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Galway and Roscommon
Education and Training Board



25th January 2024

Roscommon Town Draft Local Area Plan,
Forward Planning Section,
Roscommon County Council,
Aras an Chontae,
Roscommon.
F42 VR98

Re: Roscommon Town Draft Local Area Plan.

To whom it may concern,

Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board (GRET) welcomes the opportunity to submit comments/observations on the Roscommon Town Draft Local Area Plan 2024-2030 .

GRET provides services to over 20,000 learners annually across Galway and Roscommon through our network of Schools, Further Education and Training Centres and Community Programmes.

There has been a significant increase in demand for apprenticeship places and other FET services such as pre-apprenticeship, traineeships etc.

GRET currently do not provide Apprenticeship training or PLC in Roscommon Town or County.

GRET have identified the former Casey's Garage site as an ideal centrally located site close to public transport and all local services to locate a Training Centre which will provide apprenticeship and other much needed FET Services in Roscommon Town.

The Roscommon Town Draft Local Area Plan 2024-2030 has zoned a portion of this site as "Residential Opportunity Sites". GRET request that this is removed, and the site is zoned Town Core only. GRET intend to develop this site as a Training Centre and will require the entirety of the site to facilitate the construction of a Training Centre. Without the full site it would not be feasible to construct a Training Centre in Roscommon Town.

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Figure 1. Former Casey's Garage site circled in red.

Kind regards,

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