

SUBMISSION ON CEO'S REPORT ON PROPOSED MATERIAL AMENDMENTS TO CLONMEL LAP 2024-2030.

I refer to CEO's report dealing with submission No 93.

Submission 93 was submitted by us.

We respectfully submit that the summary of our submission does not accurately reflect our original submission on the Draft LAP with regard to the following issues:

1. Road Safety Issues on Moangarriff Road
2. Public Consultation

1. Road Safety Issues on Moangarriff Road:

Our submission refers to concerns about road safety at a number of specific locations

- a) entrance to Applegreen
- b) entrance to Southern Gas
- c) junction with Lower Moangarriff

We would contend that significant issues relating to road safety in our original submission are not mentioned in CEO's report.

The above named locations are not mentioned in the summary of our submission (addressed under submission 93),

nor in the consideration section (addressed under submission 85).

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The above named locations are dangerous for existing road users (vehicular & non-vehicular) because of the turning movements of vehicles (cars, trucks, some often reversing), as well as the clash with pedestrians, cyclists, horses and ponies. These locations are also dangerous because of their locations adjacent to road bends and the obstructed view of oncoming traffic for drivers.

This significant safety issue has not been acknowledged or addressed in the CEO report.

Footpaths and traffic calming measures proposed in the draft LTP report are to be welcomed but these don't address the above safety issues.

2. Public consultation:

Our original submission referred to the public consultation meetings held prior to the preparation of the 2008 Development Plan for Clonmel. This plan in essence stated that Moangarriff Road was unsuitable for servicing housing development on lands west of Meadowlands estate and that such development was to be serviced from Gortnafleur Road. The 2008 Plan also specified that a Master plan be prepared for the lands between Moangarriff and Gortnafleur Roads. As a result of the public consultation meetings and the 2008 Plan provisions referred to above, the residents of the Moangarriff Area had a legitimate expectation that the 2013 Development Plan would continue the same policy as the 2008 Plan as regards road access to lands west of Meadowlands estate. This policy was changed by the 2013 Plan without any public consultation meetings. Local residents were deprived of the opportunity to input into this policy change.

It is our view, that the Development Plan making process in 2013 was deficient to the extent that it resulted in the elected members of the Council adopting a plan which didn't accord with the spirit of planning law relating to public consultation.

The rationale for the above policy change has yet to be provided to residents by the council.

We would also comment on a number of statements contained in the CEO's consideration under

Submission 85 :

P102, paragraph (iii) states “land is serviced” and that the “LAP notes deficits” and states “See Draft Local Transport Plan”.

P103, paragraph (v) in addressing concerns about Moangarriff Road and Moangarriff Roundabout refers to the TIA submitted by a Planning Applicant and that An Bord Pleanála had accepted its findings as regards road capacity.

Our Comment:

The TIA does not acknowledge or address the significant road safety issues.

We welcome the CEO report reference to proposals in relation to active travel, traffic calming, footpaths. However, there is no acknowledgement of the significant road safety problems on Moangarriff Road at present as detailed earlier in this submission.

Our Comment:

The Water Supply serving Moangarriff Area is currently inadequate. The water supply to Meadowlands Estate was off last night and remains off this morning. This is the most recent of about 30 times in 2023 when we have been without a public water supply.

The CEO's report does not acknowledge or address this specific issue.

Report states site 26 is serviced by services including water. It doesn't state that the service quality at present is at a standard that delivers a significant level of disruption to the lives of people living in the area at present.