An Roinn Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications



Carlow County Council.
Planning Department,
County Buildings,
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12th June 2024

RE: Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Carlow-Graiguecullen Joint Urban Local Area Plan 2024-2030

Dear Sir / Madam,

Further to the notice given to this Department of the publication of an invitation for submissions on the Material Alterations to the Draft Carlow-Graiguecullen Joint Urban Local Area Plan, the following submission outlines its observations in respect of a number of policy areas for which the Department is responsible.

Climate Action

The Department welcomes Amendment No. 48 which supports the implementation of the National Climate Action Plan, National Adaptation Framework, Local Authority Climate Action Plans and any amendments thereto over the period of the Plan.



Conclusion

We would be grateful if Carlow County Council would take these matters under consideration in the finalisation of the Carlow-Graiguecullen Joint Urban Local Area Plan.

Department officials can make themselves available for a discussion on any matters raised in this submission or any other matters within the remit of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications relevant to the preparation of this plan.

Officials can provide support to Carlow County Council in the following areas:

- Climate Action, Engagement and Adaptation
- Energy Generation and Networks
- Energy Use / Demand in the Built Environment
- The Circular Economy
- Communications
- Environmental Policy and Governance
- Waste and Natural Resources (including geosciences)
- UN Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Please direct any requests for further consultation to PlanningNotifications@decc.gov.ie

Yours sincerely,

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