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## **Re: Draft Carlow County Development Plan – Material Amendments**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find below Irish Water's observations regarding to the proposed Material Amendments of the Carlow County Development Plan 2022 - 2028;

Irish Water welcomes the publication of the Material Alteration to the Carlow County Development plan.

The Planning Authority will be aware of the responsibilities of Irish Water and their objectives to manage the provision of water and waste water services across the region. This responsibility also includes the investment in Capital Infrastructure projects to provide clean and secure drinking water to the consumers, as well as sustained high level of investment by Irish Water in waste water infrastructure to address deficits caused by unsustainable development or historical lack of investment in some areas and provide for future growth needs.

In respect of the proposed zoning of areas, we wish to draw to the attention of the Planning Authority the requirements of the Irish Water Connection Charges Policy which sets out the requirements of developers to provide the local infrastructure to cater for their developments or to pay the costs associated with the delivery of the quotable element of the infrastructure provision to service their zoned lands, if such works are not included in the Irish Water Capital Investment Programme. Further details can be ascertained from <https://www.water.ie/connections/>

Irish Water has previously provided as part of its submission on the Draft development Plan an analysis of their ability to meet the population targets as outlined, this has been refreshed following the welcome revision of the Planning Authorities population ambitions and is attached in **Tables 1 and Table 2**.

In this regard and to support sustainable use of the available hydraulic capacity in Combined sewers, Irish Water welcomes the proposal to Promote SuDS and to particular promotion of Nature based SuDS.

Proposed Amendment No.	Comment / Observation
A/No: 112, 116, 121, 124, 129, 130, 131, 158,	Planning authorities should adopt a sequential approach when zoning lands for development, whereby the most spatially centrally located development sites in settlements are prioritised for new development first.
A/No: 39 Section 6.2	The correction of text in the first paragraph is noted.
A/No: 40 Section 6.4	The correction of date is noted. We would welcome the consideration of the inclusion of the following comment.  " Alternative solutions such as private wells or waste water treatment plants should not generally be considered by planning authorities. Irish Water will not retrospectively take over responsibility for developer provided treatment facilities or associated networks, unless agreed in advance.' The opportunity may arise for the development to connect into the network in the future however, the developer provided treatment facility would not be taken over by Irish Water".
A/No. 41 Section 6.5	We welcome the inclusion of proposed text on the promotion of Nature based SUDS Policies
A/No. 42 Section 6.5	We would welcome the inclusion or addition of the following text in Red  <i>SW P5: Seek to minimise in as far as is practical the discharge of additional <b>and existing</b> surface water to combined (foul and surface water) sewers (in existing combined sewer serviced areas) in order to maximise the capacity of existing collection systems for foul water.</i>

Yours Sincerely,

*John O'Shaughnessy*

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