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**To:** cdp

**Subject:** Town plan Carrick on Shannon

**Importance:** High

Hi

Just seen the proposed plan to build a glassbuilding where the Geraghty home/business  Magnet & Cannons house are.

Nothing in that design enhances the look of Main Street, if anything it detracts from it. It is the oldest part of Carrick &  Carrick like other small Irish towns has its  own unique charm and character. New is not always better.

The Glass building is boring, completely soulless  looks like  a matchbox and completely out of character with buildings around it. In a few years it will be an eyesore and could possibly win the Carbuncle Cup architecture prize for an  ugly building.

The glass building on the old jail wall  now council building works as its a stand alone building and sits perfectly in that part of Carrick but it has retained the history of the town

I want to see Carrick improve to  be   a nice place for people to live,  work in existing businesses or working remotely  socialise &  a place for tourist to visit and enjoy. I returned after 30 years living in Dublin and I see the benefits of living here.

The original town plan drawings  added to the charm of the town but nowhere did it say about demolishing buildings.

The widening of the foot paths  giving  easy access for all including mothers with children,  disabled people, those with walking difficulties and wheelchair users around the town . The proposed planting of trees on Main Street would greatly enhance the look of the town.

The option of the Bush Hotel & other restaurants & coffee places to have outside eating areas with coverings to help during Covid19 regulations.

The upgrading of St George's Terrace moving the  our Towns clock there  ( it was going to be demolished years ago as it was deemed ugly)  The Terrace is a beautiful area in Carrick  with preserved buildings but my old home the first house on the terrace and house beside it have been unoccupied since we left in 2003 buildings are in Dreadful state of repair due to neglect over the years & new owner removing roof from both buildings and left open to the elements for  months on end.  After pressure from posts on FB roof was put back on. Those  buildings like many other empty  buildings in Carrick  are  in dreadful state of repair & are eyesores . Surely the council if they can get a CPO for  occupied buildings  The Magnet, Geraghty’s a family home / business & Old  Cannons house  can they  not force owners to repair rent or sell buildings if empty longer than ten years. All existing businesses that are struggling and buildings in the town need to be given a painting grant and a list of colours to enhance the look of the  town.

Something needs to be done to enhance the look of the back of the buildings on Main Street facing the New Health Centre.

The gawdy signage on some shop fronts needs to be in keeping with the town.

Parking Areas in Carrick need to be highlighted.

Why not encourage single  people those   with families to come back and live in the town as footfall equals custom.  UK towns are beginning to do this. Licenses for air b& b and weekend rents need to be look at. People who want to move to   Carrick to work need to find a place to live, it is nearly impossible to get planning permission to build so they need to rent.

The Market Yard is lovely but they worked with existing buildings and  sympathetically renovated it.

If Leitrim Design Centre is looking for a new home why not the old Town Hall on Bridge Street.

Many tourists in Campervans  look for safe place to park so they can enjoy a break or meal in Carrick or stay over night.

Regards

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