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HOUSING. This is a very important area when looking at the development of the village and the policy cannot be housing at any cost, however to date it has been very disappointing just look at BROOK NA SIONNA, a concrete jungle of houses and pathways its an absolute disgrace and a stain on the centre of a beautiful village, no green space, no shrubs, no trees and not a flower in sight or indeed a place to put any or grow anything and nowhere for children to play, run around or kick a ball, also it does little for our carbon footprint. I think a far broader look at the conditions for house planning needs to be examined

PARKING. This is next to impossible in the village daily particularly in the morning in fact sometimes its impossible to just drive down the Main St due to people dropping off children at the Creche, where it seems planning permission was given with no plan for parking or if there was one it was and is totally impractical. A thorough examination of the whole parking position is required

GREEN AREAS. There are few if no green areas in the Village and I do think the Council need to put greater effort into this area, we have a beautiful village and the river Shannon on our doorstep so I suggest this is any area that could be developed for all ages. The council could look at a riverside Boardwalk that could be both a walkway and cycleway and other activities. Frankly some money should be spent on the renewal and development of the playground, its pointless to put in amenities and then not maintain them.

PARK and RIDE. I think the proper development of transport links are very important in particular Public Transport, examples are where the timing of the trains and busses actually suit people and get them to work in time, this would of course need good Park & Ride facilities, looking at the potential space provided on the plan . maybe with careful marking of car spaces plus disable spaces plus area for Bikes and visiting the space the best possible number may be twelve. Therefore if the transport initiative works and the the village is developed as you intend with more housing this may well become an issue for the residents of Maple Grove as when the Park & Ride fills up we become the next best place to park I think the residents would not be happy with that so my main question here is where is the space to expand the P&R facility because at the moment the potential space looks woefully inadequate. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and I look forward to see the reviewed plan.

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