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RE: CDP Review

Dear Sir / Madam

The CIF Galway branch is pleased to make a submission to Galway County Council on their Pre-Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

Over the next six-year period the new Galway County Development Plan will be central to the future planning and economic development of the county, as well as Galway city and the entire western region. It is therefore important that the new development plan is framed in a manner that is flexible enough to facilitate any changes that may occur over the time frame of the plan.

Galway county has a critical role to play in helping to create more balanced regional economic development within the western region and along the *"Atlantic Economic Corridor"*. It will also be pivotal in helping to achieve the ambitious targets set for the region under *"Project Ireland 2040"*. The new Galway county development plan must therefore reflect the critical role the county has in helping to achieve sustainable balanced economic development for the entire western region.

One of the major challenges for the new county development plan is the counties infrastructural deficits, particularly the lack of water and wastewater services throughout the county. The delivery of the east Galway wastewater treatment plant is critical to the future development of the county, as is the upgrading and installation of new water and wastewater services for many Galway county towns. It is therefore vital that Irish Water's programme of work for the county supports the objectives set out in the county's new development plan.

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In adopting a settlement hierarchy for the county the development plan must be in line with the recommendations set out under the National Planning Framework. It must be ambitious in terms of growth for each of the settlement categories and must ensure that sufficient residential, commercial and industrial lands are zoned and serviced to facilitate the appropriate growth of all settlements within the county. This will be essential for the creation of a strong linked urban and rural settlement structure.

In the Gaeltacht areas an assessment of the Irish language enurement clause needs to be carried out to establish whether these clauses have been effective or not. If these clauses are shown to have been a barrier to investment in Gaeltacht areas then they should not be included in the new county development plan.

It is respectfully requested that Galway County Council consider the above issues in their preparation of the Draft Development Plan to ensure the emerging Plan provides a strong yet flexible planning framework for future growth. As part of this process, it is considered that engagement with the Construction Industry Federation is critical to ensure a fit for purpose Plan exists going forward.

If you have any queries with any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Justin Molloy
Director

