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To whom it may concern,

I welcome the news that Tipperary County Council has issued a new Local Area Plan (LAP), which will replace the existing 2013 Clonmel & Environs Development Plan. I would like to make a submission in relation to my own local area of Moangarriff (Figure 1)

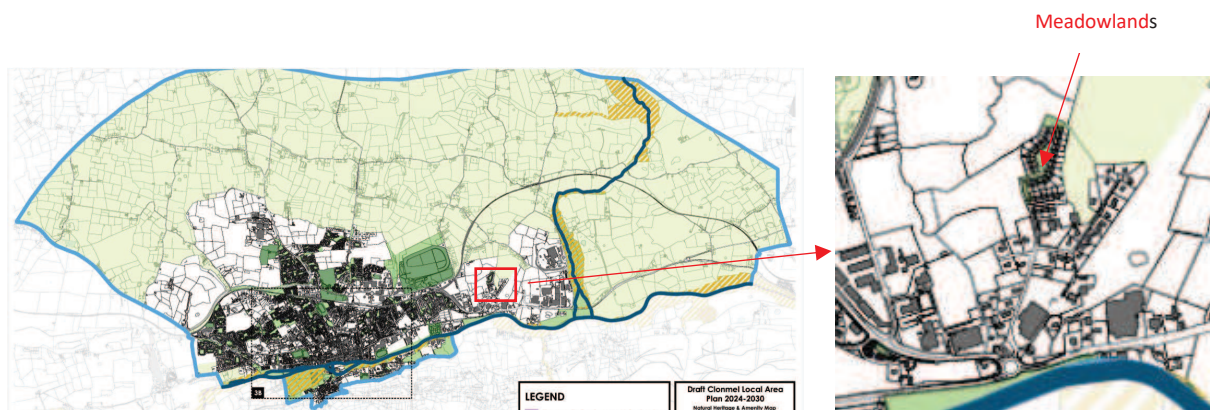


Figure 1: LAP Boundary with Moangarriff area shown

It is welcome that Monagarriff, although 2.6Km from town centre of Clonmel, is included in the Local Area Plan.

Of the 6 distinct locations in the town, the Moangarriff area is considered as Area no 5 (see extract below from page 51 of the written statement. It is positive to see the disincentive to walking and cycling acknowledged & support of developing future **walking and cycling** options from this area to the town centre (Figure 2)

5. East of the N24 Bypass on the east side of the town

The alignment of the N24 bypass on the east side of the town, sweeping southeast to meet Davis Road at the Moangarriff Roundabout has created a distinct neighbourhood to the northeast, which includes the Meadowlands Estate and sections of linear housing east of Clonmel Racecourse. This has created car-dependency in terms of getting to and from town centre, and the larger service and employment locations in the town. In terms of active travel, the Moangarriff Roundabout on the N24 bypass forms a disincentive to walking and cycling.

The LAP supports the Local Transport Plan in putting in place walking and cycling options from this area to the town centre.

Figure 2: Extract from LAP Draft

My submission is specifically in relation to the Moangarriff Roundabout which is called out in the paragraph above (Figure 2). The roundabout is dangerous due to the speed of cars coming in particular from the Kilsheelan side, a fact that has been highlighted by local councillors.

A proposed solution for this issue, which would also provide an incentive for walking and cycling, is the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the road at the entrance to the Blueway carpark at Carey's slip in addition to traffic calming measures (rumble strips etc) on the town side. This would serve to provide a safe crossing for pedestrians and cyclists as well as serve to slow down traffic on the Moangarriff roundabout side coming from the Kilsheelan direction. While this does not address all issues, implementation of his suggestion would improve the current situation greatly.

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