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Subject: Carrick library

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you in relation to your decision making as regards the upcoming County Development Plan.

We are sure you have a demanding agenda to decide on between the various projects that are planned for the next few years.

However, we would like you to give your attention to the state and status of your County Library building in Carrick on Shannon. We hope you will agree that the building in no way meets the needs of a modern library. We could list all the functions that a modern library caters for but we are sure you are aware of these. The Carrick library is cramped, with limited choice of books, no facilities for research and very limited access to modern internet facilities. It has fallen badly behind the times.

There are many and varied and important reasons that libraries and access to them are necessary in the development of citizens lives and in particular for children. There are also some excellent examples of what a modern library looks like and what it costs in Ireland eg Dun Laoighaire in Co Dublin and the recent brilliant addition of a library in Edgeworthstown in Co Longford.

We urge you to make the an improvement in the facility in Carrick a priority in your planning and decision making. Or better still to consider acquiring or building a new facility. The staff in the library do a wonderful job in difficult circumstances and it is not fair to require them to work in substandard conditions. They could offer a broader and more informed service if the facilities were modernised.

Thank you for considering this option. Please bring this letter to the attention of the appropriate officers of Leitrim Co Co.

We look forward to your reply,

Kind regards,
John Gaffney,
Joy O'Reilly,
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