

A new Submission has been received to the Draft Clonmel Local Area Plan 2024-2030

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Submission Text: To Whom It May Concern;

I think the Clonmel Local Area draft plan is too restrictive in relation to its housing policies and needs to fall in line with: The National Planning Framework 2040 which states that 'in rural areas under urban influence, the plan will facilitate the provision of single housing in the countryside based on the core consideration of demonstrable economic or social need to live in the rural area', 'it is important to differentiate, on the one hand, between rural areas located within the commuter catchment of the five cities and our largest towns and centres of employment and, on the other hand, rural areas located outside these catchments. But that it will continue to be necessary to demonstrate a functional economic or social requirement for housing need in areas under urban influence, i.e., the commuter catchment of cities and large towns and centres of employment. The National Framework Document highlights that in the context of this statement it describes large towns and employment centres as towns with a population of more than 10,000 people or more than 2,500 jobs, with Clonmel listed in appendix two as a key town. Please take note of importance of the social need for one-off rural housing and include it in the Clonmel Local Area plan to allow for sustained development in our town environs

Regards,		
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