I wish  to make a submission for the draft development plan.

Firstly , I would like to support the initial development plan in place for 2015~2021.

I have a small business in the heart of Dromahair village namely the Stanford Village Inn.

This business has been in my family for 6 generations and it is the oldest active family  business in operation in this village.

Over the years we have had to adapt the business to challenging and changing times and the current covid ~19 is no exception.

We have  a registered inn  and guest accomodation , together with a unique tea room set in landscaped gardens  with self catering cottages.

The branding of the Wild Atlantic Way has had  an adverse  on our business but this is an opportunity to expand North Leitrim  as a conservation area and use the natural beauty to harness the tourism sector . We at Stanfords Inn have the  scope to  promote the tourism.

Site number one located adjacent the derelict  Abbey Manor Hotel and along the river towards the OPW offices has been zoned TOURISM RELATED DEVELOPMENT in the current development plan. We are proposing to move forward with this  unique location for campervans  and holiday cottages especially with the major interest in slow moving tourism. Waking, Cycling,Canoeing, Paddling, Fishing. Birdlife, Heritage. We propose to maintain this area for proposed tourism activities. This will encourage other service providers to get involved   in this valuable asset  and create valuable jobs for the future. We propose to provide 30 new jobs directly in the tourism sector  and indirectly during design and build phase another 120 jobs.

Site number two at Ardakip Beg Dromahair the triangular shaped field on the outskirts of Dromahair Village already zoned ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYMENT. The current lack of  parking situation at the CENTRA shop in Dromahair due to the massive increase in business in the large retail stores due to the closure of all small units has caused serious safety issues in this vicinty,  The population in Dromahair has quadrupled in the last 15 years. The lack of  a  modern petrol station to suit the current enviornment particularly electric cars ,   bicycles , trucks  and heavy vehicles to pull in safely is also a major problem in Dromahair.

This site adjacent Eircode F91AT82 is the perfect solution for the future. We support this area in the existing development plan  zoned for ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYMENT.

Site number three at the Stanford Inn { Eircode F91E9E8 }  is in the heart of Dromahair village and is the focal point of the village . We propose to develop self catering units adjacent the Stanford Inn    to facilitate additional tourists . We also propose to develop  a small hydro electric scheme adjacent the inn  and create  a small glamping site along the river at the rear of the inn with walks through landscaped gardens along the river.