**CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHEATHARLACH**

**CARLOW COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Part II Section 11 (1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) that Carlow County Council intends to review the Carlow County Development Plan 2015-2021 and prepare a new County Development Plan for its functional area for the period 2022-2028.

In compliance with the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2001/42/EC) and in accordance with Article 13B of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 436 of 2004) (as amended), the Planning Authority proposes to carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as part of the review of the existing Development Plan and preparation of a new Development Plan. For this purpose, the Planning Authority will prepare an Environmental Report of the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the new Plan and the provisions of Articles 13C to 13J of Regulations shall apply.

Pursuant to the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), a Stage One Appropriate Assessment Screening of the proposed new plan shall be carried out as part of the overall process and a Stage Two Appropriate

Assessment shall subsequently be carried out, if required.

**Public Consultation**

Submissions or observations regarding the review of the existing plan and the preparation of a new County Development Plan are hereby invited from the public and interested bodies. Submissions may be made during the period from Wednesday 24th June until 5pm on the Thursday 20th August 2020. Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are entitled to make submissions or observations.

While a review of the detailed policies, objectives (including zoning provisions) and development standards contained in the plan shall occur as part of the plan making process, this stage of the plan review process is ‘STRATEGIC’ in nature, in that it is for the purposes of developing:

* the objectives and policies to deliver an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the County
* the ‘Core Strategy’ of the plan

and in this regard the Planning Authority shall take account of the statutory obligations of the local authority and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or of any Minister of the Government.

**Therefore, submission or observations maybe made regarding the overall proper planning and sustainable development of the County. Requests or proposals for zoning of particular land for any purpose shall not be considered at this stage and should not be made.**

To assist this process, the Council have a webpage dedicated to the review of the County Development Plan and have prepared an ‘Issues Paper’ which identifies the kind of planning issues that the next County Development Plan will address. A copy of this document can be obtained from the Planning Department or online at Carlow County Council website [www.carlow.ie](http://www.carlow.ie).

A hard copy of the Issues Paper is also available for viewing at the offices of Carlow County Council, Planning Department, Athy Road, Carlow from Wednesday 24th June 2020. An appointment to facilitate viewing of the Issues Paper can be made by contacting the Planning Department at 059 9170310 or by emailing carlowcdp@carlowcoco.ie..

Public information days, when staff from the Development Plan team will be available to answer questions and to assist in making a submission will be held at the following locations:

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| **Public   Consultation Sessions** | **Date** | **Time** |
| **Muinebheag Library** | Tuesday 11th August  | 3 -7.30pm |
| **Tullow Library** | Wednesday 12th August | 3 -7.30pm |
| **Carlow Library** | Thursday 13th August | 3 -7.30pm |

The information sessions must comply with Government Guidelines regarding Covid 19. In order to facilitate social distancing, attendance will be facilitated by appointment only. Please ring 059 9170310 to book your appointment time or email carlowcdp@carlowcoco.ie. All relevant requirements regarding Covid 19 as appropriate will apply to these meetings and you will be advised of same with your allocated appointment time.

Notice Covid 19: In the event, that future Government Guidelines regarding Covid 19 advise against the holding of public meetings, alternative arrangements will be put in place to ensure effective engagement with the public is facilitated. Any changes will be advertised and communicated to any attendees who may have registered for a public information/ consultation as appropriate.

**Submissions may be made in one of the following ways:**

1. Write to: Senior Executive Officer, Review of County Development Plan, Planning Department, Carlow County Council, Athy Road, Carlow

2. Email to: carlowcdp@carlowcoco.ie

3. Online: Make a submission via the online consultation portal at consult.carlow.ie

**NOTE**

* All submissions are to be clearly marked with ‘**Review of Carlow County Development Plan 2015-2021'**.
* Relate to the proper planning and sustainable development of Co. Carlow.
* Not include zoning proposals at this pre-draft stage. Any submission requesting or proposing the zoning of any land for any use will not be considered at this stage.
* Include a map if you refer to particular locations or features.
* Be clear, concise, and to the point. If you need to make a lengthy submission, please attach an executive summary to it.
* Include your name and address on a separate page to the content of your submission in order to assist Carlow County Council in complying with the provisions of the Data Protection Act, as submission are legally required to be published on line.
* Be in one medium only i.e. hard copy or online. This will avoid the duplication of submission reference number and will streamline the process.
* Preferably be in typed format in the interests of legibility.
* All submissions will form a part of the statutory Chief Executive’s report to be presented to the elected members of Carlow County Council.
* Please be advised that all submissions received will be published online in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act. You should ensure that no vexatious, libellous or confidential information, including confidential information relating to a third party (in respect of which the third party has not, expressly, or impliedly in the circumstances, consented to its disclosure) is included in your submission. The Planning Authority reserves the right to redact any submission or part thereof that does not comply with this requirement. Please be advised that the name of the person(s)/group(s) who made the submission will be published, but personal data will be redacted.

**YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO MAKE YOUR SUBMISSION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. LATEST TIME FOR RECEIPT OF SUBMISSIONS (EMAIL/POST/ONLINE) IS 5PM 20TH AUGUST 2020.**

Michael Rainey

Director of Services