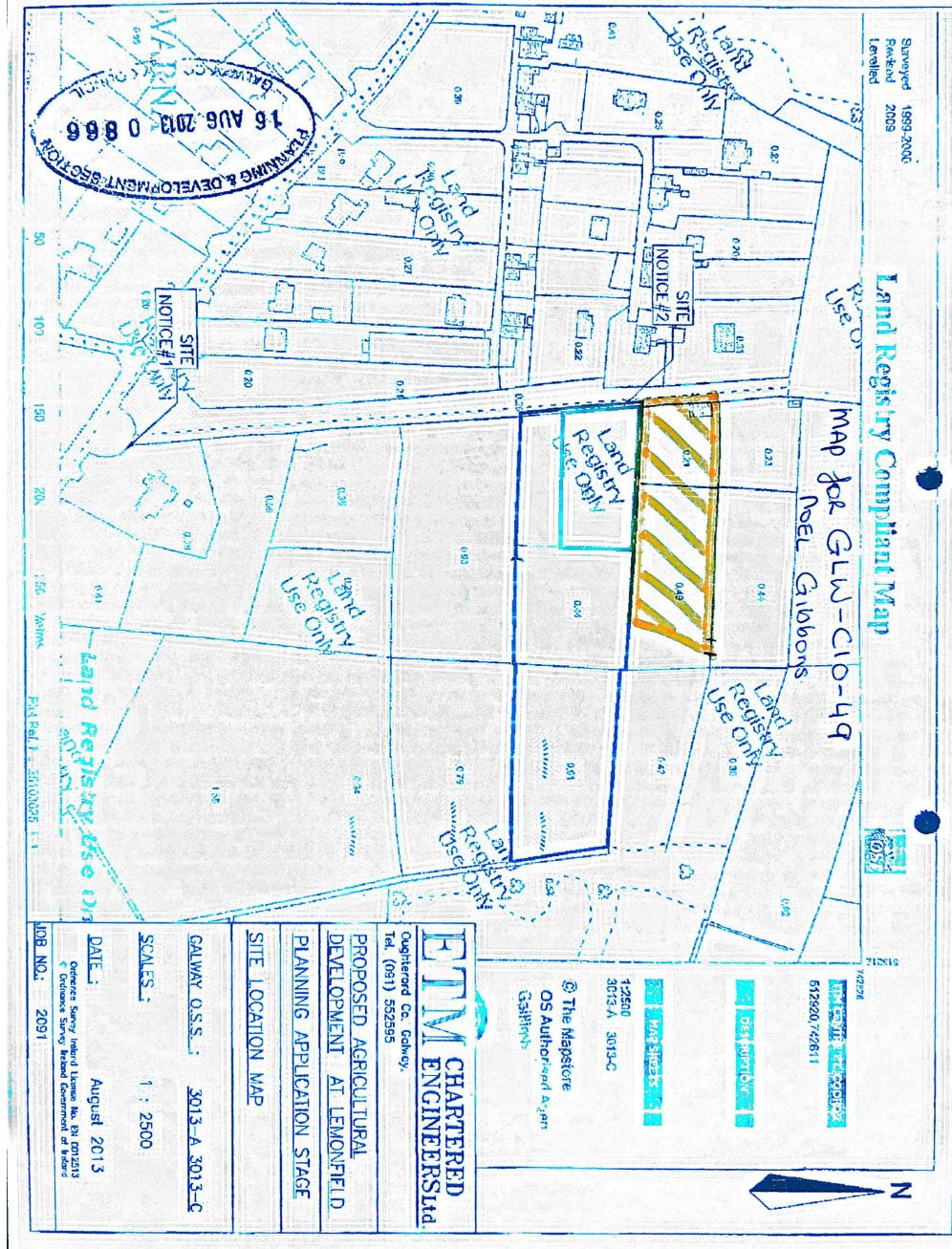
## GLW C10-49 – NOEL GIBBONS

Deferred from 06/01/2022

Mr. Dunne outlined that it was not appropriate to zone these lands as R 2.

## **Cllr. Welby submitted the following Motion:**

In relation to submission CLW - C10 - 49 (Noel Gibbons) that we extend the Town Boundary and zone the land Residential Phase 2 as per map submitted previously.



***It was proposed by Cllr. Welby, seconded by Cllr. Mannion and agreed by the Members.***

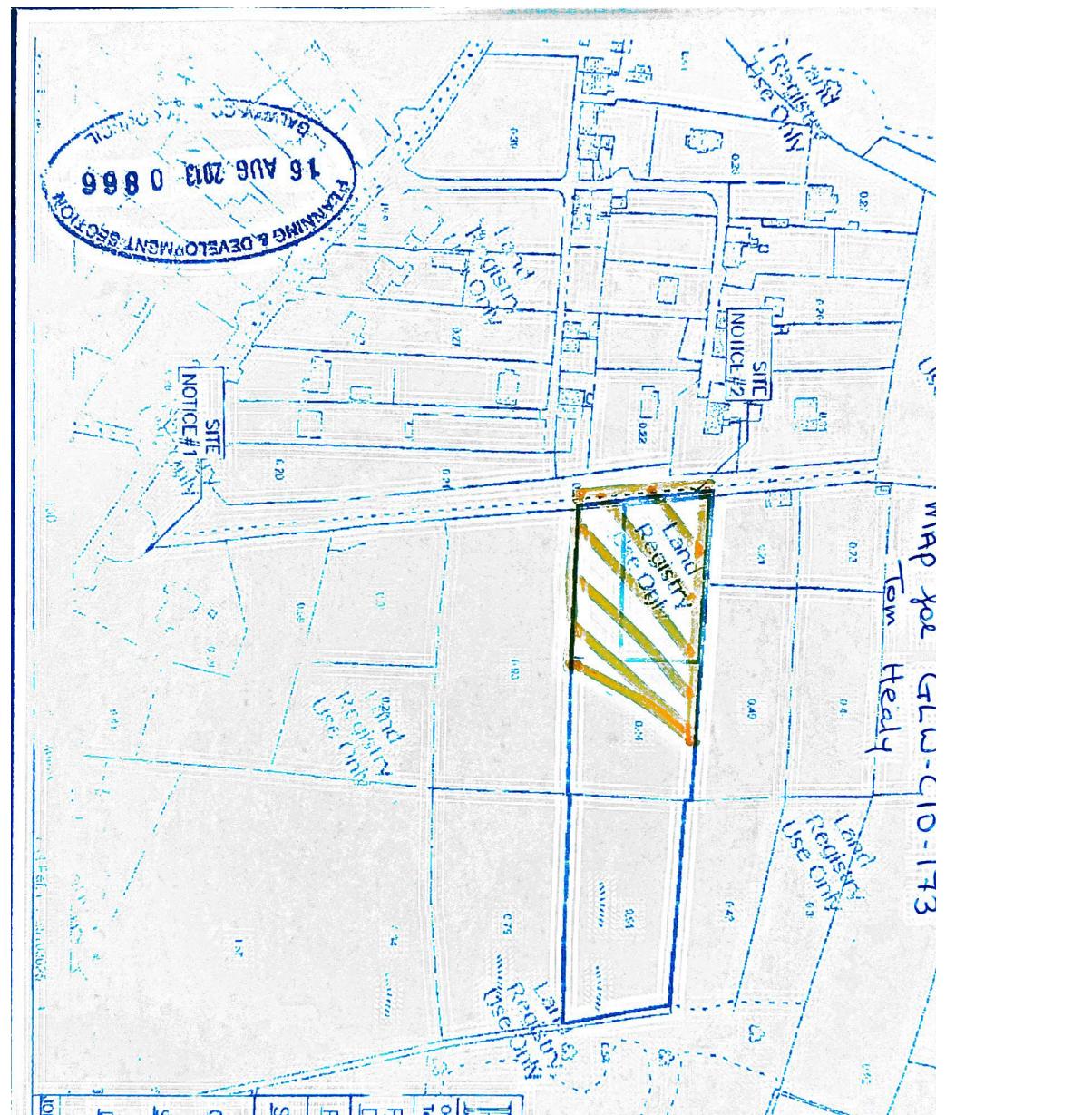
GLW C10-173 – TOM HEALY

**Deferred from 06/01/2022**

Mr. Dunne outlined that it was not appropriate to zone these lands as R 2.

**Cllr. Welby submitted the following Motion:**

In relation to submission CLW - C10 - 173 that we extend the Town Boundary and zone the Land Residential Phase 2 as per map submitted previously.



***It was proposed by Cllr. Welby, seconded by Cllr. Mannion and agreed by the Members.***

**GLW C10-782 – CLIFDEN GLEN OMC LTD**

**Deferred from 06/01/2022**

***The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. McKinstry and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-1841 – MOLLOY FAMILY**

Deferred from 06/01/2022

**Cllr. Welby submitted the following motion:**

*I propose to reject CE Recommendation and zone the lands the subject of the submission as Town Centre.*



Mr. Dunne advised that this requires a Flood Risk Assessment and CE would have serious reservations zoning from Open Space/Recreation & Amenity to Town Centre. He advised that there is still constrained land use over it.

***Motion was proposed by An Comh. O Curraoin, seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed by the Members.***

## **GLW C10-1273 – THOMAS LALLY**

(Pg 215)

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of the submission and read CE Response & Recommendation.

She advised that this submission relates to lands in Drum East, Rahoon where it is requested that lands would be zoned for independent living units for the elderly, special needs and/or palliative care. The benefits of providing these units outside of settlements has been outlined within the submission.

**Chief Executive's Response:**

**Chapter 11 Community Development and Social Infrastructure**, Section 11.10 and 11.11 contains a suite of policy objectives to facilitate development for the circumstances provided for in the submission. In addition, in relation to **Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Settlement Strategy and Housing Strategy** under Section 2.6 Policy Objective **SH 4 Adaptable Housing** promotes and supports the development of sustainable housing for older people. Notwithstanding the above, the subject lands are removed from a settlement area and as such would be regarded as ad hoc and sporadic development. All of the settlements identified in the Draft Galway County Development contain zonings with Community Facilities zoned lands which would support the uses referenced in the submission.

**Chief Executive's Recommendations:**

No Change.

Ms. Loughnane advised that this area has been the subject to a number of planning applications that have been refused or withdrawn mainly on traffic and sustainable development issues.

Cllr. Killilea stated that his understanding was that this land was going to be donated to Galway Hospice. He suggested that every opportunity should be given to Galway Hospice to try and get something done with those lands. He highlighted the difficulty sourcing a property within Galway to build a hospice unit. Ms. Loughnane advised that submission had requested that lands would be zoned for independent living units for the elderly, special needs and/or palliative care and not just a Hospice Unit.

Cllr. Roche stated that it would be a very expensive gift and this site was prone to flooding. Cllr. Byrne stated that trying to zone land for one specific issue was not a good idea. He queried if it would be appropriate to include a strategic objective to support construction of a Hospice unit outside of settlement area. He suggested that gifting something that was going to cost a lot to develop was not a good idea. Ms. Loughnane advised that there was a policy objective in Chapter 11 and suggested that they could perhaps strengthen the wording of same. Cllr. Byrne suggested that an amendment of the motion to specify palliative Care could be considered. He agreed that the submission was very open-ended and this may not be an appropriate site for this.

***It was agreed to defer decision on this submission.***

Mr. Owens advised if the Members had an alternative motion to the Chief Executive's Recommendation, this motion must be written out and submitted to the Forward Planning Unit.

He stated that it was clear that they hadn't made the progress that they had intended. He stated that they had yet to finalise the OPR submission and it was looking as though further meetings would be required on Wednesday and Thursday of next

week. It was agreed that Mondays Meeting would commence at 11 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. Break of lunch and recommence at 3.00 until late.

***It was agreed to adjourn meeting to 10/01/2022.***

**Chriochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin**

**Submitted, Signed and Approved**



**Cathaoirleach:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **25/04/2022** \_\_\_\_\_