

Chapter 2.21 Climate Action

- Chapter 2.21 Climate Action states *“The Council has also adopted a Local Authority Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 which seeks to ensure an understanding of the risks of climate change, advance planned climate resilient actions and ensure climate adaptation considerations inform all decisions including the drafting of policies which facilitate future development.”* An Bord Pleanála’s decision **ABP 301245-18** notes ***“The information presented raises what I consider are a number of significant questions regarding the extent of the proposed Type D concrete surface finish and by extension the appropriateness of the proposed Type A unbound surface proposed.”*** With rising water levels the proposal to support the development the Barrow Blueway in point 11.6 Tourism and recreation is completely unsustainable.
- **The Inspectors Report ABP 301245-18 notes:** “The submissions by Art Mooney and Rosalind Murray note how the original design of the [River Barrow] towpath was undertaken to take account for flooding and was designed with a 12” spit sod surface that is hardwearing and resilient to flooding. The design is contended to be optimal in terms of a durable hardwearing finish.” **Carlow County Council should protect the green engineering infrastructure of the River Barrow in the County Development Plan 2022-28.**
- **The Inspectors Report ABP 301245-18 notes** that citizen science shows that flood events on the River Barrow far exceed those noted by CFRAM and this should be taken into account in the County Development Plan 2022-28. **Carlow County Council should write in support and protection for the green engineering infrastructure of the River Barrow into the County Development Plan 2022-28 to mitigate present day flooding and the expected increase of flood events with climate change.**