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Mr. Bartley Gavin,
Cranmore Regeneration Project,
Sligo Borough Council,
City Hall,
Sligo.

Sligo East City Cranmore and Environs Regeneration Masterplan: Stage 1 Socio Economic Profile Report

Dear Mr. Gavin,

I refer to your recent submissions in connection with the Stage 1 Socio Economic Profile Report.

It is noted that the proposed boundaries of the Regeneration Area, have largely adopted boundaries between areas as shown on the Deprivation Index, and as such are not adequately sensitive to the differences which exist on the ground, often in close proximity.

In addition, the recommended regeneration area contains lands whose communities on the Deprivation Index are not shown as seriously economically disadvantaged, which was the principal criteria set out in the terms of reference, for any increase in the regeneration area.

Particular concern arises with the proposed inclusion of the following:

- 1) Zone 12 with the exception of the part of the Cranmore estate across the road from Government Offices.
- 2) All of Zone 02 (Garavogue).
- 3) The entire area covered by Zone 17 and 18 e.g. Doorly Park fronting on to the park and river.
- 4) The part of Zone 13 located adjacent to Pearse Road.

In reviewing the boundaries of the regeneration area in Stage 2, it is expected that a distinction will be made to only include those areas where physical regeneration is necessary to deal with areas of poor quality housing or infrastructure, or arising from such interventions in the core Cranmore estate. Areas not so included may well be suitable candidate areas for social and economic interventions.

The Department requests that the above concerns are taken into account during the review of the recommended regeneration area in Stage 2.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Ganley
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