



Submission to Roscommon Co. Council Draft Co. Development Plan

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Background: Kilteevan Tidy Towns recognises the potential of walking and cycling as an amenity for local people and a tourism resource. Kilteevan's Cloonlarge Loop Initiative has opened up its unique landscape to many visitors and has future economic potential. We are members of the Community Wetlands Forum, Roscommon Transition Town and Plastic Free Roscommon.

We would like to make the following points in relation Co Roscommon Draft Development Plan 2021- 2017. I am aware that some are more specific than strategic but they are as requested by members of the community.

Infrastructure including Sustainable Transport, and Communications

- Making charge points and fast charge points for electric vehicles and bicycles available for public use in the community.
- Provide safe walking and cycling Greenway linking Roscommon Town, Mote Park and The Cloonlarge Loop. This should be designed using current thinking and the best practice from experience in other locations
- Consult with National Park and Wildlife Service and seek permission increase the size of the Cloonlarge Loop Car park to accommodate four more cars
- Pilot a Rural Public Transport Initiative to include Kiltreevan
- Speed Limits on rural roads should be lower than 80km e.g. the road from Ballinaboy Cross to Carrigeens. This road is used by many as a Roscommon bypass at high speed on poor roads
- Provide connectivity and linkages with trails in adjoining counties in partnership with their councils
- Prevent flooding on the Cloonlarge – Clooneigh junction in order to provide continuous access to the Cloonlarge Loop
- Research transport to and from Primary and Post Primary schools. Congestion could be reduced by safe cycling scooting and walking
- Covid 19 highlighted even more the importance of rural high speed broadband and telecommunications in rural areas like Kiltreevan

Natural Heritage

Responses to key questions

How can change to the quality, character and amenity value of County Roscommon's landscape be managed?

Roscommon Co Council should purchase land parcels identified as having specific or significant importance. This would then become part of a National Trust. Example: Land which could be used as a nature reserve.

Do you think it is important to protect the natural heritage of the county?

It is vitally important to protect our natural heritage. It is a legacy which we have to protect for future generations. It is our responsibility to protect it.
Projects such as our Cloonlarge Loop has revitalised the area and has people looking at natural heritage with fresh eyes.

How can the countryside be protected from the loss of habitats and adverse visual impacts caused by inappropriate development?

Good policy. Key stakeholders /agencies must be involved in development of policy to protect against inappropriate development

CLIMATE ACTION, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Provide administrative and other key supports Roscommon Transition Town in their progressive forward thinking work.

General Comment

We are a little disappointed that Kiltewan is not marked on the Map on page 21.

We are overshadowed a little by Roscommon! But sure only ourselves will notice.