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Caherconlish.

To whom it concerns,

I want to lodge my objection to:

The proposed river walk, beginning north of the village centre, with access proposed opposite the estate of Cois na Habhann on the R513. The route continues behind the former library parallel to the R513 Limerick Road through the 'Open Space and Recreation' zoning designation and continues east of the village centre to the south of the settlement boundary. The proposed route and walkway are untenable for the following reasons:

- The proposed riverwalk route is to the rear of people's homes, creating severe security and privacy issues for homeowners. This area is out of sight and would not have passive surveillance. It would also create access points, which would perfectly facilitate anti-social behaviour and illegal dumping, which are already a severe plight in our community.
- The proposed walk way exposes land and private property to a return to horses being tethered and fly grazing along the river banks. This safety issue, along with the obvious and unavoidable negative implications to flora and fauna, cannot be overlooked.
- When I first purchased my property in 2012, I suffered a campaign of trespass and anti-social behaviour. The Guards in Caherconlish Station informed me that it was my responsibility to secure my property. This issue, I address as a matter of great urgency. The proposed walkway would return my private property to this anti-social behaviour. This inevitable prospect is very distressing, having secured my property and terminating

my struggle with trespass and anti-social behaviour. I am entitled to my safety and privacy in my home . The prospect of a public walk running through the back of my house and resubjecting me to the above issues is entirely unacceptable.

Objective C O4: New Amenity Areas and Walkways states:

"It is the objective of the Council to Continue to facilitate the development of walkways as indicated on the Amenity and Sustainable Transport Map (Appendix 1) in co-operation with local interested parties, including the private, voluntary and public sector. Any proposed development adjacent to such walkways must incorporate connecting pathways into the designated walkway in their design. Developments shall be designed to ensure that properties overlook proposed walkways. Fig. 5.3 Opportunity Site 1 Public open space is an integral part of any residential development. A variety of types and sizes of public open space should be provided with natural passive surveillance by the residents. Residential development should incorporate appropriate provision of quality public open space and play lots in accordance with the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028. The following table provides a hierarchy of Open Space within residential estates".

It appears overlooked, that the proposed river walk through my property is on land outside the Local Area Plan boundary. As stated above, this proposed river walk would divide, devalue and destroy my property's unique flora, fauna, and distinctive characteristics. It would also significantly impact my health, safety and the personal use of my property due to its proximity to my home. Please refer to the attached images.

If further information or input is required, please do not hesitate to contact me before completing the Proposed Caherconlish Local Area Plan 2023-2029.

Yours Sincerely,

Caitriona McCarthy

