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Housing.

1. Policy UHO2

Ensure the provision of Social and Affordable Housing , Special Needs Housing and Housing for Older People.

2. Add New Policy RH04

That Social housing be provided by the Council on publicly owned lands.

3. Add New Policy RH05

It is an objective of Galway County Council that where Part 5 is condition on the granting of planning permission that sufficient green areas and playgrounds are incorporated in the development and that where a housing development is being considered within the Gaeltacht area that the provisions of the Gaeltacht plan be incorporated.

4. Definition of Housing Need

The definition of Housing need should be a person seeking planning permission who does not have a home of their own and wishes to build their first family home.

5. Rural Links

That where an applicant seeks planning for a one off house on their family land/farm for their first family home and that no other family lands with road frontage is available to them that in such case

back land development will be allowed.

6. That planning permission for a one off house on the family farm should not be restricted to a person engaged in full time farming.

7. That where an application is made for a one off house on family lands on a restricted road and the applicant can show that no other family lands are available to them their application should be considered having regard to sightlines, road safety and environment on a case by case basis.

8. Rural Depopulation

Ensure that there is no further depopulation of rural areas so as to strengthen rural communities and services. The present policy of forcing rural people to move into towns and cities should be discontinued as such a policy is destroying our rural fabric and quality of life for many people.

9. Downsizing

Where a planning application is received by the planning authority from an applicant who wishes to downsize for family reasons and the applicant wishes to remain part of their local community that such applications should be treated on a case by case basis and they should be treated as a person having a housing need.

10. Housing Need

Where an applicant can satisfy the planning authority that they have lived in the rural area and wish to build their first family home in that area and can show their involvement in the local community, children attending local schools and the family involvement in community activities for seven years that such application should be considered on a case by case basis. This will help to strengthen the local rural area.

11. Villages and small that don't have Public Waste Water Treatment Plants.

That where an application is made for a housing development in a town or village that does not have a public waste water treatment plant that local arrangements should be made to facilitate such a development. Many of these villages and small towns may never see a Public Waste Water Treatment plant in their area.

12. Road and Rail Infrastructure.

There should be an objective in the new County Development Plan stating that Galway County Council will work with Irish Rail, TII, Bus Eireann and Private Bus operators to ensure an efficient public transport system throughout the whole county and by so doing reducing the number of cars on our roads.

13, That the County Development should identify suitable park and ride areas, bus corridors and cycle lanes where feasible and should consider the provision of Cycle stands and electric charging points.

14. Galway County Council should ensure that each Municipal District has a yard where waste material can be brought so as to reduce the amount of unauthorised dumping of litter.

15. Galway Airport Site

For a long number of years the tax payers have contributed a lot of money towards the Galway Airport on the Monivea Rd. Now that commercial flights have been discontinued since the PSO was removed there is no air links between Galway and the other regions.

The Airstrip at Carnmore that the public provided funding for over the years has been used since the Airport was opened by the Galway Flying Club which is the largest flying club in the country with over 100 members. Many of our pilots started their training

at Carnmore and

are now employed by Commercial Airlines.

The airstrip is only a small part of the Airport Site which is 115 acres and is vital for the future

development of Galway City and County.

The site is also capable of providing facilities for our rescue services both on land and sea and

earlier this year the airport at Carnmore was used by the Royle Family when they visited Galway.

The airport site and Airstrip is ideally located so close to Galway City and we as a council

should do everything possible to make sure that such a fine piece of infrastructure is not

lost to future generations. Small commercial units could be established and co exist with the

Airstrip being left in place for future use and training.

16. Improved Rail Services

In order to get the best use of the Oranmore Railway Station it is important that the loop

at the Oranmore Railway Station is not delayed. Towards that end I would submit that

consideration should be given to having an entrance to the Railway Station from the

Dualcarriageway between the Maldron Hotel and the Galway Clinic and a car park provided on

both sides of the railway line.

17. Regional Development.

The lack of Regional development is hindering the proper balanced development of many of

towns in the county. Places like Ballinasloe, Gort, Loughrea, Athenry, Tuam. Oranmore and

Claregalway are served by motor ways, broadband, good educational facilities. There should be

linked up thinking with the IDA to resolve this situation. Why should workers have to travel

through gridlock for a number of hours each days going to and from work. The present policy

is putting a big strain on the existing infrastructure in the city and is reducing the quality of life

of the workers who have to go through these grid locks each day.

Jim Cuddy, Cllr.

That where an application is being made for a housing development

Regards, Jim