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Volume 1

Chapter 4 : Rural Living and Development

4.5.2.3 Open Countryside

RC 5 Rural Clustering on un-serviced lands in Villages

- Need to clarify how many clusters of 5 or less house will be permitted in a village, separation distances etc.
- Its important that RC 7 be prepared in advance of final CPD approval, and not leave until during the lifetime of the Plan, otherwise it will become very subjective.

4.6 Rural Housing Strategy in the Open Countryside

RH1 – Propose to change reference “existing family farm holdings” to “family owned lands”.

Regarding Volume 2 MASP

Land Use Zoning Objectives - GCMA 1 Residential Development

- *Single house developments for family members on family-owned lands, I propose that this relates to all areas within the MASP area.*

RH 2 Rural Housing Zone 2

1(a) – It should state “demonstrable economic or social Rural links” not “demonstrable Economic and / or social rural link”, as per NPO 19.

1(d)- Please amend this to state, “any returning emigrant, who has attended primary national school in the area” rather than stating “applicants who have lived for substantial periods of their lives in the rural area, then moved away”. This is far too subjective.

RH 14 Linear Development – Also refer to DM 10 below.

Propose to omit reference to 250 meters of road frontage and include that an exception will apply if the applicant can demonstrate that the site is the only land available in the family holding, and also include for nephew or niece, grandchild.

RH 15 Backland Developments

Remove “access shall in normal circumstances be by means of the existing entrance”

RH 17 Restricted Regional Roads

Replace “restricted to members of the farm family on the family holding” with “restricted to members of the family on the family lands”



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Rural Development Policy Objectives

RD 1, 4 – Propose we include facilitating the development of Cafes, Art Galleries, Hot Desk facilities, etc which are important for the rural economy, and remote working. Delete “do not require visiting members of the public” from RD 4

Chapter 8 Tourism and Landscape

Policy Objectives Greenways / Blueways

The development of the Quiet Man Greenway connecting Athenry, Ballyglunin, Tuam and Milltown should be identified as a specific objective of the Plan. GBW1 of the Draft Plan specifically identifies the Dublin to Galway Greenway and the Connemara Greenway as greenways of regional and national importance.

8.10.3 Events and Festivals

I propose that Cruinniu ma mBad Kinvara be included.

8.12.1

Reference should also be made to the Burren Trail which is a loop off the Wild Atlantic way

Map 8.2 Landscape Sensitivity

The current Landscape Sensitivity Map LCM 2 is now replaced by Map 8.2.

Landscape Sensitivity Ratings Class 1 to Class 5 are now replaced by 1-4. In my locality some areas currently in Classes 3-5 are now replaced by proposed Class 2. I propose that proposed Class 2 is similar to current Class 3 and not an onerous current Class 4/5.

Chapter 15 : Development Standards

DM Standard 5 – Granny Flats

I propose that the proposed gross area of 50 m sq be increased to 75 m sq

DM Standard 10- Linear Development

I propose to omit reference to 250 meters of road frontage, and include that an exception will apply if the applicant can demonstrate that the site is the only land available in the family holding, and also include for nephew or niece, grandchild



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DM 27 Access to National and other Restricted Roads

Housing Need Eligibility

b) Omit reference to "members of the farm family on the Family holding " and replace with "members of the family on the family lands"

Signed

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