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Planning Department
Roscommon County Council
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Re: Roscommon Town Draft Local Area Plan

Dear Planning Dept,

We wish to request if it is possible to develop the Green Belt for the purpose of creating a Community Garden for our community.

We have found a good area that would be perfect for creating a community garden. Plot number: located near the park. Map attached. *RN 35709F / Highlighted in Green*

Our Mission is to provide work experience, training, personal development and mentoring for people with mental health issues, other disabilities and the broader community, enabling them to progress to main stream employment through the operation of the enterprise known as The Melting Pot, whilst promoting equality and social inclusion for all members of the community as we have a number of different nationalities in Roscommon.

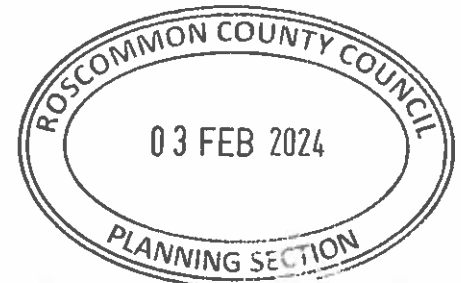
Such a garden would work perfectly as a form of therapy for people with mental health problems as well as social inclusion. Research indicate that gardening has an extremely positive impact on our mental health among others gives us a sense of responsibility provides us with an opportunity to nurture. gives us the ability to connect with living things enables us to relax and let go, increases serotonin and dopamine (happy hormones) and decreases cortisol (the stress hormone), offers a place to vent anger and aggression, is a very easy task to grade, so it meets people's individual needs in an inclusive way.

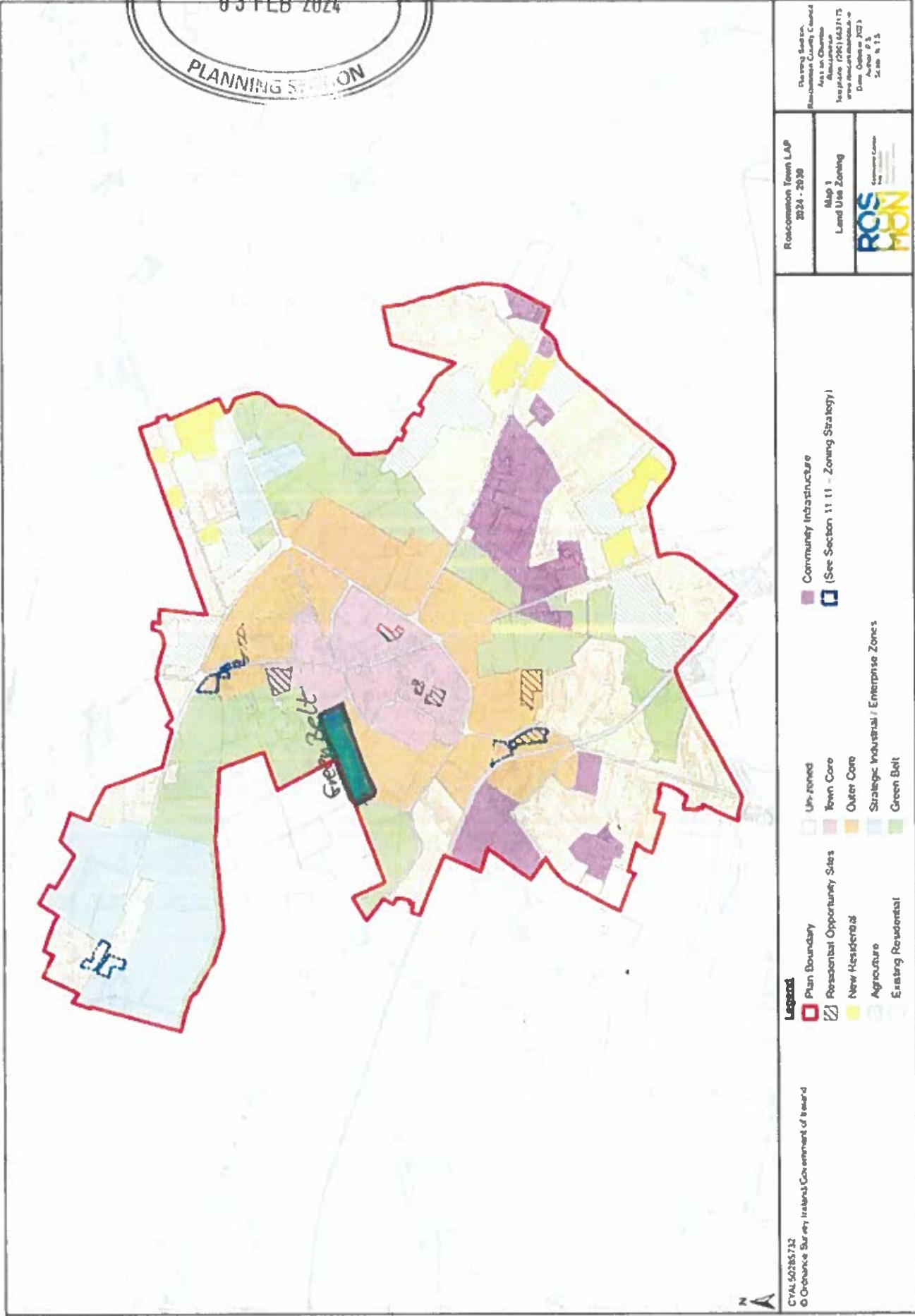
This would be beneficial to everyone in the community as older people with life experience could advice, help and guide young people and this in turn benefits everyone and most important the environment.

Your Sincerely

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Map 1
Land Use Zoning

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Map 1 in Chapter
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Legend

- Plan Boundary
- Residential Opportunity Sites
- New Residential
- Agriculture
- Existing Residential
- Un-zoned
- Town Core
- Outer Core
- Strategic Industrial / Enterprise Zones
- Green Belt
- Community Infrastructure (See Section 11.11 - Zoning Strategy)

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