

Submission no: 165

**Submission to Clare County Development plan  
On behalf of Clonlara Development Group**

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**Chairperson**





**Age Friendly communities—Clare Rural Development Strategy 2029**

*“ there is an urgent need to consider all generations and all ages when planning”*

This is an opportunity to address the needs of the older generations housing needs. Clonlara and its environs is mainly rural with many of the older generation living in one off houses or isolated farms. The provision of customised accommodation within any new developments suitable for -1. Active retired residents wishing to downsize their existing homes and 2. Independent supervised living accommodation for the less active or more vulnerable members of our community. ( COVID-19 19 has taught that the existing model for care of the elderly is not a suitable option for the future) . There are many advantages to including these types of arrangements in any future housing developments, free up existing housing stock that is more suitable for families, prevent isolation and exclusion of our elderly, allow

our vulnerable residents “safety and security at home” and also remain in their own community.

Aligned with housing Clonlara Development Group would also require development of suitable amenities and venues to facilitate activities and social gatherings for our older population.

Digital Hub to be developed

### **Summary**

Clonlara because of its proximity to both Limerick city and the University of Limerick and its many natural built and environment heritage has become a very desirable area to set up home and build a family. This has many advantages for Clonlara as it allows the community to grow and develop. However, this growth can become unsustainable as more housing developments occur, we can quickly lose our identity and become simply a dormitory area. Clonlara has many organisations and associations that over the years have put a lot of effort and hard work building a vibrant community here. All of the above concerns need to be addressed by Clare planning dept before any further developments.

