



Mr Ciaran Wynne  
Galway County Council  
Aras an Chontae  
Prospect Hill  
Galway

26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Re: Feedback from Clifden Town Meeting regarding Clifden Regeneration Plans**

Dear Ciaran,

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Connemara Chamber of Commerce hosted a Clifden town meeting regarding the concept plans for Clifden. The purpose of the meeting was to both present the current design concepts and to engage in a discussion regarding the same.

The meeting was independently chaired by Dr. Kevin Heanue, Chairperson of Connemara West.

**Presentation**

We made a short presentation on the Clifden Regeneration plans covering the Clifden Harbour Park, The Beach Road Quay Area and Clifden Town Centre.

**In-person Survey**

At the end of the meeting, a short survey was carried out to get feedback from the towns people. Please find attached/enclosed the results of the survey.

**Sentiment**

The overall sentiment of the meeting is that the Clifden Regeneration Project is hugely welcomed and is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Clifden. The Beach Road plans have gone down well. For the Harbour Park, there are some changes that would enhance the plans which no doubt you will have seen from feedback you have received already. On the Town Centre plans, the overall feeling is that further discussion on these would be welcomed along with consideration of an overall parking strategy for Clifden.

A need for wider footpaths, breakout spaces and reduction of parking was acknowledged. However the scale of reduction of on-street parking (see our assessment enclosed) with no mitigation is a major cause of concern due to the negative impact it will have on year-round business.

**Sub-Committee**

Since our town meeting and presentation, the Chamber have formed a Clifden Regeneration Sub-Committee. The purpose of this committee is to bring constructive suggestions to you and the



design team for the future plans for Clifden, focusing for now in particular on car parking solutions. The sub-committee met today (26/7/2022) and are actively working on tangible suggestions to enhance the general plans.

We understand that feedback will have already been submitted through the official public consultation process. We hope that our survey results will supplement this.

There are several suggested amendments to the plan that we would like to propose to you and the team. We welcome an opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Sweeney', written in a cursive style.

John Sweeney  
President - Connemara Chamber of Commerce

Encl.

- Changes to Parking - assessment
- Copy of presentation made on 7.7.2022
- Copy of Survey and results conducted 7.7.2022
- Copy of radio Transcription 7.7.2022