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7. Please enter your submission in no more than 4000 plain text characters. *

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission. It would be an objective of Galway County Development Plan to allow the use of Coastal Edge to be extended. Large tracts of land in some areas are designated Coastal Edge even though in some areas they are reaching a substantial distance from the shoreline and comprising large portions of some farms, this extended use of the Coastal Edge area would be confined to suitable areas in the northern sections and would be setback over 300 metres from the foreshore. There is increased pressure with the financial situation on farms and the need to diversify in order to supplement the farm income, there is also pressure to reduce the herd due to the impact of climate change and need to reduce the carbon footprint. I have spoken with Teagasc, Failte Ireland, Flag and Galway Leader amongst others who have identified the need for alternative farm tourism offering in the local area. Some farms are ideally situated to provide this need but the Coastal Edge is restricted to rural housing need at the moment. A provision could be made for a farming enterprise like what was made for genuine rural housing need so that family farms are given a chance to diversify within the Coastal Edge without negatively impacting to area. The extended use of the Coastal Edge could include rural activities for the provision of eco-tourism and low impact camping offering. This low impact camping offering could consist of removable camping structures and would have no impact on the sea views over Galway Bay from the coast road. I hope you give serious consideration to my submission and I am happy to be contacted at any time to discuss same. Mise Le Meas
Marty Concannon