**Chapter 4**

**Rural Living and Development**

The Draft County Development Plan will be in accordance with the provisions set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and will comply with the objectives and recommendations set out in the NPF and the RSES and Ministerial and Policy Guidelines i.e. Housing Need Demand Assessment. The preparation of the Core Strategy is a mandatory legislative requirement and will be a fundamental part of the preparation of the Draft County Development Plan

**Addendum:Acknowledgement of FLEMISH DECREE:**

**I believe it is imperative that the existence of Flemish Decree is acknowledged and noted within the Legislative Context Chapter 1 of Galway County Development 2022-2028**

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**Chapter 6 Transport and Movement**

**6.5.5 Ports, Harbours, Piers and Slipways**

I wish to propose that Galway County Council recognise the strategic importance’s of Rinville Pier, Oranmore, by the inclusion of objective PH6 in the County Development Plan 2022-2028

**PH 6**Galway County Council recognise the strategic importance’s of Rinville Pier **by supporting the development of an Infrastructure Masterplan for Rinville, in collaboration with all stakeholders**

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**Chapter 8 Tourism and Landscape**

**8.7 Visitor Experience Development Plan Areas**

The Council will support the preparation of Visitor Experience Development Plans (VEDP) and other tourism masterplans both within the county and also those which crosses from the county into neighbouring counties. There are four existing VEDP’s/tourism masterplans in the county which include The Connemara Coast and Aran Islands VEDP’s (2017), Burren & Cliffs of Moher VEDP (2020), Tourism Masterplan for the Shannon 2020-2030 Waterways Ireland (2020) and the Lough Derg VEDP 2020-2024. The Council will support the implementation of these aforementioned plans and also support the preparation of further such plans at appropriate locations throughout the county

**The tourism sector is extremely important to the economic development Clarinbridge and South Galway,  Recent**Feasibility Study (carried out by Tourism International Ireland , ) recognises, Clarinbridge/South Galway has untapped tourism potential and the Oyster Theme Experience could have a potentially transforming effect on how Clarinbridge/ South Galway could re-position itself as serious tourism destination internationally.

**I am therefore seeking the inclusion of objective CTB6 in (VEDP)  Policy Objectives County Tourism Brands**

**Objective CTB 6: Support and facilitate the development of a masterplan for   The World is Your Oyster Tourism/Heritage Experience for Clarinbridge/ South Galway**

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**Chapter 6 Transport and Movement**

6.5.2.4 Public Transport

Park and Ride

Park and Ride Facilities

The Council will investigate the provision park and ride facilities at appropriate locations with the main focus on encouraging commuters to utilise public transport, reducing congestion and assisting in the transition to a low carbon county.

The strategic  importance of  a Park and Ride Service on the East Side of Galway City/ Location Oranmore/Guarran should be acknowledged

**Objective PT5.1 Galway County Council C.P.C in collaboration with Galway City Council  C.P.C consider and identify   a suitable site ( on lands in Gaurran , Oranmore) for a Park and Ride Service to support the utilisation of public transport, reduce traffic congestion and assist in the transition to a low carbon county**

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**Chapter 9 Marine and Coastal Management**

**Policy Objectives Marine and Coastal Tourism**

2.1 Mandatory Objectives

• Preservation of the character of the landscape, including the preservation of views and prospects and the amenities of places and features of natural beauty or interest

Preservation of public rights of way which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other places of natural beauty or recreational utility;

MCT 3 Existing Coastal Walkways To support proposals that improve the existing network of coastal walks within the county in accordance with environmental considerations

The public right of way from Rinville Pier to Rinville Point is used frequently by the people of Oranmore, Maree and City/ County. The pathway has been deteriorating due to coastal erosion and lack of maintenance over recent years. Note : Dialog is ongoing with local landowner, Oranmore Heritage Group and Oranmore Tidy Towns to support the preservation of this essential right of way ..

**I wish to include ObjectiveMCT3.1: Galway County Council will support the protection and improvement works of the public right of way from Rinville Pier to Rinville Point, in conjunction with all Stakeholders,**

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**Chapter 11 Community Development and Social Infrastructure**

**Policy Objectives Sports, Recreation and Amenity**

SRA 8 Swimming Facilities It is the policy objective of the Council to enhance the provision of swimming facilities throughout the County and ensure the quality of bathing waters is maintained and to contribute towards the achievement of the requirements of the EU Bathing Water Directive and to transposing Bathing Water Quality Regulations (SI No. 79 of 2008) and EU Mandatory Values, as a minimum and EU Guide Values, where possible.

 To support safer environment  of swimmer at Rinville  consideration be given to the installation of a Tidal Pool at Rinville Oranmore which will allow members of the public to swim in a protected area, whilst being adjacent to the sea

**SRA8.1 Objective :  Serious Consideration be given  to the establishment of  a  designated bathing area and change facilities  in Rinville , Oranmore within the life spam of the Development Plan**

**SRA8.2 Objective Consideration be given within the Development Plan for the installation of a Tidal Pool and changing  facilities at  Rinville, Oranmore**

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**Rinville Park**

Earnest consideration be given over  the lifespan of  proposed  Development Plan 2022-2028 to the extension of Rinville Park

Objective : **Galway County Council will collaborate with Galway City Council  on the extension of Rinville Park, Oranmore, over the life spam of the County Development Plan 2022-2028**