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Clare County Council, (hereinafter called the Council) is empowered pursuant to Section 199(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) to make bye-laws for or in relation to the use, operation, protection, regulation or management of any land, services or any other thing whatsoever provided by or under the control of the Council, or in relation to any matter connected therewith and has the power pursuant to Section 199 (2)(a) where in its opinion it is desirable in the interest of the common good of a local community (i) that any activity or matter should be regulated or controlled or (ii) that any nuisance should be controlled or suppressed, to make bye-laws for that purpose.

Whereas the Council is of the opinion that behaviour or conduct consisting of overnight camping on roads and other public places in Lisdoonvarna is contrary to the proper use, operation, protection, regulation or management of such roads and public places in Lisdoonvarna under its control or management in that such behaviour or conduct seriously detracts from the proper purpose, amenity and enjoyment of such roads and public places and is of the opinion that is desirable in the interest of the common good of the local community that overnight camping in Lisdoonvarna should be prohibited.

CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL in the exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 199(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and all other powers in that behalf hereby make the following bye-laws:

1. Citation

These Bye-Laws may be cited as the Clare County Council (Prohibition of Overnight Camping on Roads and in Public Places in Lisdoonvarna) Bye-Laws 2023.

2. Commencement

These Bye-Laws shall come into operation on **23rd August 2023**.

3 . Area of Application

These Bye-Laws apply to the area comprising of the village of Lisdoonvarna as outlined on the map in the First Schedule.

4. Definitions

In these Bye-Laws, except where the context otherwise requires:-

"**road**" means any street, lane, footpath, square, court, alley or passage, any bridge, viaduct, underpass, subway, tunnel, overpass, flyover, carriageway, pavement or footway, service area, culvert, arch, gully, railing, fence, wall, barrier, guardrail, margin, kerb, lay-by, hard shoulder, island, pedestrian refuge, median, central reserve, roundabout, gantry, pole, ramp, bollard, pipe, wire cable, sign, signal or lighting forming part of the road, and any other structure or thing forming part of the road and necessary for the safety, convenience or amenity of road users or for the construction, maintenance, operation or management of the road or for the protection of the environment, or prescribed by the Minister AND which is in the control or management of the Council.

"**public place**" means a place to which the public can and do have access, to include cemeteries, open spaces, public parks, green spaces and amenity areas, canals, canal banks and towpaths, riverbanks, any outdoor area or place including the curtilage of private and public buildings to

which the public have access either by right or as a trespasser or otherwise, or by express or implied permission together with such area or spaces contiguous with any of the foregoing places AND which is within the control or management of the Council. does not include any area which has the necessary planning permission to operate as a site where a person can erect a tent or shelter or arrange bedding or park a campervan or caravan or mobile home, for the purpose of remaining overnight.

"overnight camping" means erecting a tent or shelter, or arranging bedding or parking a campervan or caravan or mobile home for the purpose of remaining overnight.

"authorised person" means a person authorised in writing by the Council to carry out any functions for the purposes of these bye-laws;

"the Authority" and **"the Council"** means Clare County Council.

"functional area" means the public places within the village of Lisdoonvarna as outlined on the map in the First Schedule.

5. No person or persons shall-

(1) Erect a tent or shelter or arrange bedding or park a campervan or caravan or mobile home for the purpose of remaining overnight on a road or in a public place within the functional area of Lisdoonvarna as outlined on the map in the First Schedule.

6. Contravention of these Bye-Laws

(1) (i) A person who contravenes bye-law 5(1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1,904.60.

(ii) Where an authorised person or member of An Garda Síochána is of the opinion with reasonable cause that a contravention of bye-law 5(1) has occurred, they may issue and serve a Fixed Payment Notice, specifying a fixed payment of €75 as an alternative to a prosecution for the contravention. The Fixed Payment Notice shall specify:

- a) the amount of the fixed payment; and
- b) the period within which it must be paid in order to avoid prosecution.

(2) A person who does not pay the amount set out in the Fixed Payment Notice within the prescribed timeframe shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1,904.60.

(3) If the contravention of a provision of these bye-laws is continued after conviction, the person causing the contravention shall be guilty of a further offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €126.97 per day.

(4) It shall be lawful for any authorised person or member of An Garda Síochána to enforce these bye-laws or part thereof and to take any other such action as may be deemed necessary in the enforcement of these bye-laws.

(5) Where an authorised person or a member of An Garda Síochána is of the opinion that a person is committing or has committed an offence to which these bye-laws relate, the authorised person or member of An Garda Síochána may demand the name and address of such person and if that demand

is refused or the person gives a name or address which is false or misleading that person shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1,904.60.

(6) Where an authorised person or a member of An Garda Síochána has reasonable grounds for believing that a person is contravening bye-law 5(1), such authorised person or member may direct such person to do either or both of the following, that is to say:

- (i) desist from such contravention, and
- (ii) leave immediately the vicinity of the place concerned in a peaceable and orderly manner.

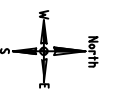
Failure to comply with such a direction shall be an offence under this bye-law and shall be liable on summary conviction in the District Court to a fine not exceeding €1,904.60.

(7) If a person fails, refuses or neglects to comply with a request made by an authorised person pursuant to bye-law 5(1) the authorised person or member of An Garda Síochána may seize and remove the tent or shelter, or bedding or campervan or caravan or mobile home which appears to the authorised person or member of An Garda Síochána to belong to that person or to be in their possession or under their control.

(8) Where a member of An Garda Síochána is of the opinion with reasonable cause that a person or persons is/are committing or has/have committed an offence to which bye-law 5(1) relates, that member of An Garda Síochána may (i) demand the name and address of such person and/or (ii) arrest the person without warrant. Such persons shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1,904.60.

(9) If requested to do so, an authorised person under these bye-laws shall produce ID evidence of their appointment as an authorised person for the purpose of these bye-laws.

(10) An offence/contravention of these bye-laws may be prosecuted by the Council or by any member of An Garda Síochána.



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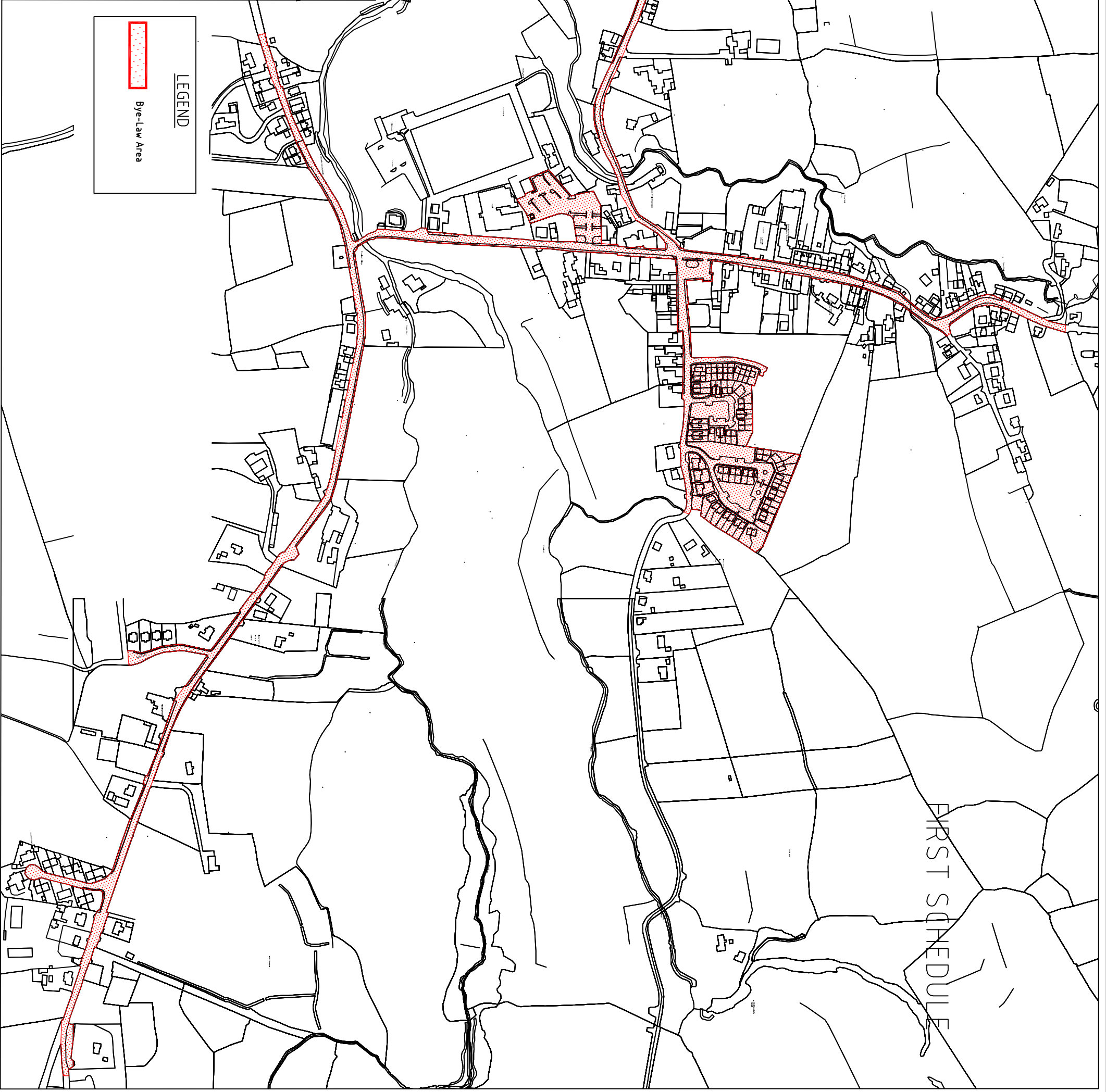
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