



# Shannon Rangers GAA

## Submission on Draft Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028



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Shannon Rangers GAA club wish to make the following observations on the draft County Development Plan.

**Observation 1:**

We request that prior to adopting a new County Development Plan that Kerry County Council conduct a review of the last number of the County Development Plans, to assess their effectiveness and whether targets and objectives have been met.

We contend that the most recent plans will clearly be shown NOT to have met targets and objectives set for North Kerry.

**Observation 2:**

We request that Kerry County Council include as an objective in the County Development Plan the renewal of the villages of North Kerry. Shannon Rangers GAA club is an amalgamation of 6 GAA clubs – Asdee, Ballydonoghue, Ballyduff, Ballylongford, Beale (*Ballybunion*) & Tarbert. 5 of our 6 constituent clubs amalgamate (*though not with each other*) at underage level simply to field teams.

North Kerry villages have seen their economies decimated over the last while and we feel that Kerry County Council must address this in the proposed County Development Plan. Not everything must go to Tralee & Killarney.





### **Observation 3:**

We request that prior to adopting a new County Development Plan that Kerry County Council set up the Shannon Estuary Coastal Network (*or North Kerry / West Limerick / Shannon Estuary / Clare Settlement Network*). We feel that this must be put in place to function as a countermeasure to the Kerry Hub & Knowledge Triangle. We fear that if this is Network is not established before the adoption of the new County Development Plan that The Kerry Hub & Knowledge Triangle will develop at a rate that is detrimental to North Kerry and further marginalise the residents, ratepayers and taxpayers of North Kerry.

### **Observation 4:**

We request that prior to adopting a new County Development Plan that Kerry County Council conduct a review of the community gain funds that wind farm owners operate in North Kerry.

Shannon Rangers GAA request that only wind farm operators who have had a community gain fund in place for the operational life of their wind farm will be considered for “repowering” permission.





### **Observation 5:**

We request that Kerry County Council include as an objective in the County Development Plan an increase in tourism in North Kerry. We request that Kerry County Council put in place strategies and measures to achieve this desired increase. We request that Kerry County Council put in place measurable targets to show that the desired increase is being achieved.

We would like to offer an example of a practical and inexpensive measure that could be put in place almost immediately. The signposting of the Wild Atlantic Way along the North Kerry coastline should be upgraded. This upgrade might focus on the junction of the N67 & R551 in Tarbert village. Traffic should be directed towards the Wild Atlantic Way rather than Listowel at this junction.

Please contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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