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

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Submission Text: 1. Roads: The inner relief road and bypass cannot come quickly enough. The current situation is choking the life from the town. Active travel, cycle lanes can be improved in the near term while we are waiting for the Active travel route from Loughtagalla to the Jimmy Doyle. This could be a quick win.

2. Regeneration of the centre: Supports need to be given to property owners to develop the 'Over the Shop' living for residents and families. Not just Student Accommodation, there can be a healthy mix. This needs to be supported with active travel. Technology and Innovation hubs and spaces don't have to be large purpose built places on the periphery but instead can be grouped as smaller units in town centre. Making the town age friendly has to start with the simple stuff, footpaths and crossings. Again these are quick wins.

3. Environment: Trees, we should look at international best practice here as some of our European neighbours have great solutions here for trees in the urban environment. This is another way to sink carbon. The National Biodiversity Plan will give the help required in planning the nature realm within the built environment. Again this can involve a lot of small simple things that can be effective. Informing and advising the people of the town on the work that is being done and the rationale for it. Lots of small places add up to one big place. This can be incentivised, similar to the way grants are given to paint shops and houses around the centre. Help and incentives

could be given to private houses and businesses for all sorts of biodiversity projects e.g roof top apiaries.

3. Arts and Culture: The Local Link Service is very popular, this could be enhanced to bring in an evening /night time weekend service. This would improve access for all to the cultural and artistic events in the community. the DP could support his by working with TFI and putting bus stops where people need them.

Creative spaces for arts can be combined with commercial and innovation as there are links between them.

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