



## **PUBLIC MEETING ON REVIEW OF ENNIS AND ENVIRONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2003 TO BE HELD TODAY**

**County Clare, IRELAND, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2007** – A public event will be held today to encourage the people of Ennis to play their part in planning the future development and growth of the county capital and its hinterland. Clare County Council and Ennis Town Council, who are currently reviewing the **2003 Development Plan for Ennis and Environs**, will host a public meeting at the offices of Ennis Town Council from 2-9pm.

The review of the Development Plan for Ennis and Environs commenced with a 9-week period of public consultation on December 8<sup>th</sup> 2006. The Development Plan covers a 6-year period and the current plan is due to expire in December 2008.

According to Bill Sansum, Executive Planner, Clare County Council, *“Strictly dealing with land-use issues, the revised Plan will seek to guide and facilitate the future growth of Ennis and its surrounding area in such a way that will provide for the future land-use requirements of its community for economic development, recreational, social, community, residential, transport and infrastructural needs”*.

*“The key aim is to ensure that the area is allowed to grow in a well-planned and sustainable way, providing a quality living environment for those who reside and work in the town and an enjoyable experience for those visiting it”*, Mr. Sansum added.

Mr. Sansum said that Clare County Council and Ennis Town Council are now actively seeking an input from all sectors of the community that could potentially be affected by the reviewed Development Plan.

*“Today’s public information event is designed to inform the public of the review and the process it involves; to identify land-use issues that the town is facing; and, most importantly, to stimulate input from the public into how to address the issues in the drafting of the new Plan. It will provide an informal forum for allowing a two-way information flow involving local input and the dissemination of vital information. The*

*event will feature an evening workshop for those who would like to discuss collectively the issues that the review of the Plan should be focusing on. The greater the participation the more effective the outcome will be so everyone is welcome to come along”, Mr. Sansum stated.*

A number of local schools are also engaging in the review process by undertaking small projects as a means to stimulating and presenting their ideas, issues and visions for the town. The completed projects will be placed on display today, as part of the overall presentation of information at Ennis Town Council’s Civic offices in Drumbiggle.

All comments and submissions in relation to the review of the **2003 Development Plan for Ennis and Environs** must be made in writing by 9<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Anyone not in a position to take part in today’s public consultation event, but who would like to make a submission on the drafting of a new Plan, can submit comments or make a submission on the drafting of a new Plan to Clare County Council, Planning and Economic Development, Forward Planning Section, Westgate Business Park, Kilrush Road, Ennis or by e-mail to [cheneghan@clarecoco.ie](mailto:cheneghan@clarecoco.ie).