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Firstly I would like to say that I am very disappointed that the Local Authority is considering the extension to the Annacotty Industrial Business Park. We fully support the economic development of Limerick and are happy to see the former Ferinka site being reused providing much needed employment in Limerick. However, as local residents, we have become increasingly concerned about the level of traffic generated to and from Annacotty Business Park. My family try to use sustainable transport modes where possible which includes my 15 year old granddaughter who cycles from Grange Upper to our local GAA grounds in Newgarden on a regular basis. The majority of cycle journeys we undertake includes having to navigate the Dublin Road (R445), however, it is in fact our own local road network (R506) which causes us most concern. The road network is already dominated by vehicle traffic including large HGVs and has become increasingly busier in recent years. As a vulnerable road user, I fear the potential for serious injury and loss of life in a collision between one of my family members and HGVs is significant. Given the the Draft Plans commitment to a low carbon society, increasing the activity in an industrial estate where the road network is already at capacity and creating additional unsafe cycling and walking environment, is only a further deterrent for local residents like myself to remain predominantly in our cars.

Once you get to the Annacotty roundabout the cycling and walking routes are quite good


Policy CS P6 refers to the following: *It is a policy of the local authority to ensure that the Core Strategy is in line with the objectives of LSMATS and the integration of land use planning and transport in reducing the need to travel and promote modal shift from the use of the private car.* I raise the question as to how any extension to Annacotty Business Park is in line with integrating land use and transport when it will only exasperate an existing environment that is dominated by the car.

The Draft Plan further outlines a number of different objectives in support of compact growth in Limerick and the potential of which will respond to the challenges of sustainable development. *Policy CSP P2 refers to Compact Growth - It is a policy of the Council to support the compact growth of Limerick City Metropolitan Area, towns and villages by prioritising housing and employment development in locations within and contiguous to existing City and town footprints where it can be served by public transport and walking and cycling networks, to ensure that development proceeds*

sustainably and at an appropriate scale, density and sequence, in line with the Core Strategy Table. Policy CSP P2's reference to prioritizing employment development in locations within and contiguous to existing City and town footprints is completely at odds to any reasoning behind extending Annacotty Business Park. In addition, I had presumed and again referring back to the Plan's commitment to a low carbon society, that one of the core strategies of compact growth is the availability of sustainable transport, of which there is no service provision for Annacotty Business Park. The Development Plan's focus is apparently on increasing employment in the City and main towns thereby decreasing the distance that people have to travel from their home and work. I am extremely surprised and disappointed that the local authority consider it acceptable to support any extension to Annacotty Business Park when this is in direct contradiction to its policy.

For these reasons, I wish for the extension to Annacotty Business Park as outlined in the Material Alterations, be removed citing serious concerns for the safety of local residents and the extension being in direct conflict with compact growth policy as outlined in the Draft Plan.

Thanking You,
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