

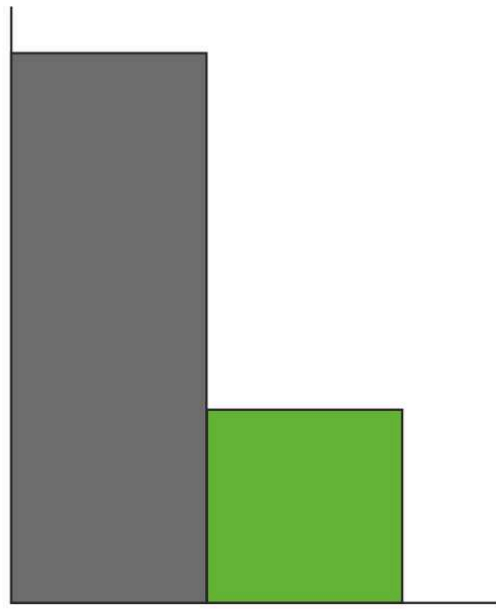
RE: Ammendment 98 :

### **Remove Ammendment 98**

Carlow Barrow Users Group objects to the to inclusion of Ammendment 98 and any and all wording in the County Development Plan to facilitate a Waterways Ireland branded Barrow BLUEWAY against the wishes of Carlow people as expressed in their submission to the CDP consultation process.

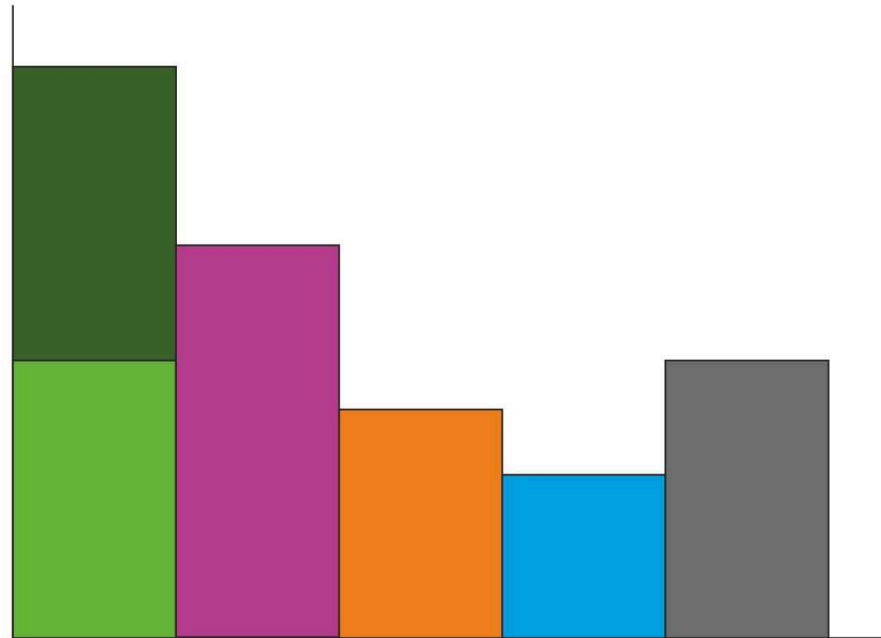
1. REMOVE additional text "and in collaboration with adjoining local authorities and stakeholders as appropriate" from (Amendment No. 98) Section 11.6 Greenways and Blueways (page 272) of the County Development Plan.
2. Section 11.6 Greenways and Blueways (page 272) and Amendment 98 should be changed and/or omitted, because inclusion will green light a new BLUEWAY plan for the River Barrow even though Waterway's Ireland Barrow Blueway Proposal has already been refused by the local Authority and An Bord Pleanála,
3. Our submissions CLW-C10-78 inclusive of Planning Inspectors full report to reject the Barrow Blueway in the River Barrow SAC, has been ignored in the drafting of this plan, and in the intention to include Amendment 98. (See copy attached from page 4)
4. Section 11.6 Greenways and Blueways (page 272) and Amendment 98 should be changed and/or omitted as inclusion of a Barrow BLUEWAY in the 2022-28 Plan will be against the overwhelming public submission from individuals and groups who objected to the inclusion of a WATERWAYS IRELAND branded BLUEWAY in the CDP (see diagrams on page 1 and 2) and note that the Aarhus Convention gives the right to public participation in environmental decision-making which has NOT been afforded in the development of the new Carlow County development Plan, and the right to review procedures to challenge public decisions that have been made without respecting the rights of the Aarhus convention or environmental law in general ("access to justice"), which has not been provided.
5. Including a plan to facilitate a Waterways Ireland Barrow Blueway on the River Barrow SAC in the County Development Plan 2022-28 ignores section 12(11) of The Act that "states that in making the Plan members shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the Development Plan relates, the statutory obligation of a Local Authority in the area..."

# CDP Submissions Vol 1



- 26% Protect the Barrow Track, No Blueway
- 74% Other

# CDP Submissions Vol 2 (Oct 1st 2021)



- 35% Environment individual submissions
- 17% are direct submissions against the Blueway and Protect the Barrow SAC
- 24% zoning
- 14% State agencies about the Environment & Planning
- 10% Carlow Community & Business Issues
- 17% Other State & other Business

**“The public has the right to participate in environmental decision making.”**

**Aarhus Convention**