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As the Chair of Caherconlish National School Parent's Association, I would like the opportunity to voice my opinion in writing regarding the changes been made in the Draft with Education and Community Zones in particular. In this draft there has been allocation made across from the national school which is a great gesture as it will make getting to school safer, but in my opinion is having no effect on helping the situation, seeing on a daily basis with in the school itself.

I'm proposing that you strongly consider rezoning the area in which you had zoned for Education and Community on the Local Area Plan 2012-2018, which I have highlighted on the years plan and have attached to this letter.

My reasons for this are in the past few years I have seen many restrictions to activities and events which were always held at school now being stopped (not just due to Covid). Due to lack of space within the building, while its great seeing the school at capacity, it's also heart breaking not being able to have fun with the children in school on occasions such as: Grandparents day, Pancake Tuesday, launching of new events, Santa visit the school, bringing special guests to meet with children. This is all down to the school being at capacity so we have no area to run these events. I think this plays a big part on children's social skills and letting them interact with other areas involved in the school, its also isolating children from been able to do the same as other schools do. Our association and school like to keep up good relations with other organisations within our community and if we had the space we could do so much more. Also seen the new areas been allocated, a question has to be asked with the residents if all these houses are built in the future where will the children go for education, is it a possibility they will need to travel outside the area they are living.

I do think a new school would solve a few different issues which have been raised already if it was granted a zoned area as proposed, maybe the existing school building could be used as a preschool area, or a hub for the community men's shed, resource area, area where programmes could be ran to involve all ages in the area, also if school was located close to the tennis club maybe parent's association and the tennis club could try to introduce e new sports areas within the school. These are just areas where I'm seeing improvements might be made or at least considered. Its very hard being involved in an area you love and when children ask and

want to do things in the school environment and you have to refuse due to the restrictions of space.

I have included Draft Caherconlish Local Area Plan 2023-2029 with the area highlighted that I wish to be rezoned again as Educational & Community Zone. When this submission is received if you could send me a reference number it would be greatly appreciated for future enquiries. The future of the children coming up is banking on these plans to be thought of correctly at the very least they deserved the choice of being educated within their own community rather than being told 'Sorry we have no room to accept entry'. All I ask is that you consider the future plans with a location where there is a chance to take the next step to a new build in the future so our future children understand why school days are the 'best days of their life'. Be the first stepping stone to giving them the area to strive.

Thanking You

A Very Concerned Chairperson of Parent's Association CNS

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Draft Cathercomfish
Local Area Plan
2023-2027

Zoning Map

Legend

- Agriculture
- Education and Community
- Enterprise and Employment
- Existing Residential
- New Residential
- Open Space and Recreation
- Residential Serviced Sites
- Village Centre
- Sports Facilities
- Opportunity Sites
- Cathercomfish
- LAP Boundary

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