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Senior Executive Officer  
Planning Department,  
Carlow County Council,  
Athy Road,  
Carlow.

**Re: Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan  
2022-2028**

To whom it may concern,

I refer to the above. The Department of Education wishes to make the following submission in relation to the proposed material alterations to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028.

The Department of Education wishes to acknowledge the Material Alteration documents and notes the proposed amendments within. The proposed changes in projected populations in the Core Strategy Table are relatively minor so they do not alter the education requirements of the various settlements as identified in our submission to the draft plan. The Department notes and welcomes the proposed amended text in Section 8.10 Education Facilities in regard to policy EF P2, which seeks to protect existing school sites for educational use and where appropriate lands buffers around them and also references support for the potential development of future ASD units throughout the county. The proposed textual changes to policy EF P6 in regard to support for development of facilities for special education needs are also noted and welcomed. The Department also notes the proposed amendment to section 15.3.4.18, Borris Town Plan whereby any future expansion of Borris Vocational School will be subject to a Flood Risk Assessment.

The Department thanks Carlow County Council for ongoing assistance in relation to school planning matters and looks forward to continuing to work together to deliver educational requirements for County Carlow.

Yours sincerely,



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