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Dear Sirs,

I look forward to the opportunity to engage in the review of the County Development Plan for County Galway over the next two years.

Some of the issues I would like to see reviewed and examined are as follows:

ONCE OFF RURAL HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

The policies around once off rural housing for local people needs to be examined to find a solution to the difficulties experienced by local people in securing planning permission in Connemara. The financial cost and emotional toll that the planning process is placing on people needs to be a consideration when the CDP is being reviewed.

TOURISM

The summer of 2020 has highlighted many challenges for our coastal communities which must be addressed in the CDP.

The increased numbers visiting beaches has brought many challenges and has highlighted the need for toilet and parking facilities at popular destinations.

There has also been an increase in the numbers 'wild camping' on public and private property. There needs to be clear guidance as to the responsibilities 'wild campers' have to the local community and the impact their presence might have on local residents.

Facilities and regulations in relation to camper vans also needs to be addressed.

FLOOD RISK AREAS

Parts of Clifden town experienced unprecedented flooding recently. Galway County Council and the OPW must progress the delivery of the flood relief scheme for Clifden.

Householders living in flood risk areas should be notified of the risk of flooding and be advised of flood mitigation measures (if any) that they can put in place to protect their property.

COASTAL EROSION

Dogs Bay and Gurteen Beaches in Roundstone are under threat due to coastal erosion due to both recent storms and long spells of dry weather.

The issue of coastal erosion needs to be addressed.

BURIAL GROUNDS

A policy should be put in place to upgrade and take in charge roads to Galway County Council operated burial grounds.

The above are just some of the issues I feel need to be addressed in the review.

Yours sincerely,

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