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LOCAL AUTHORITY RECEIVES WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON ENNIS AND ENVIRONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2003

Ennis, County Clare, IRELAND, 12th April 2007 – Ennis Town Council and Clare County Council have received 168 written submissions relating to the review of the Ennis and Environs Development Plan. The submissions will be the subject of a Manager’s Report, to be presented to the May meetings of Ennis Town Council and 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 Development Plan covers a 6-year period while the current plan is due to expire in December 2008.

“The review of the Development Plan for Ennis and Environs commenced with a 9-week period of public consultation on December 8th 2006”, explained Bill Sansum, Executive Planner, Clare County Council.

“Earlier this year, we hosted a public event to encourage the people of Ennis to play their part in planning the future development and growth of the county capital and its hinterland. A report, to be presented to the elected representatives in May, will summarise and comment on the issues raised during the consultation period. There then follows a period of several weeks when the councillors consider the Report and at the end of which they may issue directions as to what they wish to see in the Draft Plan”, Mr. Sansum said.

Planning legislation requires that any such directions from elected representatives must take account of the legal obligations of local authorities in the area, as well as relevant government and ministerial policies and objectives. The Draft Plan will be prepared during the summer and autumn months. After the elected members adopt it, there will be another period of public consultation.

Mr. Sansum thanked the organisations and members of the public who made submissions.

“They should be complimented for the high standard of the many well thought out and well argued submissions. I would also like to thank pupils of schools in the area who were involved in projects relating to the future development of Ennis as part of their coursework”, he concluded.