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

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**Submission Text:** I am calling for the CLONMEL 2024-2030 LAP to be aligned with our County Development Plan i.e. that one off single houses will be permitted on both economic and social need. The current restrictive rules surrounding one off housing is like a chokehold and I believe this needs to be seriously amended. I believe there needs to be priority given to those who have strong ties to the area, descendants of the land who are willing to respect all planning rules and aesthetic guidelines.

Speaking from experience, the present rules are prohibitive to rural people who want to return to where they are from, and for some to give their children the upbringing they had themselves. My DNA is rural Irealnd though through these restrictive measures I am essentially being forced to live in the town.

I do not know my

neighbours where I currently live which is a far cry from my upbringing where 'neighbour' meant community. By being allowed to build on my family land, I could then free up a house to a highly pressurised rental market.

I am cognisant that the Council needs to be respectful of the needs of a future generation but this needs to be done

without forgoing the welfare of the present one. I am concerned for others in my position, too. The Council can indirectly affect the course of people's lives from where their children will go to school, what clubs they join, to whether or not they will be able to be on hand to help ageing parents when the time comes.

I truly believe that allowing more descendents of the land to return to their local areas will not only preserve their local communities but enrich them.

This is an opportunity to course correct. I truly hope the Council takes this opportunity to take a step back and look at the impact these restrictive measures mean in real people's lives, and what kind of Ireland it is creating.

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