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Good morning  
Please find attached submission for Co Longford Dev plan 21-27

I would hope that you look on our submission favourably and that EDIC can continue to deliver services and develop the circular economy campus

Kind Regards  
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EDI Centre

Submission to County Development Plan 2021 -2027

EDI Centre is a Centre that support the unemployed and underemployed through education training and the development of social enterprise and circular economy projects

The Employment Development Information Centre (EDI) is an award winning, community based, social enterprise. Successfully addressing the training and upskilling needs of those distanced from the labour market in the County for over 20 years. From its inception in 1998, it has continued in its commitment to the “empowerment and development of the people of County Longford and surrounding areas, so they can better avail of education, training, information and employment opportunities that will benefit themselves, their families and the wider community”.

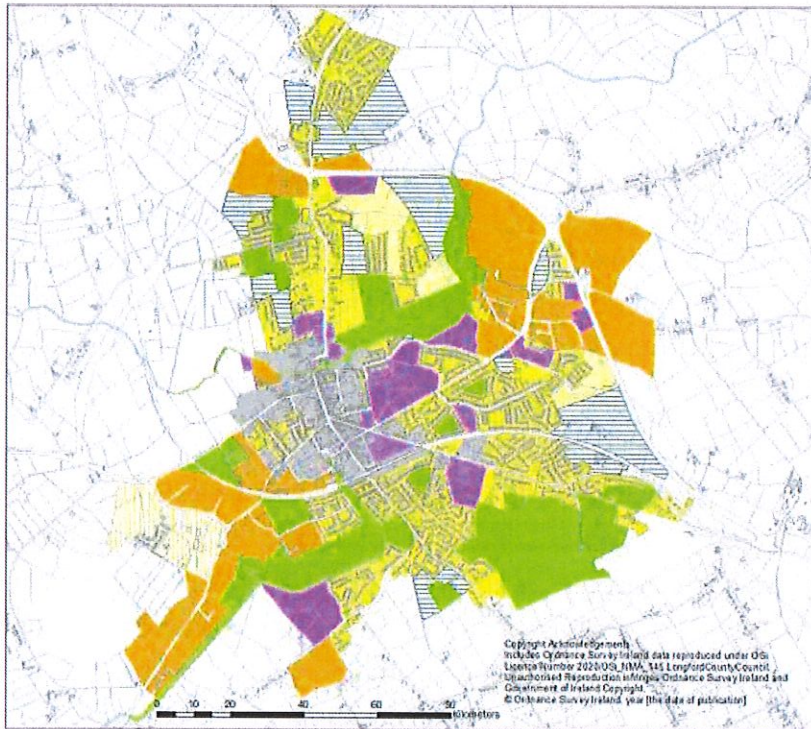
”. Resourced by DEASP, POBAL and SOLAS and through its own generated income, the EDI Centre’s services encompass the provision of Training & Education, Employment Supports, Information and Advice, Business Services, Catering, Revamp Circular Economy Project and Outreach Services to Rural Areas. The organisation envisions “a future where the people of County Longford have equal opportunities, with regards to education, training and employment and where individuals can realise their full potential”.

The Centre has based itself in Mastertech Business Park for the past 12years having fully developed into a purpose built training facility. This present building is presenting our organisation with many obstacles

- a) Building is in receivership since March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020
- b) This building is not up to regulation standards with substandard heating, lighting, water, cark-parking etc. - building not complying with energy efficiencies standards.
- c) As a result of substandard conditions and burden of large rent it is having an impact on its viability of the organisation (with rent over the odds of local rental market.)

Submission

1. Access to a building that can be developed close to town core - that will accommodate the present needs of EDI Centre, with the future development of the circular economy projects. With also consideration to incorporating other community projects with have similar aims and objective’s.
2. Green fields site to develop this centre into a flagship circular economy campus for Longford. (With the same condition as above) ( Connolly Barracks)



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### Longford Town Zoning Map

County Development Plan 2021-2027



- Legend**
- Town Core
  - Social Community
  - Industrial Commercial
  - Site Remediation Objective
  - Residential
  - New Residential
  - Strategic Residential Reserve
  - Recreational Amenity & Green Space

Note: Please note that any error that does  
 track to 2024 the latest version of Ordnance  
 Survey mapping will be used.

Queries on the accuracy of boundaries may be  
 obtained and addressed at pre-parading stage  
 with the Planning Authority.

