**7.6          Waste Management**

**Policy Objectives Waste Management**

**WM 6                    Waste Management**

To continue to meet the duties under the Waste Management (certification of historic unlicensed waste disposal and recovery activity) Regulations 2008, including those in relation to the identification and registration of closed landfills.

We submit to have the following Specific Local Objective  inserted here under WM6

To carry out remediation of the Poolboy Landfill site

1. as financially provided for in the Landfill Remediation Fund 2013 from Ballinasloe Town Council  and detailed in the capital account 2020 ( copy attached) and previous documentation with the Galway County Council where this commitment is detailed

and
2. as per legally required by High Court Order Justice Kearns 1999  No 1789p ( copy attached)  to return it to recreational / parkland use
3. At that time these lands at Poolboy Landfill and adjacent lands will fall under the remit of the CDP and provision for that changeover needs to be included in the CDP 2022-2028.  I propose that a remediation plan and process is put in place in the lifetime of the CDP 2022-2028 plan to fulfill the legal requirement of Galway County Council to remediate the old landfill site at Poolboy as per 1999 High Court Order Justice Kearns No 1789p which was closed in 2005 . The High Court Order exerts a legal onus on GCC to return to these lands to community recreational use and use monies provided for that purpose as detailed in Capital Account as in Clause 2c

and
4. I request those lands ‘’to be designated as an open space/ park/ amenity area’’ as per Clause 2c of HCO in this CDP 2022-2028 and a specific classification for parkland/ amenity applied to them in CDP to protect their future development as decreed by High Court Order

and

1. that independent legal clarity is provided to the community of Ballinasloe, funded by GCC regarding all their legal obligations under this High Court Order and in particular clause 2b and 2d of High Court Order 1999 No 1789p as outlined below-

Clause 2b ‘’Ballinasloe Urban District Council will not sell transfer lease or otherwise dispose of the lands situate at Poolboy whether to Galway County Council or to a private operator the lands situate at Poolboy or adjacent thereto so as to permit the said lands to be used by Galway County Council or such operator as a landfill facility subject to same not being ultra vires the Ballinasloe UDC’’

Clause 2d ‘’…the lands situate at Poolboy will not be used for the purpose of landfill or any related purpose and in particular will not be utilised as a transfer station’’

We submit here another strategic aim - that is that Galway County Council will make good on its commitment to Ballinasloe Town within the life of this plan to develop Townparks Relief Road and Townparks Amenity Area linked to the Townspark Relief Road in Ballinasloe as detailed in the attached Capital Accounts letter dated 2020 signed by then CEO Kevin Kelly. This commitment falls on Galway County Council as a whole and provisions were given to GCC to follow through on this commitment as detailed in this and previous correspondence held in the council from 2013/4 and onwards. It is proper order that this commitment is detailed clearly as a strategic aim within the CDP.

### 6.2       Strategic Aims

 Galway County Council shall work with the appropriate agencies and state bodies to ensure that transport infrastructure is provided and will accord with the following strategic aims;

* To support the Galway County Transport & Planning Strategy (GCTPS) and the Galway Transport Strategy (GTS);
* To support the sustainable modes of transport and the transition to a low carbon economy;
* To safeguard the strategic transport function, carrying capacity, including planning for future capacity enhancements of the national road network;
* Promote development on serviced lands in towns and villages, particularly those located along public transport corridors in accordance with the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas Guidelines (2009), having regard to existing settlement patterns;
* To promote the upgrade of the capacity of the Athlone – Athenry – to Galway rail line including the provision of a dual track and increased service stops between Galway and Athlone;

* To promote and support the expansion of County-wide and national Cycling infrastructure;
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6.5.3 I request that the Ballinasloe Townparks Relief Road linking also to Townparks Amenity Area is inserted in this table below also.

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| **Other Roads** |
| * R336 Bearna-Scrib via Ros an Mhil
* Athenry Relief Road;
* Tuam Inner Relief Road;
* Kinvara Inner Relief Road;
* Link from the Parkmore Industrial Estate to the R339;
* Ballinasloe Townparks Relief Road linking also to Townparks Amenity Area
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