



Carlow County Council
Athy Road
Carlow

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Submission/Comments on Carlow Graiguecullen Joint Urban Local Area Plan

To whom it may concern

My name is Sinead Tynan and I am resident in Graiguecullen since 2001.

I am making this submission on my own behalf, as a member of the general public, and as a resident of the urban area which is the subject of this plan.

I acknowledge and appreciate the collaborative work of Carlow County Council and Laois County Council in preparing this plan and I very much welcome the strategic objectives and priorities outlined in this plan.

I offer the following observations for your consideration:

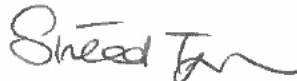
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With the ongoing shortage of private rental accommodation particularly affecting students, I had expected that there would be some provision for student accommodation within the plan but although there are many mentions of Carlow College and the South East Technological University the shortage of available accommodation for students is not directly addressed. I noted that under the *Definition of Key Use Classes* (12.1.3) it is stated that "where a building or part of a building on the same site as an educational building or on an adjoining site is designed for use or used as a residence for the staff or the pupils of that educational building such a use shall be deemed to be educational". I also noted that the JULAP "supports compact growth". Does the zoning of Community/Education on the lands owned by both third level institutions in Carlow Town already allow for the development of purpose-built student accommodation? The provision of such accommodation in Carlow would help elevate the distress being experienced by many students, and their parents, in recent years and

would also help to elevate the shortage of available private rental accommodation for the general population. I submit that clarification on this issue is required in the final plan.

Yours sincerely


Sinead Tynan