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

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Submission Text: Dear Chief Executive

I welcome the publication of the Draft Local Area Plan (LAP) for Nenagh and I congratulate your team from the Planning Office on the excellent work they have done to date and I also want to thank them for the support and advice they have given me during this public consultation process.

I would like to make a number of observations/comments please.

TIMELINE FOR PUBLIC TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS

The period of time given for the public to review these documents and seek expert advice was too short. To date, I'm still trying to understand and digest all the information in these documents. Also, it should be noted that during the month of August, many members of the public are away from work taking time off and/or are extremely busy preparing for the return of school in September. Most of the public reps close their constituency offices in August and are unavailable to provide any assistance. [REDACTED] is also extremely busy assisting constituents

with cost of living issues such as back to school costs, accommodation for students going to third level college and much much more. These draft documents are extremely important for public to review and we should have been given at least 10 weeks to review.

CSO DATA

The data given in the Written Statement appears significantly out of date. The data from the 2022 CSO census is not shown. According to the CSO, the population of Nenagh now stands at 9,895 (+10.3% from 2016). This is a significant increase and the population will increase ever further during the lifespan of this plan. This draft plan is out of date and it must be reviewed.

CHAPTER 5. Sustainable Communities (WRITTEN STATEMENT).

Huge efforts have been made by community groups and campaigners to make Nenagh an Autism Friendly Town with acknowledgment and accreditation from AS-I-AM, and from Youth Groups for children with Autism such as the A-Team. The work by these community groups and their plans to open a center for children with autism has not been discussed. I ask Tipperary County Council (TCC) to review this and make this a policy to support children and young adults with Autism in Nenagh. TCC must also review and liaise with the Government on the Autism Innovation Strategy which was published last April 2023. Action on autism is a commitment in the Programme for Government. Consultation with persons with disabilities is a clear requirement of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted in 2006. Ireland signed the Convention in 2007 and ratified the Convention in 2018. The purpose of the Convention is to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity.

CHAPTER 7.2 Our Built, Social and Cultural Heritage.

The former Military Barracks on Summerhill is not discussed in detail in this section of the draft LAP but the site is included within the boundaries in Figure 10: Nenagh Architectural Conservation Area. Plans for this site have not been discussed. There is no clear planning policy to conserve and protect the site, and no clear objective on the future use. This site is extremely important to the people of Nenagh in terms of its conservation and its future use. I recommend a masterplan to be drafted for this site and new policies to be implemented on its conservation and future use.

CHAPTER 9.0 Land use Zoning Framework

The Draft Plan does not mention "EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION". It is inappropriate for this type of accommodation to be provided in areas zoned, for example, CSI, A or OSR. The zoning matrix needs to be updated. Certain classes of temporary development, including residential accommodation, undertaken by or on behalf of a State authority, to provide protection to displaced persons from Ukraine, have been exempted from the provisions of the Planning and Development Act other than those dealing with environmental considerations, so we must protect the relevant zoned areas in this Draft LAP.

CHAPTER 10.0 Monitoring and Evaluation

I very much welcome this statement and this LAP should be reviewed annually.

APPENDIX 2: Local Transport Plan

I welcome the publication of the Draft Local Transport Plan for Nenagh and I congratulate the excellent work done by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] & [REDACTED].

The plan must go further and Tipperary County Council should push for car free zones around our schools and the development of link roads between N52 and Old Dublin Road and the link roads as shown in Figure 6.15 (page 85). We also urgently need the inclusion of a Transport Hub at the Train Station and the relocation of bus stops to the train station. There is very limited discussion on this proposal in this Draft LAP (see Table 6.4 page 82 PT7).

Thank you for accepting my submission and I look forward to the next stage of the LAP process.

King regards
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