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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:** Dear forward Planner,

Firstly we would like to acknowledge a very detailed and well thought out Local Area Plan (LAP).

Some feedback which we recommend for inclusion in the next iteration of the plan:

1. Inclusion of a special symbol to highlight energy and climate action related objectives and policies that have derived from engagement with Tipperary Energy Agency (TEA).
2. TEA has been engaged throughout the county development plan process, and the development of the LAP process, it's recommended to reflect this continued engagement with an amendment to this statutory spatial plan
3. Support district heating and centralised biomass boiler/ heatpump systems, whether private/public or mixture of both, via relaxed/no planning and innovative approaches for easements, for plant and piping, in readiness for future projects.

Section 2.2

The National Climate Action Plan 2023 provides a detailed plan for taking decisive action to achieve a 51% reduction

in overall greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and setting us on a path to reach net-zero emissions by no later than 2050, as committed to in the Programme for Government and set out in the Climate Action Plan (DECC, 2023). It is a Core Ambition of the TCDP to enable a 'Climate Resilient, Sustainable and Low Carbon County' and to support a 51% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030 in line with the National Climate Action Plan. The National Climate Action Plan and the TCDP sets out a schedule of actions. This LAP has incorporated those actions as they relate to spatial planning locally in Clonmel including those that influence the following; compact growth and sustainable mobility, sustainable transport measures, town-centre first, nature-based solutions, and flood risk and water management. A new 'Climate Action Plan' for Tipperary County Council will be prepared by the Council in 2023/24, and will also seek to support the roles of communities and other sectors in achieving their climate adaptation and mitigation targets. Tipperary County Council will continue to collaborate with the Tipperary energy Agency (TEA), and other relevant energy agencies, to ensure the Local Authority Climate Action Plan, and this Local Area Plan, reflect the ambitions of the National Climate Action Plan.

Objective 2H

Continue to collaborate with the Tipperary Energy Agency, and other relevant energy agencies, to develop targeted energy and climate action measures within the geographic area of the local area plan.

New Objective 2I

Support district heating and centralised biomass/biogas boiler/ heatpump systems, whether private/public or mixture of both, via relaxed/no planning and innovative approaches for easements, for plant and piping, in readiness for future projects.

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