# Submissions to the draft county Development plan

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# GIED 1 Economic Development in An Gaeltacht and the Islands

To promote and support the development of services, industries and businesses such as media businesses, public services, translation companies, publishing, educational services, translation, Coláistí Samhraidh, tourism etc. that use Irish as the lingua franca of daily business and provide important Irish language services locally, nationally and globally. These businesses are particularly important as they sustain and grow the Irish language base of the Gaeltacht and also help the growth of strong linguistic Irish speaking communities.

# GIED 4 Development of Marine and Aquaculture within An Gaeltacht and Islands

Promote and facilitate the sustainable development in the marine/aquaculture industry and forest/timber in suitable locations in the Gaeltacht and on the islands.

#### WS 8 Proliferation of Septic Tanks

Encourage the use of high standard treatment plants to minimise the risk of groundwater pollution.

#### WS 5 Private Water Supply

Support the provision of a private water supply in instances where there is no public water supply, or where it is not cost effective or practical to connect to an existing supply or where the existing supply does not have sufficient capacity to serve the proposed development.

This will only be considered where it can be demonstrated that the proposed water supply meets the standards set out in the EU and national legislation and guidance including adherence to Article 6 of the EU Habitats Directive, and would not be prejudicial to public health or would not significantly impact negatively on the source or yield of an existing supply.

#### PO 1 Delivery of All Ireland Pollinator Plan

To facilitate the delivery of the All Ireland Politinator Plan where possible. In the interest of preserving and enhancing biodiversity and working in conjunction with the All Ireland Pollinator Plan —

It shall be the policy of the council to ensure that at least 20% of the green space on all housing estates being built will have to be dedicated, developed and maintained as a pollinator zone. The area dedicated can be confined to one single lot or various lots around the site providing that the total area of the lots meets the minimum requirement of 20%.

The pollinator zones should be planted with a mix of pollinator friendly – bulbs, self seeding annuals and biennials, perennials, shrubs, trees, fruit trees and fruit bushes and the majority of this planting should consist of native plants.

# RH 17 Direct Access onto Restricted Regional Roads

Proposed access onto any restricted Regional Road outside the 50-60kmp speed zones shall be restricted to members of the farm family on the family holding and must be accompanied by a justification for the proposed access including an assessment of the scope for sharing an access and/or achieving access onto an alternative minor road which can be either a private or public road will be the preferred option An Enurement condition will be attached to grants of planning permission for the above.

### **Restricted Regional Roads**

The R336 shall only be considered a restricted road westwards from the city only as far as An Cnoc Naháille

#### **Protected structures**

I wish to have the following bridges removed from the list of protected structures –

Carrirkallegaun causeway, Cuigeal and Creenagh.

#### GA 4 Language Enurement Clause

 (a) A Language Enurement Clause will be applied on a portion of residential units in developments of two or more units in District D Cois Fharraige. The proportion of homes to which a language enurement clause will be a minimum of 80% or to the proportion of persons using Irish Language on a daily basis, in accordance with the latest published Census whichever is greater.

The 80% rule will also apply in zoned and designated villages in the Cois Fharraige language planning area where housing need is not required and where the same applicant applies for permission for more than one house as a series of single applications

# IS 4 Rural Housing on the Islands

2. Support permanent rural housing on the islands for applicants who can demonstrate that they will permanently live on the island for a substantial and sustained period of time. An Enurement condition shall apply for a period of 7 years, after the date that the house is first occupied by the person or persons to whom the enurement clause applies.

