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Re: Submission in Relation to Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Northern and Western Regional Assembly

To whom it concerns

Ballinasloe Area Community Development Limited (BACD) are delighted with the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Northern and Western Regional Assembly as part of the consultation process.

BACD was formed over 20 years ago to promote Economic Development and Job Creation in Ballinasloe and its hinterland.

We promote 5 key advantages Ballinasloe has namely;

1. Transport Infrastructure (Motorway / Rail and access to Dublin/ Shannon & Knock Airports)
2. Density of population. We estimate that 500k of the 2.2m workforce in Ireland are within commuting distance of the Town
3. Access to 3rd level colleges, AIT & Maynooth to the East and GMIT & NUIG to the West
4. Regional Hospital located in the town with associated services.
5. On the Medtec sector corridor Galway / Athlone

We have obtained planning permission for an Advance Technology Building adjacent to the existing IDA backed companies Aptar & Surmodics and plan to build same.

Our view is that if the building is there, a client will be found.

We have the infrastructure to support new Business, Water, Sewage, Broadband, Educational & sporting facilities as

well as 3 modern Hotels.

We are located at the Crossroads of the Hidden Heartlands and Galway to Dublin greenway and primed to grow our tourism sector over the next 5/7 years.

We have our own 27,000 sq. ft. Enterprise Centre which is 95% full sustaining c 150 jobs from 15 different organisations.

We produce 6,500 copies of a bi-monthly, 64 page magazine (Ballinasloe Life) and distribute free into the Community. It shows the hive of activity ongoing in the area and promotes a good Work life / Healthy balance.

We have recently launched "The Pulse" club which is a platform for Entrepreneurs to meet up and support one and other.

The Town Team is a subsidiary of BACD and has developed an array of social events to bring the Community together such as the annual Zombie Walk, People of the year awards etc. as well as business networking events.

This is all done on a voluntary basis and we now need to build on the foundation we have in place and see your support as vital to achieving this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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