

**Report on the Public Consultation Stage  
of the Leitrim County Council Draft  
Climate Action Plan (2024-2029)**



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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Purpose of the Report

Leitrim County Council has prepared a Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 (herein referred to as '*Draft Climate Action Plan*'). The Draft Climate Action Plan sets out mitigation, adaptation and other climate action measures, to create a low carbon and climate resilient County. This is aligned to the Government's overall National Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

The Draft Climate Action Plan includes a range of actions across the five theme areas of

1. Governance & Leadership
2. Built Environment & Transport
3. Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure
4. Communities: Resilience & Transition
5. Sustainability & Resource Management

The main legislation governing the making of the Climate Action Plan is the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 as amended by Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021; herein collectively referred to as the '*Climate Act as amended*'. In compliance and pursuant to Section 14B(5)(b) of the Climate Act as amended, notice of the preparation of the Draft Climate Action Plan and the public consultation process invitation to make submissions, was notified through

- Public notice in the '*Leitrim Observer*' Newspaper edition Wednesday, 29 November 2023 including the online version of the paper '*Leitrim Live*'; and
- Publication on Leitrim County Council website, Monday, 4 December, 2023.

In addition, notice was issued to prescribed environmental authorities and interested stakeholders identified in the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Report, via email on 4 December 2023. Submissions or observations as regards the Draft Climate Action Plan and associated Environmental Reports (related to processes of SEA and AA respectively) were invited for a period of just over 7 weeks, from Monday 4 December 2023, to Wednesday, 24, January, 2024, inclusive.

In accordance with Section 3.4.1 of Technical Annex A of the **Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines**, this Report summarises and details the outcome of the Public Consultation process on the Draft Climate Action Plan, as follows:

- Lists the persons, organisations or bodies who made submissions or observations on the Draft Climate Action Plan;
- Summarises the issues raised by the persons, organisations or bodies in the submissions or observations;
- Gives the response and recommendation to the issues raised; and
- Outlines any proposed modifications to the Draft Climate Action Plan, on foot of the Public Consultation process.

This Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action is hereby submitted to the Elected Members of Leitrim County Council, for their consideration.

The ***Strategic Policy Committee for Environment, Climate Action and Agriculture*** will meet to consider this Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan, on ***7 February 2024***.

***Elected Members*** will have up to ***19 February 2024*** to consider the Draft Climate Action Plan for approval, upon which date a ***Special Meeting of Leitrim County Council*** will be held ***to adopt or approve the Plan***.

Within thirty (30) days of the approval of the final Leitrim County Council Climate Action Plan by the Elected Members, the Council will publish the final Climate Action Plan. The Climate Action Plan shall have effect for a period of five years from the date on which it is approved by the Elected Members (2024 to 2029).

## 1.2.Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment

### (AA) Process and Reports

An SEA Environmental Report accompanies the Draft Climate Action Plan. The SEA Environmental Report provides an evaluation of the likely significant environmental effects of implementing the Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan. Any mitigation (including monitoring) measures arising from the SEA process have been integrated into the Draft Climate Action Plan. The Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan recommendations as set out in this report (including recommendations from submissions made by Environmental Authorities as detailed in **Table 4** and **Table 5**), have been considered to determine whether they would have any significant impact on the environment. It is considered that the modifications proposed on foot of recommendations in this Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan, will not have any significant adverse effect on the environment.

The Elected Members shall give approval for the Leitrim County Council Climate Action Plan; only after having determined that the Plan shall not adversely affect the integrity of a European Site(s) in line with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC). In accordance with requirements under Article 6 of the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) the Draft Climate Action Plan and modifications proposed on foot of this Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan have been assessed whether they would have a significant effect on one or more Natura 2000 sites.

***It is considered that the Draft Climate Action Plan and modifications proposed for the final Climate Action Plan arising from the Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan recommendations, alone and in combination with other plans and projects, will not have any significant effect on any Natura 2000 sites.***

### 1.3. Background to the Climate Action Plan

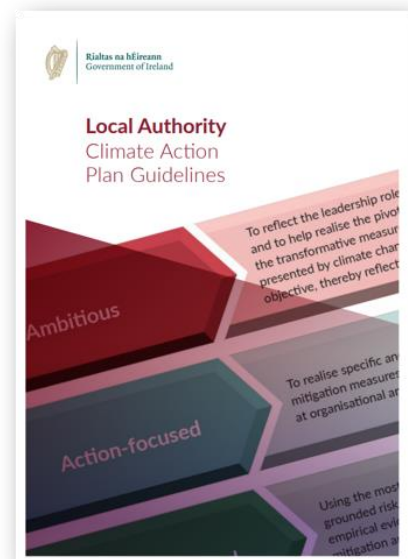
The Climate Act as amended (Section 14B) specifically requires each local authority in Ireland to prepare and approve a Climate Action Plan, in consideration of wider national climate and energy targets, addressing both mitigation and adaptation measures. This is aligned to the Government's overall National Climate Objective ([Section 3](#) of the Climate Act as amended), which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy. The Draft Climate Action Plan demonstrates a coherent approach to climate action across the administrative and political structure of the local authority to facilitate this transition.

The Draft Climate Action Plan sets a clear pathway for Leitrim County Council to:

- actively translate national climate policy to local circumstances with the prioritisation and acceleration of evidence-based measures;
- assist in the delivery of the climate neutrality objective at local and community levels; and
- identify and deliver a Decarbonising Zone (DZ) within the local authority area to act as a test bed for a range of climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures in a specifically defined area, through the identification of projects and outcomes that will assist in the delivery of the National Climate Objective.

The Draft Climate Action Plan has been prepared in accordance with the [Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines](#) (*'the Guidelines'*), developed as required by Section 14B(8) of the Climate Act as amended, with the aim of supporting local authorities in both the content and preparation of their Local Authority Climate Action Plans. The Guidelines were issued by the Department of Environment, Climate, and Communications (DECC) in March 2023.

The Draft Climate Action Plan sets out how Leitrim County Council will be responsible for enhancing climate resilience, increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, across its own assets, services and infrastructure, to which it is *'fully accountable'* for, whilst also demonstrating a





broader role of *'influencing'*, *'coordinating and facilitating'* and *'advocating'* for other sectors, to meet their own climate targets and ambitions.

This is necessary to ensure that the environmental, social and economic benefits that come with climate action, can be fully realised. The Council will also continue its efforts in rolling out ambitious climate action projects, drawing down available sources of funding, pursuing citizen and stakeholder engagement, all supported by a progressive policy framework.

## 2. The Public Consultation Process

### 2.1. Outline of the Public Consultation Process

In accordance with the provisions of Section 14B(5) of the Climate Act as amended, the Draft Climate Action Plan underwent statutory public consultation, from **Monday, 4 December, 2023** to **Wednesday 24 January 2024**, inclusive.

Section 14B(4) of the Climate Act as amended states, that in making the local authority climate action plan, a local authority shall:

- (a) Consult and co-operate with adjoining local authorities;
- (b) Consult with the Public Participation Network in the administrative area of the local authority and such other persons as the local authority considers appropriate;
- (c) Co-ordinate, where appropriate, with adjoining local authorities in relation to the mitigation measures and adaptation measures to be adopted;
- (d) Consider any significant effects, the implementation of the local authority climate action plan may have on adjoining local authorities; and
- (e) Consider any submissions made to it by an adjoining local authority.

Section 14(B)(5) of the Climate Act as amended also states that a local authority shall, before making a local authority climate action plan:

- (a) publish, in such manner as the local authority considers appropriate, a draft of the proposed local authority climate action plan,
- (b) publish a notice on the internet and in at least one newspaper circulating in the administrative area of the local authority inviting members of the public and any interested parties to make submissions in writing in relation to the proposed local authority climate action plan within such period (not exceeding two months from the date of the publication of the notice) as may be specified in the notice, and
- (c) have regard to any submissions made pursuant to, and in accordance with, a notice under paragraph (b).

In accordance with Section 14B(5) of the Climate Act as amended, the public consultation period was an open invitation for members of the public and interested parties to make submissions in writing (over a period not exceeding two months from the date of the notice).

The Guidelines (Section 3.3.2.2) further expand that the duration for invitation of submissions should not exceed two months from the date of notice and should be strictly no less than one month from the date of the notice.

## 2.2.Key Elements of the Public Consultation Process

The Draft Climate Action Plan public consultation process involved the following key elements:

1. Public notice in the '*Leitrim Observer*' Newspaper edition Wednesday, 29 November 2023 including the online version of the paper '*Leitrim Live*'
2. Publication on Leitrim County Councils website, Monday, 4 December, 2023, accessible through [www.leitrimclimateaction.ie](http://www.leitrimclimateaction.ie) (as advertised)
3. Hard-copy versions of the Draft Climate Action Plan, associated SEA and AA Reports and supporting Evidence Base reports were available at Leitrim County Council Libraries at the locations of Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon, Carrigallen, Dromahaire, Drumshanbo, Manorhamilton and Mohill Libraries throughout the public consultation window
4. Notice was issued to prescribed environmental authorities (up-to-date per [\*\*Government Listings of Environmental Authorities\*\*](#)) and interested stakeholders identified in the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) (Section 3.3), via email on 4 December 2023
5. Notice was issued to all neighbouring Local Authorities (County Councils of Cavan, Donegal, Longford, Roscommon, Sligo, and also Fermanagh & Omagh District Council) via email on 4 December 2023
6. Notification through Leitrim County Council social media platforms was issued every fortnight (Twitter and Facebook) (including an Irish version of the notice in accordance with the Official Languages Act as amended)
7. Placement onto the '*What's Current*' page of the Leitrim County Council website
8. Advance Notice of the Draft Climate Action Plan was communicated verbally at Leitrim PPN Events in Manorhamilton (13 November 2023), Rossinver (27 November 2023) and Drumshanbo (29 November 2023)
9. Communicated the Draft Climate Action Plan public consultation to Leitrim Public Participation Network (PPN) on 5 December 2023; Leitrim PPN confirmed circulation to all member groups and posting on all Leitrim PPN social media platforms
10. Commissioned a radio campaign, with adverts on both '*Shannonside FM*' and '*Ocean FM*' from 7 December to 13 December, three times daily at peak listening

hours. This was done for wider publicity ahead of the in-person '*Drop-in Clinic*' events.

11. The Draft Climate Action Plan public consultation detail was circulated in the December issue of the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Newsletter.

### 2.3. Public Information Events

During the public consultation period, a number of public consultation drop-in clinics took place per the details outlined below:

Location	Date	Time
Manorhamilton Library	12 December 2023	17:00 – 19:00
Carrick-on-Shannon Library	13 December 2023	17:00 – 19:00
Ballinamore Library	14 December 2023	17:00 – 19:00

These events were publicised on the Leitrim County Council website, the public notice, while the social media posts and radio adverts directed users and listeners to the web page that contained details of the public consultation drop-in clinics.

The clinics were attended by the Climate Action Team, a number of panels were installed within the Library near the entrance, to draw attention to the clinics on the day on the events.

In total there were 4 number of attendees across all of the drop-in clinic evenings. Engagement varied from topics such as the format for making submissions, topics of interest to the attendee and suggestions for partnership with community groups.



Figure 1 Pop up panels Manorhamilton Library, 12 December 2023



Figure 2 Pop-up panels Ballinamore Library, 14 December 2023

## 2.4. Engagement with Key Stakeholders

Notice of the Public Consultation on the Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan was issued to Environmental Authorities, Interested Stakeholders as identified in the SEA Report, all neighbouring local authorities of County Leitrim. There was significant consultation undertaken in the pre-draft phase with key stakeholders including Youth Groups within Co. Leitrim as detailed in Section 2.7 of the Draft Climate Action Plan. Notice of the Public Consultation Phase for the Draft Climate Action Plan was issued to Leitrim PPN and specifically to *Comhairle na nÓg* (who had been consulted in the pre-draft phase).

### 2.4.1. Environmental Authorities

As required, notice of the Draft Climate Action Plan was issued to the **most up-to-date contact details for the Environmental Authorities** (per Statutory Instrument S.I. No. 435 of 2004 as amended), taking into account transfers of functions between Ministers since the SEA Regulations first identified the Environmental Authorities.

1. Environmental Protection Agency
2. Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
3. Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
4. Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine

### 2.4.2. Northern Ireland Environmental Authorities

Authorities in Northern Ireland made contact with Leitrim County Council early in the public consultation process on the Draft Climate Action Plan.

### 2.4.3. Interested Stakeholders

As identified in Section 3.3 of the SEA Environmental Report, notice was issued to the following interested stakeholders

1. An Taisce
2. Bord Iascaigh Mhara
3. Birdwatch Ireland



4. Bord na Móna (BnM)
5. Climate Change Advisory Council
6. Coastwatch
7. Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (DETE)
8. Department of Transport (DoT)
9. Electricity Supply Board (ESB)
10. Fáilte Ireland
11. Gas Networks Ireland (GNI)
12. Industrial Development Authority (IDA)
13. Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI)
14. Inland Waterways Association of Ireland (IWAI)
15. Landscape Alliance Ireland
16. Marine Institute
17. Office of Public Works (OPW)
18. Northern and Western Regional Assembly
19. Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)
20. Teagasc
21. Tourism Ireland

#### 2.4.4. Neighbouring Local Authorities

The following Local Authorities were given notice of the public consultation process for Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan, representing counties that border County Leitrim:

1. Cavan County Council
2. Donegal County Council
3. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council
4. Longford County Council
5. Roscommon County Council
6. Sligo County Council

#### 2.4.5. Others Notified

The following groups were notified of the public consultation process for the Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan

1. County Leitrim PPN
2. *Comhairle na nÓg*
3. Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)

#### 2.4.6. Meetings on the Draft Climate Action Plan

The Strategic Policy Committee for Environment, Climate Action and Agriculture recommended an information session for Elected Members (EMs) ahead of the public consultation process opening on the Draft Climate Action Plan

- EMs were given an information presentation summarising the work done to date on the pre-draft phase and the process of the Draft Climate Action Plan including public consultation and steps thereafter towards adoption in February 2024. The Session was online over Microsoft Teams on 1 December 2023. A PDF of the presentation was circulated to all EMs, as well as a notice with details of the public consultation process by email subsequently.

A number of meetings were held with selected groups to maximise consultation and participation and to re-connect with all stakeholders from the initial preparation stage to encourage their participation and contribution (including adjoining local authorities and the Leitrim PPN) in the Draft Climate Action Plan Stage (in accordance with Section 3.3.2.2 of Annex A of the Guidelines for LA CAPs). The following meetings were held within the public consultation window

- Good Energies Alliance Ireland (GEAI) on the 18 December 2023 at Leitrim County Council Offices
- Carrick-on-Shannon Town Teams and Chamber of Commerce on 16 January 2024 online via Microsoft Teams
- Leitrim PPN staff on 16 January online via Microsoft Teams
- Selected groups representing youth, older people, integration and culture on 16 January 2024 online via Microsoft Teams

- Roscommon County Council on 23 January 2024 online via Microsoft Office Teams

### 3. Details of the Submissions

#### 3.1. Overview

A total of 13 valid submissions and observations were received, the breakdown of which is as follows:

*Table 1 Numbers of Submissions Received by Email and by Post / handed Submissions*

Submission Type	Number
Posted / Handed Submissions	0
Email Submissions	13
<b>Total Submissions</b>	<b>13</b>

All submissions were acknowledged on receipt. All valid submissions and observations were read, analysed and summarised. An overview of the number of submissions and issues raised is provided in **Section 3.2**. The categorisation and summary of issues raised, together with the Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan; response and recommendations, is contained in **Section 4**.

Note: The categorisation and summary of issues raised, together with the response and recommendations, is broken down per submission.

##### 3.1.1. List of Persons, Organisations and Bodies who made Submissions

See **Appendix 1: List of Persons, Organisations and Bodies who made Submissions**. Each submission has been assigned an independent reference number in the order by which they were received.

### 3.2. Summary of Issues Raised in Submissions

There were 13 valid submissions and observations received during the public consultation stage of the Leitrim Council Draft Climate Action Plan; these were read, analysed and summarised.

Full summaries of all of the issues raised in the submissions and observations are set out in **Section 4**, together with the responses and recommendations within this Report. Issues have been summarised under the relevant chapter, subsection of the Draft Climate Action below. Submissions and observations have been broken down as follows:

- **Table 2** below sets out the number of issues raised by: Prescribed Environmental Authorities, Northern Ireland Environmental Authorities, Interested Stakeholders, Adjoining Local Authorities, Community Groups, Members of the Public, and General submissions.
- **Table 3** represents the number of submissions raised on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) environmental report and the Natura Impact Report (NIR)

*Table 2 Submission per Consultee Group*

Submission Heading	Total No of submissions received	Total No. of Issues Raised
Prescribed Environmental Authorities	4	34
Northern Ireland Environmental Authorities	2	11
Interested Stakeholders	1	2
Adjoining Local Authorities	0	0
Community Groups	2	18
Members of the Public	1	6
General	3	15

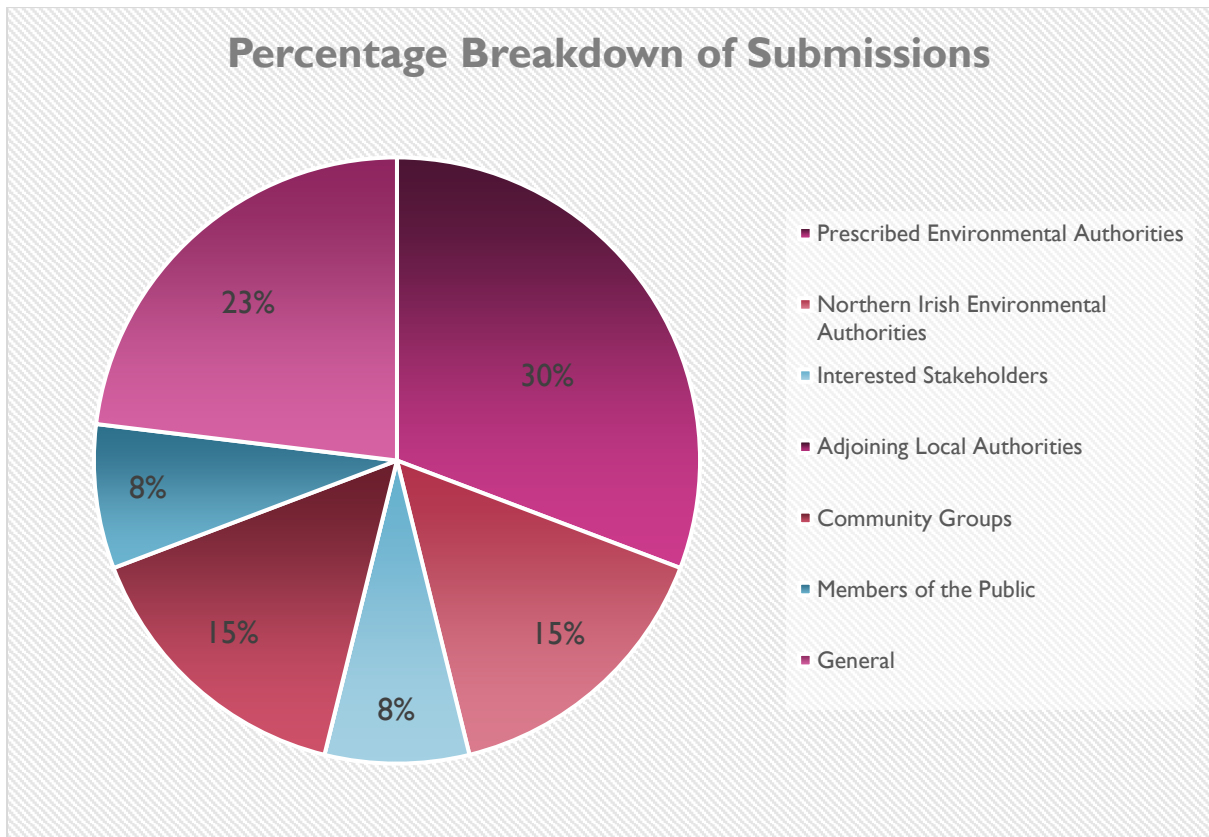


Figure 3 Breakdown of Issues per Groups outlined in Table 2

Table 3 Issues raised in submissions relating to SEA and NIR Reports

Submission Heading	No. of Issues Raised
SEA Report	11
NIR	3

### 3.3. Responses and Recommendations on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan

In compiling this Report, Leitrim County Council has prepared a response and recommendation for each of the issues raised within the submissions on the Draft Climate Action Plan. The listing and format of the categorisation is broken down per Environmental Authorities, Northern Ireland Environmental Authorities, Interested Stakeholders, Adjoining Local Authorities, Community Groups, Public and General Submissions received.

This Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan examines issues raised in the submissions and observations in the context of their relevance to the purpose and scope of the Draft Climate Action Plan, and the report seeks to incorporate new / additional provisions where they are relevant to the purpose of the Draft Climate Action Plan, its implementation and do not have a negative impact on the broader environmental considerations of the area.

In the interests of clarity, issues raised in submissions and observations that:

- do not sit within the scope of the Draft Climate Action Plan;
- go beyond its scope but lie within the scope of Leitrim County Council;
- go beyond the functions of the local authority; and / or
- are not directly related to the provisions of the Draft Plan or climate actions,

will be subject to general commentary where appropriate and will not be considered further to help inform the provisions or actions of the final Leitrim County Council Climate Action Plan.

### 3.4. Structure of Proposed Modifications to the Plan

Amendments to the text of the Draft Climate Action Plan are identified by their location within the Draft Climate Action Plan i.e. by page number and heading section of the Draft Climate Action Plan.

As stated in Section 3.4.2 of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines, *‘a modification in this instance is an alteration that is considered non-material and does not compromise the integrity of the plan-making process to that point or the SEA and AA processes that have informed the plan’* (Government of Ireland, 2023).

Furthermore, given the statutory twelve (12) month duration of the Plan making process, as set out in Section 14B of the Climate Act as amended, a material amendment public consultation phase, is not provided for under the legislation.

Non-material modifications to the text of the Draft Climate Action Plan are shown in **blue text**, for example:

**Develop a Seed Library within the Leitrim County Council Libraries**

Deletions to the text of the Draft Climate Action Plan are shown in **red text with strikethrough**, for example:

~~the biggest threat that modern humans have ever faced.~~



## 4. Categorisation, Summary and Responses to Issues Raised

All 13 valid submissions and observations were read, analysed and summarised. The report takes the following format to address issues raised in the submissions and observations received.

- 1) Body or Person making a submission
- 2) Summary of the Submission
- 3) Response and Recommendation including
  - a. Relationship to the Draft Climate Action Plan or SEA / AA Reports
  - b. Issues Raised and Requirement to amend the Plan or SEA / AA Reports as appropriate
  - c. Recommendation for the Report

## 4.1.Submissions from Prescribed Environmental Authorities

Table 4 Summary of Submissions from Environmental Authorities

Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
<p><b>Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</b></p>	<p>The submission is a general acknowledgement of the Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan and outlines the role of the Agency in the SEA process.</p> <p>The submission highlights the point that the Local Authority (Leitrim County Council) will need to ensure that sufficient and suitable monitoring networks are maintained to produce high quality data to allow the decision makers in Leitrim County Council to make climate adaptation decisions.</p> <p>The EPA submission suggested LCC consider including a commitment to ensure that monitoring arrangements remain fit for purpose, such that the data generated from monitoring, can be used by decision makers such as Local Authority emergency planning teams or Met Éireann flood forecasting teams. Water resources, bathing water, health warnings, hot weather and air quality.</p>	<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>This submission is welcomed in relation to the CAP and SEA / AA processes and is acknowledged.</p> <p><b>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</b></p> <p><b>Comments relating to CAP</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keep monitoring arrangements up to date to produce high quality data. <u>Response:</u> B23 and B24 relate to monitoring and recording climate related data with newly available app technology. Section 5 of the Draft Climate Action Plan details Implementation and Monitoring. Appropriate consideration of LA obligations has been given with respect to monitoring. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></li> <li>2. Take into account 'Climate Change in the Irish Mind' <u>Response:</u> Noted &amp; agreed. The EPA report Climate Change in the Irish Mind has been considered and a reference to the findings of the report is referenced in <b>Section 2.6 of the CAP</b>. It is noted that the Draft SEA Environmental Report (ER) has defined Environmental Governance Principles and action amendment</li> </ol>

Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
	<p>The EPA submission suggested that LCC take into account the EPA’s ‘Climate Change in the Irish Mind’ when finalising the plan.</p> <p>The EPA submission suggests that the Plan should include a specific action to carry out “implementation monitoring” to ensure that progress achieving the actions and measures across the Plan is being monitored and reported on.</p> <p>The EPA submission also suggested that the SEA should assist in identifying way to maximise the potential co-benefits of climate related measures for air quality, human health, biodiversity, and water quality etc, and that the SEA and NIR findings are fully reflected in the plan.</p> <p>The EPA submission finishes with a list of environmental authorities that should be consulted (i.e.: Environmental Protection Agency, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Minister for Environment Climate and Communications, Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine).</p>	<p>suggestions to ensure climate action co-benefit opportunities are maximized. Various defined mitigation measures serve to promote win-win solutions.</p> <p>3. Inclusion of a specific action for CAP action implementation monitoring.  <u>Response:</u> The CAP includes actions GL6, GL7, GL8, GL9, and GL1 (GL1 is specific to the topic of monitoring CAP action progress). <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>4. SEA to assist in identifying co-benefits.  <u>Response:</u> The Draft SEA Environmental Report (ER) has defined Environmental Governance Principles and action amendment suggestions to ensure climate action co-benefit opportunities are maximized. Various defined mitigation measures serve to promote win-win solutions. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>5. SEA and NIR findings are fully reflected in the plan.  <u>Response:</u> Noted and agreed. Environmental mitigation measures in the form of Environmental Governance Principles and climate action amendment suggestions have been fully integrated into the Plan itself. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>6. Alignment with high (National) level plans, programmes, Guidelines, and legislation over the life of the LA CAP.</p>

Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
	<p>There was an Appendix to the submission that related specifically to the SEA ER. The Agency clarified that the correct reference to Statutory Instrument should be S.I. 435 of 2004.</p>	<p><u>Response:</u> Insert the following text in <b>Section 5 of the CAP</b> ‘<a href="#">The Local Authority Climate Action Plan Process will have regard to high level Plans, Programmes, Guidelines, and Legislation in the implementation stage of the Climate Action Plan</a>’.</p> <p>7. Strategic Environmental Objectives. <u>Response:</u> The Strategic Environmental Objectives defined reflect the themes, goals, objectives and climate action contained in the plan and in light of the potential environmental effects associated with Plan implementation. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>8. Noted the alternatives considered in the SEA and acknowledge the preferred option selected. <u>Response:</u> Noted. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>9. Mitigation measures incorporated. <u>Response:</u> The SEA produced recommended a suite of mitigation measures in response to climate actions considered to have potentially significant environmental effects. Environmental Governance Principles have been defined for the purpose of underpinning and framing the defined climate actions. All activities and development supported by the defined climate actions shall be undertaken or influenced by the local authority, as appropriate, in accordance with these Environmental Governance</p>

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		<p>Principles. Mitigation has also been achieved by the integration of environmental considerations into the defined LACAP climate actions. These mitigation measures have been integrated into the LA CAP and the LA CAP is committed to implementing these mitigation measures. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>10. EPA State of the Environment report.  <u>Response:</u> When published, the EPA State of Environment Report 2024 will be considered in the implementation of the Plan. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>11. Screen any future amendments to the Plan.  <u>Response:</u> Future amendments to the LACAP will be subject to the requirements of SEA / AA legislation. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p><b><i>Comments on the SEA</i></b></p> <p>12. Under SEA Regulations, the following Environmental Authorities should be consulted, EPA, DHLGH, DECC, &amp; DAFM.  <u>Response:</u> All listed Environmental Authorities have been consulted as part of the SEA process. No change to the SEA</p> <p>13. NTS include relevant information Schedule 2 of SI No 435 of 2004 as amended.  <u>Response:</u> <b>Non-technical summary of the SEA ER to be updated</b> encompasses relevant information from ER.</p>

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		<p>14. Monitoring, Implementation and Reporting. Cumulative and Positive Negative Effects in the Monitoring Programme of SEA ER.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> The SEA Monitoring Programme established for the Draft LACAP is contained in the SEA ER. This monitoring programme has been developed in accordance with EPA <i>Guidance on SEA Statements and Monitoring</i> (2020). The monitoring programme is multi-faceted, broad in scope and has been designed to allow for a flexible and adaptive approach to SEA monitoring during Plan implementation. The monitoring programme in the SEA ER has been designed to measure cumulative effects that may arise from implementation of the Plan. It is noted however that additional opportunities exist in relation to monitoring the positive environmental effects of defined climate action – it is proposed to <b>update the SEA monitoring programme to ensure SEOs PHH1, L1, AQN2, TR1 accommodate the monitoring of positive effects</b>, where appropriate arising due to plan implementation. Provide additional detail on monitoring programme data sources.</p> <p>15. SEA Statement.</p>

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		<p><u>Response:</u> An SEA statement will be produced and circulated to any environmental authority consulted during the SEA process.</p> <p><b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p> <p>Amendment to the SEA ER Report to be updated for the reasons set out above.</p>
<p><b>Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)</b></p>	<p>The submission is a general acknowledgement of the Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>The submission highlights areas that should be considered by Leitrim County Council for nature conservation including slowing water loss from uplands and peatlands, restoring and maintaining healthy uplands, facilitate training for LCC ground staff and contractors on biodiversity loss prevention and improving water retention, having controls in place when carrying out works and in relation to invasive species.</p>	<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>The submission from the Minister for DHLGH is welcomed in relation to the CAP and SEA / AA processes and is acknowledged.</p> <p><b>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Slow water loss from uplands and peatlands.</li> </ol> <p><u>Response:</u> A variety of Plan-level mitigation measures have been defined under the SEA for the Plan to promote utilizing nature based solutions to manage water run-off and improve flood resilience. Actions N6, N12 &amp; N17 relate. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p>

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	<p>The submission also highlights the need for protection and consideration to be given to heritage and archaeological sites that may be at risk due to climate change, extreme weather and or from damage during installation of mitigation works and or retrofitting of buildings.</p>	<p>2. Educate council staff and contractors on biodiversity enhancement on hedgerows and riparian zones.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Actions that relate to this issue are N2, N4, N5, N9, N11, N12, N15. While Action N1 create and implement a 5 year biodiversity action plan and the recent appointment of a Biodiversity Officer will incorporate and deliver on the main issue raised. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>3. Council works that include vegetation removal to include method statement to reduce negative effects and biodiversity loss where possible.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Action N1 create and implement a 5 year Biodiversity Action Plan relates. The recent appointment of a Biodiversity Officer will incorporate and deliver on the main issue raised as they will be providing awareness / education and training to these specific staff. Actions GL4, GL5 &amp; GL6 will ensure climate action considerations are given to all local authority activities. planning, Appropriate biodiversity protection consideration in implementation of plans, design and carrying out of works during projects and activities. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>4. Incorporation of AA for works in Special Areas of Conservation.</p>



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		<p><u>Response:</u> AA to be considered as required during implementation of plans, design and carrying out of works during projects and activities. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>5. Spread of invasive species.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Action N3 covers this issue. It is noted that the following Environmental Governance Principle has been defined within the Plan for the purpose of preventing invasive species spread; EG9 – <i>‘Ensure local authority projects supported by plan actions have taken the necessary precautions to identify and manage invasives species, particularly with regard to Schedule III species. No local authority climate action related development project that is likely to cause the spread of invasives species listed in Schedule III shall be supported.’</i> Preventing invasive species spread considered as required in implementation of plans, design and carrying out of works during projects and activities. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>6. Identify all important built heritage and archaeological sites within the LA and include objective to carry out a climate change risk assessment / condition assessment on same.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Actions B4 &amp; B26 will take account of this issue. The appointed Heritage Officer will be undertaking similar works. The SEA scoping report and SEA Environmental Report identify the built</p>

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		<p>and archaeological heritage assets in the LA including structures and sites subject to statutory protection under the National Monuments Acts 1930 to 2014, and the Planning and Development Act (as amended). Exhaustive detail on built and archaeological heritage is held on record by the local authority and provided in the Country Development Plan already. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>7. Develop skills capacity within the LA with a view towards emergency / mitigation / adaptation responses towards heritage site protection.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Actions B21, GL33, GL30, GL31, GL33 relate. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>8. Condition Assessments regarding CCRA, Disaster Risk reduction policies and resilience and adaptation strategies on built heritage</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Collaboration with Heritage Officer regarding Action N15 and ensuring the next heritage plan is appropriately climate proofed. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>9. Adherence to new guidance document on energy efficiency in traditional buildings.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Leitrim County Council will adhere to this guidance when it becomes available. Actions such as B1, B8 &amp; B9 relate. SEA screening of actions ensures that no actions undertaken will be</p>

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		<p>detrimental to heritage sites/buildings in Leitrim. The SEA Environmental Report has defined mitigation measures within the plan to ensure that any retrofitting of buildings including protected structures is carried out in a manner that doesn't impinge on built heritage or protected structures. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>10. Ensure Heritage Officer included on the Local Authority Climate Change Steering Group.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Heritage Officer / Planning Department will be consulted by the Climate Change Committee when it is established - Action GL10 relates. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>No amendment proposed to the Draft Climate Action Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>
<p><b>Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC)</b></p>	<p>The submission is a general acknowledgement of the Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>It reiterates the background on the legal requirement for the Local Authority Climate Action Plan and the timelines for making of the Plan. The requirement for consistency with plans and strategies as listed in Section 14B(3),</p>	<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>This submission is welcomed in relation to the CAP and SEA / AA processes and are acknowledged.</p> <p><b>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Detail of Submission</li> </ol>

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	<p>requirement for consultation and consideration of significant effects per Section 14B(4) of Climate Act as amended. The submission points to the Guidelines issued in March 2023 to assist Local Authorities on making a Climate Action Plan. The submission makes reference to the purpose of the Climate Action Plans on an integrated approach to mitigation targets and adaptation to climate change and the enhanced role of Local Authorities to lead and co-ordinate change. The submission references the requirement for a Decarbonising Zone. The importance of ongoing monitoring and reporting against key performance indicators in delivering targets and that DECC will assist on a developing a reporting system to support LAs. DECC point to their commitment to LAs through Climate Action Teams and CARO Offices and Climate Action Training Programme including sectoral training.</p>	<p><u>Response:</u> These comments relate to the core focus of the Plan and not SEA and AA related matters and have been considered in the making of the Plan. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>No amendment proposed to the Draft Climate Action Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
<p><b>Department of Agriculture, Food &amp; the Marine (DAFM)</b></p>	<p>DAFM submission outlines its role in mitigation and adaptation in the Agriculture and Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry sectors.</p>	<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>This submission is welcomed in relation to the CAP and SEA / AA processes and is acknowledged.</p>

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	<p>The submission points to a number of policies, strategies and measures that should be taken into consideration in the Climate Action Plan and that the Department will support agriculture related items.</p>	<p><b>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase resilience and efficiency on farms.  <u>Response:</u> Leitrim County Council will flag the existence of the various sustainability schemes to support transition to sustainable agriculture. The recommendation on reducing the use of chemical fertilizers and uptake of protected urea is captured in SR23. The recommendations on fodder reserve, age at slaughter and age at first calving are detail to be captured in the implementation of the Signpost Advisory Programme (supported and promoted in SR22).  <b>Bord Bia added as Partner on SR 20</b></li> <li>2. Increase diversification on farms such as Anaerobic Digestion.  <u>Response:</u> There is an objective to support renewable electricity generation in accordance with national and regional policy (objective supports development of electricity from biomethane, a renewable gas). There is an action in the Decarbonising Zone regarding development of anaerobic digestion in the vicinity of Carrick-on-Shannon in respect of waste resources. Action SR17 is designed to achieve an outcome to increase resilience of farms to climate change and reduce the economic risk. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></li> </ol>

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		<p>3. Maintaining a fodder reserve on farm can address the effects of longer and wetter winters as well as poorer weather conditions in spring at the start of the grazing season. The Teagasc advisory service and private Agricultural Consultants are available to provide the appropriate advice to farmers.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> <a href="#">Teagasc</a>, <a href="#">Farm advisors</a> and <a href="#">IFA</a> to be included as a <b>partner for SR18 &amp; SR20</b> as appropriate.</p> <p>4. Climate change will encourage invasive species and exotic pests.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Action N3 covers invasive species awareness. It is noted that the following Environmental Governance Principle has been defined within the Plan for the purpose of preventing invasive species spread; EG9 – <i>‘Ensure local authority projects supported by plan actions have taken the necessary precautions to identify and manage invasives species, particularly with regard to Schedule III species. No local authority climate action related development project that is likely to cause the spread of invasives species listed in Schedule III shall be supported.’</i> Preventing invasive species spread considered as required in implementation of plans, design and carrying out of works during projects and activities. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p>

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		<p>5. Planting of trees and forestry to assist with carbon sequestering and biodiversity loss.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> N11, N12 &amp; NGI3(DZ) relate to tree planting for biodiversity. This will also provide for carbon sequestering. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>6. Improve soil structure, soil management and health.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Action SR20 is designed to achieve outcomes that will include improving the management and health of soil and creation of resources to harbour and restore biodiversity, as appropriate. The following Environmental Governance Principle has been defined in the Plan, EG2: ‘Support or facilitate climate action related projects and initiatives which seek to make improvements in soil structure, management and health by increasing soil organic carbon - which will create the environmental co-benefits of improving flood resilience by enhancing water holding capacity of soils and increasing the level of GHG sequestration associated with land use functions.’ <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>7. Peatland restoration to improve water holding capacity and water quality.</p>

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		<p><u>Response:</u> Existing actions N6, N17, N14 relevant to the above. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>8. Local Authority note the various schemes and policies that are highlighted in the DAFM submission.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Reference added to the <b>introduction of 'SG5 Sustainability &amp; Resource Management'</b> to the. The following text inserted '<a href="#">Leitrim County Council are aware of policies and schemes to assist the agricultural sector in transitioning to sustainability including - Origin Green Programme national food and drink supply chain (farmers, producers, manufacturers, retailers and foodservice companies) sustainability programme led by Bord Bia - The Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES) to address biodiversity decline while delivering an income support for farm families (includes a Forest Strategy on large scale planting down to native woodland creation) - A Biomethane Strategy will be developed under the stewardship of a working group under the auspices of DAFM to include development of an Anaerobic Digestion Industry'</a>.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p>



Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
		Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.

## 4.2.Submissions from Northern Ireland Environmental Authorities

Table 5 Summary of Submissions from Environmental Authorities

Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
<p><b>Historic Environment Division, (HED) Department of Communities (DfC), Northern Ireland</b></p>	<p>The HED submission outlines its role in relation to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in providing authoritative comment and advice in relation to matters of Cultural Heritage including archaeological and architectural heritage.</p> <p>The submission highlights the intertwined nature of the historic environment with landscape and the natural environment. HED highlight the importance of considering the potential for any transboundary impacts with Northern Ireland, (particularly with regard to potential impacts on heritage assets). This relates mainly to the SEA and subsequent implementation of the CAP.</p> <p>The submission outlines the various online resources (map viewers and datasets) relating to Northern Ireland which should be utilised in order to give the historic environment of NI full and detailed consideration.</p>	<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>This submission is welcomed in relation to the SEA / AA processes and is acknowledged.</p> <p><b>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</b></p> <p><b>Comments on SEA.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HED advise that consideration of the potential for transboundary impacts with Northern Ireland, particularly with regard to potential impacts on setting of heritage</li> </ol> <p><u>Response:</u> It is noted that all effects of the plan have been evaluated, including transboundary effects. Mitigation measures have been adopted to ensure that the environmental effects are controlled at the source. The SEA ER will be updated to include a clear statement on transboundary effects, explaining how they are considered and mitigated. Additional information on the NI baseline historic environment will be provided.</p>

Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
		<p>2. Northern Ireland’s historic environment digital datasets should be utilised.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Northern Ireland’s historic environment <b>digital datasets will be utilised</b> when progressing development projects, as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>No amendment proposed to the Draft Climate Action Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p> <p>Amendments to be made to the SEA ER, as outlined.</p>
<p><b>Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, (DAERA) Northern Ireland</b></p>	<p>The DAERA submission highlights that DAERA was not consulted at the SEA Scoping Stage of the Plan. There are concerns that full transboundary environmental effects may not have been considered in detail and it recommends continued engagement and co-ordination with NI.</p> <p>The SEA would benefit from a clear statement as to whether or not the implementation of the LA CAP will have any significant negative effects on the environment, including natural environment, flora and fauna,</p>	<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>This submission is welcomed in relation to the CAP / SEA / AA processes and is acknowledged.</p> <p><b>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</b></p> <p><b>Comments on CAP:</b></p> <p>1. Continued and early engagement with the relevant bodies in NI in relation to any future projects that may arise out of the LA CAP.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Noted. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p>

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	<p>landscapes, water quality, aquatic life, and heritage in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The submission highlights some online data resources and a number of pieces of NI legislation and policy documents which may have benefited the SEA.</p> <p>More detail and thought needs to be given to this matter. A clear assessment of transboundary issues may be required, (particularly in relation to water / air quality, natural environment and heritage).</p> <p>It recommends further engagement with relevant Departments/Bodies within NI and when required assessment of transboundary impacts and possibly further Environmental assessment and /or HRA at planning/project level.</p> <p>A discrepancy in the NIR is highlighted in relation to Cuilcagh Mountain SAC (UK0016603) and its distance from the border. A discrepancy in the SEA report in relation to the Erne catchment is also highlighted.</p>	<p>2. Consideration should be given as to the potential impact of the Plan on other air pollutants such as agricultural ammonia.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> The SEA found that the Draft Climate Action Plan does not support any development or activities that may generate air agricultural ammonia or nitrogen oxides. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>3. Ireland is now included in the Air Pollution Information System (APIS) which provides information on the impacts of air pollutants, such as NOx, ammonia emissions and the associated N deposition on sensitive habitats and species.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> The SEA found the Plan does not support any development or activities that may generate air agricultural ammonia or nitrogen oxides. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p><b>Comments on SEA / AA:</b></p> <p>4. Full transboundary effects on NI environment may not have been considered.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> It is noted that all effects of the plan have been evaluated (inclusive of effects that may be transmitted via environmental pathways to Northern Irish receptors). Mitigation</p>

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	<p>The submission welcomes that further environmental assessment including Appropriate Assessment will be required for future projects arising from the implementation of the Draft LACAP and that projects within the Draft LACAP area will be considered in combination with all lower tier projects that may arise.</p> <p>The submission advises continued and early engagement with the relevant bodies in NI and that should the NIS change in respect to impacts upon UK National Site Network sites then DAERA should be re-consulted.</p>	<p>measures have been adopted to ensure that the environmental effects of Plan Action are controlled at the source. The environmental assessment reports (NIR and SEA) will be <b>updated</b> to include a greater level of detail on the Northern Irish baseline environment and <b>to demonstrate more expressly how transboundary effects were considered and mitigated.</b></p> <p>5. The SEA would benefit from the inclusion of Northern Irish data sources.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> <b>Northern Irish data sources</b>, indicators and targets will also be <b>consulted and included</b> in the SEA report, <b>where appropriate.</b></p> <p>6. DAERA would have preferred the SEA environmental report to contain a clear statement indicating an opinion about whether the implementation of the plan is likely to have a significant effect on Northern Ireland.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> It is noted that all effects of the plan have been evaluated, including transboundary effects. Mitigation measures have been adopted to ensure that the environmental effects of Plan Action are controlled at the source. In relation to the SEA, the</p>

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		<p><b>SEA ER will be updated to include a clear statement on transboundary effects</b>, explaining how they are considered and mitigated.</p> <p>7. We recommend further engagement with relevant Departments/Bodies within NI and when required assessment of transboundary impacts and possibly further Environmental assessment and /or HRA at planning/project level.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Comments noted. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>8. A number of pieces of legislation and policy documents have not been included, the Environmental Report may benefit from the inclusion of these.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> <b>Northern Irish plans and programmes will be reviewed and included in both the NIR and SEA.</b></p> <p>9. Note on NIR, in relation to Cuilcagh Mountain SAC (UK0016603) that Table 3-1 references that the site is immediately adjacent to the study area, however this is not the case as the site is c. 5km from the study area.</p>

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		<p><u>Response:</u> The <b>NIR will be updated appropriately to reflect this commentary.</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>No amendment proposed to the Draft Climate Action Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p> <p>Amendments to be made to the SEA ER and NIR as outlined.</p>

### 4.3.Submissions from Interested Stakeholders

Table 6 Submissions from interested stakeholders relating to the Draft Climate Action Plan

Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
<p>Enhancement of Tourism</p> <p><b>Faillte Ireland</b></p>	<p>Fáilte Ireland submissions summary</p> <p>Raised the issue of enhancing tourism with particular reference to sustainability, mentioning Sustainable Development Goal No. 13 Climate Action in particular incorporating the principles of sustainability in tourism within the Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>The submission referenced Fáilte Ireland’s role as National Tourism Development Authority and long term objective to support transition to sustainable tourism. Approach to development of Tourism is based on VICE (Visitor, Industry, Community, Environment) and UN World Travel Organisation definition of sustainable tourism. The submission lists the requirements of Fáilte Ireland to reduce emissions across its own operations and asset base and specific targets from CAP23 related to themes of the Built</p>	<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>The submission is welcomed in relation to the CAP and is acknowledged.</p> <p><b>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compliance with Plans and Strategies. <u>Response:</u> The Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan has been designed to be compliant with national plans and strategies in accordance with Section 15 of the Climate Act as amended. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></li> <li>2. Leitrim County Council to recognise the role of Fáilte Ireland as a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Champion and the provision of resources to work with partners to drive sustainable tourism. <u>Response:</u> CRT7 covers the topic of sustainable tourism. However, it is recommended <b>Fáilte Ireland be added as a partner</b> a number of actions to enhance sustainable tourism in Co. Leitrim. Actions include <b>B27, B29, B31, CRT7.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p>



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	<p>Environment, Transport and Business Enterprise, that have a cross cutting nature with Tourism development.</p> <p>Fáilte Ireland will provide support for tourism businesses, through guidance, training, and bespoke best practice advice to drive sustainability but requires partnership with stakeholders and customers on delivering on its role as SDG champion.</p>	<p>Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

#### 4.4.Submissions from Adjoining Local Authorities

No responses from adjoining Local Authorities were received.

## 4.5.Submissions from Community Groups

Table 7 Community Group Submissions related to the Draft Climate Action Plan

Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
<p>Community Gardens and Allotments</p> <p><b>Community Gardens Ireland</b></p>	<p>Community Garden Ireland Submission Summary</p> <p>Note the background on the organised network of community gardens and allotments in Ireland through 'Community Gardens Ireland' and supporting policies for community growing and allotments and data provided on the work of the organisation and comparison with other countries and review of adaptation strategies in respect of this particular issue. Submission raised a set of general issues and a set of specific issues relating to the community gardens and allotments</p>	<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>The submission is welcomed in relation to the CAP and is acknowledged.</p> <p><b>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recognising growing your own food as a Climate Friendly Action for Communities <u>Response:</u> Leitrim's CAP recognises growing your own food is a climate friendly action. Action CRT11 &amp; CRT14 relate. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></li> <li>2. Include community growing in the CAP. <u>Response:</u> Action CRT14 relates. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></li> <li>3. Comments relating to the National Climate Action Plan. <u>Response:</u> This is beyond the scope of Leitrim's CAP. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></li> <li>4. Local Authorities to provide support for expansion in the numbers of community gardens and land for development of community allotments.</li> </ol>

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		<p><u>Response</u>: CRT11 &amp; CRT14 relate to the expansion in numbers and provision of support in developing community gardens. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>5. Community growing spaces also clearly help contribute towards some of the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p><u>Response</u>: Comment noted. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>6. World Health Organisation recommendation - urban residents should be able to access public green spaces of at least 0.5–1 hectare within 300 metres’ linear distance (around 5 minutes’ walk) of their homes / more green spaces available in cities and urban areas.</p> <p><u>Response</u>: Comment noted. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>7. Encourage more people to grow vegetables for themselves.</p> <p><u>Response</u>: Actions CRT11 &amp; CRT14 relate. A <b>new action CRT21</b> to <i>‘Develop a Seed Library within the Leitrim County Council Libraries’</i> will also encourage more people to grow their own food. No amendment proposed.</p> <p>8. Under 30% of Local Authority Climate Adaptation Strategies included a reference to community allotments.</p>

Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
		<p><u>Response:</u> Comment relates to the Climate Adaptation Strategies. Actions CRT11 &amp; CRT14 of the Climate Action Plan relate to community allotments. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>9. The community climate action funds projects for community gardens, but allotments are not included.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> It is our understanding that community gardens and community allotments are one and the same; the Community Climate Action funding will be available for community allotments if they are feasible and achievable. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>
<p><b>North Leitrim Interculture Forum</b></p>	<p>This submission highlights the urgency of the transition process. It suggests the most effective way to get the climate change message across is in plain language, and to give people a hands on experience, simplify transition to make the required changes as straight forward as possible for the public. Explore resourcing to make change happen, assess changes in transport</p>	<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>This submission is welcomed in relation to the CAP and is acknowledged.</p> <p><b>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</b></p> <p>1. Convey the climate action message in clearly understandable way</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Leitrim County Council Climate Action Team will be engaging with the public in a clear and concise manner during the</p>

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	<p>and make these happen urgently, provide incentives for people to make the required changes.</p> <p>The submission finishes by outlining the importance of implementing the Plan.</p>	<p>course of the plan. A number of workshops have been committed to under the Plan Actions. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>2. Employ a member of staff to deal with climate action in the community to get the message across.  <u>Response:</u> Leitrim County Council now have a full Climate Action Team which included a Community Climate Action Officer. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>3. Smaller cooperative energy plants?  <u>Response:</u> There are a number of Actions in the CAP that will encourage and support the development of these. Actions SR13, SR14, &amp; SR26 relate. Ensuring that there are enough trades persons to carry out such projects is beyond the scope of this plan.  <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>4. Show the public the benefits of retrofitting first hand.  <u>Response:</u> Action DZBE4 relates. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>5. Make grants easier to apply for and use experience and contacts of PPN.  <u>Response:</u> Actions CRT1 &amp; CRT10 relate. PPN included as partner on CRT10 and in a number of other Actions. Leitrim Development Company are a partner on SR26 &amp; DZCRT6. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p>

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		<p>6. Support the expansion of EV's and car pooling  <u>Response:</u> A number of Actions support these issues including Action B33 (regional EV strategy) and B41 (promote carpooling for LCC staff). <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>7. Use graphics from the CAP in public awareness campaigns.  <u>Response:</u> A number of public awareness campaigns are planned (Action CRT1). <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>8. Support creative climate action initiatives.  <u>Response:</u> Actions CRT1 &amp; CRT11 relate. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>9. The Leitrim Climate Action Plan is to be acted on.  <u>Response:</u> Implementation of the Climate Action Plan is a statutory requirement. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>No amendment proposed to the Draft Climate Action Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

## 4.6.Submissions from Members of the Public

Table 8 Submissions from Members of the Public related to the Draft Climate Action Plan

Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
<p><b>Mella O’Brolchain</b></p>	<p>The submission from Mella O’Brolchain consisted of a copy of the draft Climate Action Plan in PDF with six comments / suggestions embedded in the text.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The initial comment disagrees with the statement that climate change is the single biggest health threat facing humanity, and suggests that the issue is wider and more complex than this phrase would suggest.</li> <li>2. The second comment takes issue with a diagram showing the overlapping dimensions of sustainability.</li> <li>3. Two comments are given in relation to the Environmental Governance principles, suggesting they could consider and govern all types of development.</li> </ol> <p>There is a final comment in relation to single use plastics and lamination practices.</p>	<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>This submission is welcomed in relation to the CAP and SEA / AA processes and is acknowledged</p> <p><b>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Comment on following CAP text: ‘Climate change is increasingly understood to be the most critical, long term global challenge of our time and the biggest threat that modern humans have ever faced’, (Executive Summary, page i). Submission comment: ‘Climate Change is only one of a number of growing drivers of risk, including energy disruption, biodiversity loss, financial systemic risk, polarization etc. Climate change is a major growing contributor to the polycrisis’.</li> </ol> <p><u>Response:</u> Comment noted. <b>Remove from Executive Summary ‘the biggest threat that modern humans have ever faced’.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Comment on the following CAP text: ‘Climate change is the single biggest health threat facing humanity. The impacts are already harming health through air pollution’, (Section 1.1, page 4). Submission comment: ‘The real issue is that there are multiple</li> </ol>



Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
		<p>drivers of risks to health through increasingly vulnerable societal systems (critical infrastructure, supply-chains, social cohesion), and these risks are heightened by climate change'. I would say that 'Climate change is a major contributor to humanity's health insecurity'.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Comment noted. <b>Remove from Section 1.1</b> <del>the single biggest</del> <b>and insert</b> text 'a major' and 'is a crisis multiplier'</p> <p>3. Comment on Figure 5, Section 1.3 Overlapping dimensions of sustainability. Comment: 'I would recommend using an image that reflects the balance needed for a worldview that would allow for humanity to thrive.' An alternative diagram is referenced in a link.  <u>Response:</u> Comment noted. The existing graphic in Figure 5 of the CAP is preferred. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>4. Comment on CAP text in Environmental Governance principle No. 3 (Section 3.3.3, page 44) text: 'No climate action related development project that is likely to have significant negative effects on the receiving environment shall be supported'.            Submission comment: <i>'What about business development projects? Could that be added in here?'</i></p>

Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
		<p><u>Response:</u> The Environmental Governance Principles and the Climate Action Plan itself are there to inform and drive climate action related projects and therefore the need to reference other business development projects is not necessary in this context. -The local authority has full control over its own development. It does not have the remit to 'ensure' all development, including private development, is planned in such a fashion. As a local planning authority, it is responsible for granting consent to applications for certain development projects made to it. The framework for environmental protection for such development projects is provided for separately in the County Development Plan. Comment noted and considered. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>5. Comment on CAP text in Environmental Governance principle No. 9: 'No Local Authority climate action related development project that is likely to cause the spread of invasives species listed in Schedule III shall be supported'. Submission comment: 'what about development that is not related to climate action? it is mentioned later on so can it be put in here?'</p> <p><u>Response:</u> The Environmental Governance Principles have been defined for the purpose of ensuring development and activities</p>

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		<p>supported by climate action defined in the Plan are managed in an environmentally appropriate manner. The management of invasive species during development projects generally is provided for separately under the County Development Plan. Comment noted and considered. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p>6. Comment on Governance and Leadership Action GL28 (page 51), on the following CAP text: ‘continue the reduction of printers across the organisation’. Submission comment: ‘Would love to see the phasing out of lamination and other plastics usage’.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Action SR8 covers the topic of single use plastics. Lamination of outdoor signage cannot be phased out – laminated signs are reused where possible. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

## 4.7. General Submissions

Table 9 General Submissions related to the Draft Climate Action Plan

Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
<p>Expansion of Bio-Energy – a submission from <b>Irish Bio-Energy Association (IrBEA)</b></p>	<p>IrBEA submission summary:</p> <p>The IrBEA is the representative organisation for the bioenergy sector on the island of Ireland. Their membership spans the differing bioenergy sectors of solid biomass, biogas/biomethane, biofuels, biochar, wood fuels and energy crops.</p> <p>Noted the report '<i>Transport in Ireland - a pathway to halving emissions</i>' on the role of bioethanol, biodiesel and biomethane in decarbonising the transport sector</p> <p>The bioenergy sector can have an important role in combating climate action and reducing reliance of imported fossil fuels.</p> <p>Further development and expansion of biomass feedstock in Ireland to decarbonise heating and transport.</p>	<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>The submission is welcomed in relation to the CAP and is acknowledged.</p> <p><b>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Draft Plan overlooked the expertise and knowledge that IrBEA can provide.</li> </ol> <p><u>Response</u> Include IrBEA as a partner on a number of Actions relating to bioenergy and Anaerobic Digestion. Actions where it is proposed that <b>IrBEA are added as a Partner</b> include: SR21, SR26, DZT10 &amp; DZSRM10.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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	<p>IrBEA have extensive knowledge in Anaerobic Digestion plants, biomass pellets, renewable heat, and biochar production sites.</p> <p>The role of IrBEA in administering the Wood Fuel Quality Assurance on behalf of DAFM is noted an that potential funding could become available through the SEAI Support Scheme for Renewable Heat for businesses</p> <p>Noted the commentary on biochar and emerging technologies and potential uses in agriculture, horticulture and environmental applications.</p> <p>The IrBEA wish to highlight the importance of the bio energy sector in reducing greenhouse gasses and also offer their expertise, knowledge and experience on these matters.</p>	
<p><b>The Organic Centre</b></p>	<p>The submission provides background on the Organic Centre origins and operations. It then discusses climate change, biodiversity loss and the impacts that humans are having on the planet.</p>	<p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>This submission is welcomed in relation to the CAP and is acknowledged.</p>

Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
	<p>Items that are discussed and suggested for areas of action for Leitrim County Council are; forestry: the plantation of peatlands with forestry, housing: choice of domestic waste water treatment systems, and use of housing and buildings to assist and encourage biodiversity, agriculture, land use change, organic farming, pesticide use, food security, education, and rewilding, Energy: solar panels, light pollution and retrofitting, and Transport. The second part of the submission outlines how the organic Centre is a pioneering place for education and training in environmental areas such as organic growing and sustainable living. Certain areas of the Draft Plan where the Organic Centre feel they could be listed as a partner and or changes could be made were then listed.</p>	<p><b>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That reed bed systems be included as a means of filtering wastewater in Leitrim Local authority buildings and new build estates. <u>Response:</u> Text ‘reed bed wastewater filtration’ included in Action N11, with no change to partners.</li> <li>2. That the Local authority also identifies lands within the ownership of the LA for co-operative organic farming business ventures / community gardens or that individual farmers can lease. <u>Response:</u> Action CRT14 has already been amended following a submission from ‘Community Gardens Ireland’. The amendment will satisfy the issue raised. No further amendment proposed.</li> <li>3. TOC would like to partner on Action N15, ‘continue work on existing and initiate new biodiversity projects’. <u>Response:</u> Organic Centre added as partner under Action N15.</li> <li>4. TOC would like to partner on Action N16 ‘Develop and implement a pesticide use reduction policy for LCC’ <u>Response:</u> TOC added as partner for Action N16.</li> </ol>

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		<p>5. TOC would like to be considered as a partner for Action SR17 promotion of sustainable diversification and sustainable food production.  <u>Response:</u> TOC <b>added as a partner for Action SR17.</b></p> <p>6. TOC would like to be included as a partner for Action CRT15 ‘engage with youth groups and schools to raise awareness of climate change and climate action’  <u>Response:</u> The Organic Centre added as a partner for Action CRT15.</p> <p>7. TOC would like to be added as a partner for Action CRT17 ‘Partner with ATU to explore innovative Climate Action Adaptation and Mitigation research projects’  <u>Response:</u> Noted and considered. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b>                      Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>
<b>Uisce Éireann</b>	Uisce Éireann submission summary:  The submission is a general acknowledgement of the Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan and is	<p><b>Response:</b>                      This submission is welcomed in relation to the CAP and SEA / AA processes and is acknowledged.</p>

Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
	<p>in general very supportive of the plan and its actions. Actions in relation to green infrastructure, Sustainable Urban Drainage Solutions (SuDS, water management and conservation, maintaining and improving water quality are particularly welcomed.</p> <p>Uisce Éireann recommend guidance documents to support the development of and share knowledge on SuDS.</p> <p>The submission also supports actions that may encourage the development of district heating and anaerobic digestion.</p> <p>The submission expresses concern about any potential negative impacts that any climate action development projects (including tree planting initiatives) may have on water sources or potential water sources, and advised that this should be considered.</p>	<p><b>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Green infrastructure and water quality. <u>Response:</u> Comments are noted. Uisce Éireann has been <b>removed as a Partner from action N7.</b></li> <li>2. Reference to guidance documents on nature-based solutions and sustainable urban drainage. <u>Response:</u> Suggested guidance on SuDS and nature based solutions is welcomed and noted. The guidance documents will be brought to the attention of the relevant Departments of LCC and referenced in implementation of the Plan. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></li> <li>3. Sustainable Urban Drainage and Integrated Urban Wastewater Management Plans, and the proposed revisions to the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD), if adopted will require collaboration between Uisce Éireann and Local Authorities on integrated drainage planning. <u>Response:</u> Comments noted. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></li> <li>4. Water demand, water efficiency and conservation. <u>Response:</u> Comments noted. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></li> <li>5. Energy efficiency. District heating.</li> </ol>



Submission	Submission Summary	Response and Recommendation
		<p><u>Response:</u> Comments noted. Uisce Éireann to be <b>added as a partner under Action SRM8 &amp; SRM10 (DZ).</b></p> <p>6. Circular Bio-economy.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Comments noted. Uisce Éireann to be <b>added as a partner on anaerobic digestion under Action SRM10(DZ)</b></p> <p>7. Potential impacts on UÉ Water Sources &amp; infrastructure.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> The potential effects on material assets have already been considered and mitigated against under the SEA process to date. Environmental Governance Principle 3 for example provides for the protection of the environment, including the material asset environment, during the planning and carrying out of all development supported by defined climate action. Consideration and consultation with UÉ (where appropriate) will be given to water sources and water infrastructure when undertaking tree planting, building over of assets, new connections, stormwater separation, requirement to programme upgrade works in advance of road project initiatives in the implementation stage. All other projects will go through planning and consultation process. <b>No amendments proposed.</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p>

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		Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.

## 4.8. Other Changes

The following additional modifications are proposed on internal review of the Draft Climate Action Plan to amend clerical errors, provide clarification, recognise existing and ongoing work on climate initiatives and to ready the report for a final Leitrim County Council Climate Action Plan (2024 – 2029).

Table 10 Summary of Other Changes

# No.	Section of Draft Climate Action Plan	Review and Recommendation following internal review
1	All Sections / Throughout	Remove reference to <del>Draft</del> throughout the Draft Climate Action Plan  <u>Reason:</u> For the proposal on final Climate Action Plan.
2	All Sections / Throughout	Throughout the CAP, the reference to Climate Action <del>Unit</del> has been changed to Climate Action <b>Team</b>  <u>Reason:</u> For consistency with national terminology, as outlined in the National CAP.
3	Foreword, Executive Summary (page i), Section 1.5.2 (Page 13)	Remove <del>and increasing energy efficiency in the public sector from the 33% target in 2020 to 50% by 2030</del> (Foreword), <del>improving energy efficiency in the public sector from the 33% target set in 2020 to a more ambitious 50% by 2030</del> (Executive Summary), and <del>It also sets out the targeted improvement in energy efficiency in the public sector from the 33% target set for 2020 to 50% by 2030</del> (Section 1.5.2, Page 13). Include <b>the challenge of</b> and that the target is <b>from baseline year of 2018</b> (Foreword).  <u>Reason:</u> Leitrim County Council is not a signatory to the Covenant of Mayors re the energy efficiency targets. Overall sentence tidied up in Foreword.

# No.	Section of Draft Climate Action Plan	Review and Recommendation following internal review
4	Section 1, Page 2	Figure 1 source is ' <a href="#">Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines, 2023</a> '  <u>Reason:</u> Correct source for the graphic.
5	Section 1.1, Page 4	Changes to dates in relation to warmest year on record: 202 <del>2</del> replaced with 2023, and 12 <sup>th</sup> replaced with 13 <sup>th</sup> consecutive year  <u>Reason:</u> New data became available at end of 2023.
6	Section 1.5.2, Page 14	Outline the DECA 2030 shared strategic goals, and key objectives in the body text  <u>Reason:</u> Helpful realigning themes.
7	Section 2.4, Page 29 & Page 30	Change the Chart of Leitrim County Council Emissions Profile from 2022 to 2018  <u>Reason:</u> The baseline year is 2018.
8	Section 2.7.1, Page 36	On review, the dates in relation to pre-draft Climate Action Plan engagement through sessions were changed as follows: <del>10 July</del> 24 May 2023 and <del>24 12</del> July 2023.  <u>Reason:</u> Accurate date of meetings held.
9	Section 2.7.1, Page 36	On review the following sentence was changed: to target youth groups and vulnerable groups including <del>Fora</del> , Comhairle na nÓg  <u>Reason:</u> Correct typos.

# No.	Section of Draft Climate Action Plan	Review and Recommendation following internal review
10	Section 2.7.1, Page 36	<p>On review, the following text was inserted: <a href="#">and the climate action group</a> Good Energy Alliance Ireland (GEAI)</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> Grammar corrected.</p>
11	SG1 Governance & Leadership, Page 46, SG2 Built Environment & Transport, Page 54, SG3, Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure, Page 70, SG4, Communities Resilience & Transition, Page 77, SG, Sustainability and Resource Management, Page 84	<p>Strategic Goals for all five themes aligned to the most relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and shared strategic goals, and key objectives for Delivering Effective Climate Action (DECA) 2030. All themes in Section 3 to list the relevant SDGs and DECA goals that are aligned to that theme.</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> Plan has been developed in accordance with current Policy, outline alignment against key international and national policies.</p>
12	Page 47	<p>GL5 action refer Leitrim County Council plans. Climate Action Team added as a Partner.</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> To correct clerical error, and CAT to assist in aligning with the CAP.</p>
13	Section 3, Table 7, Page 48	<p>GL10 - Remove <del>is represented by each section</del> and replace with <a href="#">in place</a>. Rephrase the requirement to establish the Committee as the KPI by removing the text <del>Assessment of committee. Replacement of committee member with relevant entities as necessary</del> and inserting text: <a href="#">Committee established</a></p> <p><u>Reason:</u> Format of the Committee to be determined in the implementation phase.</p>
14	Section 3, Table 7, Page 49	<p>GL16 - <del>during Climate Action Week each year</del> and change the KPI to holding a Climate Action Day</p>

# No.	Section of Draft Climate Action Plan	Review and Recommendation following internal review
		<u>Reason:</u> Formal Climate Action Week to be ascribed nationally.
15	Section 3, Table 8, Page 57 & Page 67	<p>Reduction of GHG emissions across Council buildings not under an appropriate objective. B49 action to be moved</p> <p>‘Prepare and implement a programme of measures for Council Buildings / Facilities to assist in achieving a 51% reduction in non-electrical related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 and to improve adaptation to climate change.’</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> More appropriate under Objective <i>To implement appropriate climate action mitigation and adaptation measures across all operations of Leitrim County Council</i></p>
16	Section 3, Table 8, page 60	<p><del>Internal funding</del> replaced with <b>Funding Authorities</b> under ‘Partners’ for B18 &amp; B22</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> Correcting Partner reference.</p>
17	Section 3, Table 8, page 61, 62	<p>Add <b>Other LAs</b> as a Partner on B27, B28 &amp; B29</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> Collaboration needed, as appropriate.</p>
18	Section 3, Table 8, page 61, 63, 64	<p>Add <b>Waterways Ireland</b> as a Partner to B27, B29 and B31.</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> Collaboration needed, as appropriate.</p>
19	Section 3, Table 8, Page 64	<p>B33 add that the action would be in association with the Lead <b>Local Authority</b></p> <p><u>Reason:</u> EV Strategy to be developed on a regional basis in consultation with Partner Local Authorities.</p>

# No.	Section of Draft Climate Action Plan	Review and Recommendation following internal review
20	Section 3, Page 70	Make reference to the CANN Cuilcagh-Anierin WaterLANDS in the introduction to Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure  <u>Reason:</u> Recognition of Project.
21	Section 3, Table 10, Page 79	Change Community Development for Lead to Partner (CRT6)  <u>Reason:</u> Tidy Towns don't align with Community Development
22	Section 3, Table 10, Page 79	Remove <del>Keen to be Green Communities</del> (CRT11)  <u>Reason:</u> Not relevant.
23	Section 3, Table 10, page 80	<del>IF</del> was removed as 'Partner' from CRT13  <u>Reason:</u> ICT are a Lead
24	Section 3, Table 10, page 80	MSLETB inserted as a 'Partner' for CRT15  <u>Reason:</u> Education and Training remit.
25	Section 3, Table 10, Page 80	CRT17 Track / Measure to be changed to indicator within the control of Leitrim County Council  <i>'having a recommended point of contact in place'</i>  <u>Reason:</u> More appropriate KPI.
26	Section 4.2, Page 92 & 93	Add text around DZ definition. Change Vision for Decarbonising Zone.

# No.	Section of Draft Climate Action Plan	Review and Recommendation following internal review
		<u>Reason:</u> More appropriate Vision in line with Guidelines for DZ.
27	Section 4, Table 13, Page 99	<p>Projected Reductions to 2030 in Table 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Private Residential projected reduction 2030 (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) '-4,643' / '59%' based on improving BER by '55%' on all housing units and installation of solar PV on '55%' of all properties</li> <li>▪ Commercial &amp; Public Sector projected reduction 2030 (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) '-7,825' / '65%' based on improving energy efficiency on '55%' of all buildings, installing solar 'on 100% of buildings' and through displacing '70%' fossil fuel with low carbon fuel</li> </ul> <p>Total projected reduction 2030 (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) '-15,904' / '59%'</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> Revised based on analysis.</p>
28	Section 4, Page 101	<p>Figure 28 <i>Projected Emissions Reductions based on Register of Opportunities</i> updated to reflect above.</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> Revised based on analysis.</p>
29	Section 4 Table 14 – Table 19	<p>Actions for the Decarbonising Zone to be prefaced with 'DZ' across the 5 themes. Relevant to all Actions in Section 4.</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> To delineate from actions in the general Climate Action Plan.</p>
30	Section 4, Table 16, page 109	Add Economic Development as a lead on DZT5 and DZT6 and remove as Partner on DZT6



# No.	Section of Draft Climate Action Plan	Review and Recommendation following internal review
		<u>Reason:</u> ED working on related projects.
31	Section 4, Table 16, page 109	Text ' <del>meetings</del> ' replaced with ' <a href="#">engagements</a> ' under 'Tracking / KPI' for T.7 <u>Reason:</u> More realistic measure.
32	Section 4, Table 16, page 110	<a href="#">Active Travel</a> added as a Lead DZT12, Climate Action Team removed from Lead <u>Reason:</u> Relevant to Active Travel, CAT were duplicated as both Lead and Partner.
33	Section 4, Table 18, page 116	Change action from development to distribution of material (DZCRT2) <u>Reason:</u> Information to come from external sources.
34	Section 4, Table 18, Page 117	Remove One stop Shop from Action and KPI (DZCRT6). <a href="#">Sligo Leitrim Energy Agency</a> and the <a href="#">Sustainable Energy Community</a> added as a partner for DZCRT6 <u>Reason:</u> One stop shop too restrictive, Partners appropriate to action.
35	Section 4, Table 18, Page 117	<a href="#">Climate Action Team</a> added as a Partner (DZCRT7). <u>Reason:</u> Relevant to CAT as support.
36	Section 4, Table 18, Page 118	Community Development moved from Lead to Partner DZCRT11 <u>Reason:</u> Appropriate change for the action.
37	Section 4, Table 19, Page 120	Add <a href="#">Leitrim Sports</a> Partnership to Lead (DZSRM6) <u>Reason:</u> Appropriate change for the action.

# No.	Section of Draft Climate Action Plan	Review and Recommendation following internal review
	Section 4, Table 19, Page 121	<p>Add <a href="#">Waterways Ireland</a> as a Partner (DZSRM11).</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> Appropriate change for the action.</p>
38	Section 3 and Section 4	<p>All actions that are marked as <i>'annual'</i> or <i>'ongoing'</i> to be amended to annual or ongoing over the 5 years of the Climate Action Plan (<a href="#">'2024 – 2029'</a>)</p> <p>Relevant to Actions</p> <p>GL3, GL5, GL6, GL7, GL8, GL15, GL16, GL17, GL19, GL22, GL23, B10, B12, B13, B18, B19, B21, B22, B24, B31, B35, B37, N2, N5, N9, N12, N13, N15, N16, CRT4, CRT5, CRT6, CRT15, CRT16, CRT17, CRT18, CRT19, CRT20, SR1, SR2, SR5, SR7, SR8, SR9, SR10, SR14, SR17, SR20, SR22, SR23, DZGL1, DZGL3, DZGL5, DZGL6, DZGL7, DZBE1, DZBE2, DZBE4, DZBE7, DZBE8, DZBE9, DZBE10, DZBE12, DZT6, DZT9, DZT11, DZNGI6, DZCRT1, DZCRT4, DZCRT6, DZCRT9, DZCRT12, DZSRM1, DZSRM5, DZSRM6, DZSRM7.</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> Representative over the Life of the Plan.</p>
39	Section 3 and Section 4	<p>Increase the number of actions where Leitrim PPN can partner to better embed the role of the Community in the Plan. Amended actions to include <a href="#">'Leitrim PPN'</a> as a partner, where appropriate. Community Development added to any actions where Leitrim PPN are listed</p> <p>Relevant to Actions</p> <p>GL16, CRT3, CRT14, CRT15, CRT17, DZT8, DZSRM4.</p>

# No.	Section of Draft Climate Action Plan	Review and Recommendation following internal review
		<u>Reason:</u> Ensure support of Leitrim PPN in implementation where appropriate.
40	Section 4, Table 18, Page 117	Remove <del>Leitrim PPN</del> from DRZCRT.7 as it relates exclusively to business. <u>Reason:</u> Not appropriate partner for action.
41	Section 3 and Section 4	Change action numbers ( <del>GL11 – GL31, GL13 – GL33</del> ) ( <del>B10 – B48, B9 – B49</del> ) ( <del>N10 – N16, N11- N17</del> ) ( <del>SR16 – SR25, SR17 – SR26</del> ) <u>Reason:</u> Chronologically number actions based on new, moved and removed actions.
42	Section 5, Page 127	Add <a href="#">The climate action themes have been aligned to Sustainable Development Goals (Figure 25, Figure 26, Figure 27, Figure 28, Figure 29).</a> <u>Reason:</u> Linking to alignment of objectives with SDGs.
43	Acronyms, Page 129 - 131	Add  <a href="#">ACRES Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme, BB Bord Bia, CAC Climate Action Co-Ordinator, CANN Collaborative action for Natura Network, CAO Climate Action Officer, Cré Composting and Anaerobic Digestion Association of Ireland, FI, Fáilte Ireland, HSE Health Service Executive, IrBEA Irish Bioenergy Association, IWAI Inland Waterways Association of Ireland, TOC The Organic Centre, WI Waterways Ireland</a>  <u>Reason:</u> Acronyms referenced in Plan.

## 4.9. Summary of Leitrim County Council Recommendations for Proposed Modifications

The following table provides a list of non material modifications which have been proposed by Leitrim County Council, on foot of review of submissions arising from the public consultation of the Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan, and internal review of the Draft Climate Plan during this period.

The proposed modifications are listed by the relevant Draft CAP section and page number. All proposed modifications have been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening.

The list contained in this section is for ease of reference and should be read in conjunction with the full Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan.

*\* Please note that the Page number reference is per the published Draft Climate Action Plan and not the Draft Climate Action Plan edited to show proposed amendments recommended as an outcome of public consultation.*

Table 11 Summary of Recommendations for Proposed Modifications to the Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan

Draft CAP Section & Page No.	Proposed Modifications	SEA & AA Assessments
Title Page	Remove ' <del>Draft for Consultation</del> '	Not Applicable
Foreword	Add text ' <a href="#">the challenge of</a> ' and ' <a href="#">from baseline year of 2018</a> '. Remove ' <del>and increasing energy efficiency in the public sector from the 33% target in 2020 to 50% by 2030</del> '.	Not Applicable
Foreword	Remove reference to ' <del>Draft</del> ' Climate Action Plan	Not Applicable
Table of contents, List of Tables	Remove reference to ' <del>Draft</del> ' Climate Action Plan for Table 1	Not Applicable
Executive Summary, page i	Remove ' <del>the biggest threat that modern humans have ever faced</del> '	Not Applicable
Executive Summary, page i	Remove reference to ' <del>Draft</del> ' Climate Action Plan	Not Applicable
Executive Summary, page i	Remove ' <del>improving energy efficiency in the public sector from the 33% target set in 2020 to a more ambitious 50% by 2030</del> '	Not Applicable
Section 1, page 1	Remove reference to ' <del>Draft</del> ' Climate Action Plan	Not Applicable
Section 1, page 2, Figure 1 Title	Remove ' <del>CCMA / CARO</del> ' and replace with ' <a href="#">Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines 2023</a> ' as the correct source	Not Applicable
Section 1, page 2,	Remove reference to ' <del>Draft</del> ' Climate Action Plan	Not Applicable
Section 1.1, page 4	Remove ' <del>the single biggest</del> ' and insert text ' <a href="#">a major</a> ' and ' <a href="#">is a crisis multiplier</a> '	Not Applicable
Section 1.1, page 4	Replace ' <del>2022</del> ' with ' <a href="#">2023</a> ' for the warmest year on record	Not Applicable

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Section 1.1, page 4	Replace '12 <sup>th</sup> ' with '13 <sup>th</sup> ' for consecutive year	Not Applicable
Section 1.2, page 6	Remove reference to 'draft' Climate Action Plan	Not Applicable
Section 1.2, page 7	Remove reference to 'draft' plan	Not Applicable
Section 1.3, page 8	Remove reference to 'draft' plan	Not Applicable
Section 1.5.2, page 13	Remove ' <del>It also sets out the targeted improvement in energy efficiency in the public sector from the 33% target set for 2020 to 50% by 2030.</del> '	Not Applicable
Section 1.5.2, page 14	<p>Inserted text:</p> <p>There are six DECA 2030 shared strategic goals and key objectives, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Goal 1: Foster governance, leadership, and partnerships for climate action,</li> <li>▪ Goal 2: Achieve our carbon emission and energy efficiency targets for 2030 and 2050, Goal 3: Deliver on climate adaptation and climate resilience,</li> <li>▪ Goal 4: Mobilise climate action in local communities,</li> <li>▪ Goal 5: Mobilise climate action in enterprise and support transition to an inclusive, net zero and circular economy, and</li> <li>▪ Goal 6: Achieve a 'just transition' particularly for communities that may be economically disadvantaged by decarbonising projects.</li> </ul>	Not Applicable
Section 1.5.3, page 15	Remove reference to 'draft' plan	Not Applicable
Section 1.6, page 16	Remove reference to 'draft' plan	Not Applicable
Section 1.6, page 17	Remove reference to 'draft' plan	Not Applicable
Section 1.7, page 17	Remove reference to 'Draft' Climate Action Plan	Not Applicable

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Section 1.7, page 17	Remove reference to ' <del>Draft</del> ' Climate Action Plan	Not Applicable
Section 1.7, page 17, Table 1	Remove reference to ' <del>Draft</del> ' Climate Action Plan	Not Applicable
Section 1.7.1, page 18	Remove reference to ' <del>Draft</del> ' Climate Action Plan	Not Applicable
Section 2.1, page 20	Remove reference to ' <del>in 2023</del> ' in relation to disposable income in Leitrim	Not Applicable
Section 2.2, page 21	Remove reference to ' <del>draft</del> ' plan	Not Applicable
Section 2.4, page 29, Figure 13	Replace Figure 13 (Graphic) Leitrim County Council Energy Consumption <del>2022</del> , with Figure 13 (new graphic and text) <a href="#">Leitrim County Council Energy Consumption for the baseline year 2018</a>	Not Applicable
Section 2.4, page 30, Figure 14	Replace Figure 14 (Graphic) Leitrim County Council Carbon Emissions <del>2022</del> with Figure 14 (new graphic and text) Leitrim County Council Carbon Emissions <a href="#">2018</a>	Not Applicable
Section 2.6, page 33	<p>Inserted the following text:</p> <p><a href="#">‘It is expected that this Plan and the Actions will be welcomed and supported by the majority of the population in County Leitrim, where opinions indicate a high percentage (76%) of people in the County say that climate change should be a high or very high priority for the Government of Ireland, (<a href="#">EPA Climate Change in the Irish Mind 2021</a>)’</a></p>	Not Applicable
Section 2.7.1, page 36	Remove ' <del>10 July</del> ' and replace with ' <a href="#">24 May</a> '	Not Applicable

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Section 2.7.1, page 36	Remove date ' <del>24</del> ' July and replace with ' <del>12</del> ' July	Not Applicable
Section 2.7.1, page 36	Remove ' <del>Fora</del> ' and insert text ' <del>and vulnerable groups including</del> '	Not Applicable
Section 2.7.1, page 36	Insert text ' <del>and the climate action group</del> '	Not Applicable
Section 3, Strategic Goal 1, page 46	Replace Climate Action ' <del>Unit</del> ' with ' <del>Team</del> '	Not Applicable
Section 3.3.4, Strategic Goal 1, page 46	<p>Under this new section the following text was inserted:</p> <p><del>'Alignment of SG1 Objectives with Sustainable Development Goals and Delivering Effective Climate Action Goals The objectives are aligned to SDGs and DECA Goals as follows:</del></p> <p><del>SDGs – (SDG 11) sustainable cities and communities, (SDG 13) climate action, and (SDG 16) peace justice and strong institutions</del></p> <p><del>DECA Goals – (DECA 1) foster governance, leadership, and partnerships for climate action, and (DECA 2) achieve our carbon emission and energy efficiency targets for 2030 and 2050'</del></p>	Not Applicable
Section 3, Strategic Goal 1, page 46	<p>Insert box graphic showing sustainable development goals and DECA goals with the following text: '<del>Alignment: Sustainable Development Goals and DECA 2030 Goals which are aligned to Governance &amp; Leadership</del>' Added a figure label for the graphic box: '<del>Figure 25 SG1 Governance and Leadership alignment with SDGs and DECA Goals</del>'</p>	Not Applicable



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Section 3, Table 7, Page 47	Remove text ' <del>County</del> ' and insert ' <b>County Council</b> ' under 'Action' for GL5	This clerical amendment does not change any defined climate actions and will not introduce any significant environmental effects not already considered and mitigated against in the SEA process.
Section 3, Table 7, Page 47	GL5 ' <b>Climate Action Team</b> ' added as a Partner	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 47	'Climate Action ' <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action <b>Team</b> ' in the columns for 'Actions' and 'Tracking / KPI' for GL6	This clerical amendment does not change any defined climate actions and will not introduce any significant environmental effects not already considered and mitigated against in the SEA process. This amendment serves to clarify the name of the team to whom sections heads must provide regular updates.
Section 3, Table 7, Page 47	' <b>2024 – 2029</b> ' inserted under 'Timeframe' for GL3, GL5 and GL6	Not Applicable

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Section 3, Table 7, Page 48	Change <del>GL13, GL14</del> to GL11, GL12	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 48	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'LA Lead' for GL8 and under 'Partners' for GL9 & GL10	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 48	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for GL7 and GL8	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 48	GL10 Remove ' <del>represented by each section</del> ' and replace with 'in place' and change KPI removing ' <del>Assessment of committee. Replacement of committee member with relevant entities as necessary</del> ' and replacing with 'Committee established'	This amendment clarifies the focus and intended meaning of the action to implement a climate action committee. It does not change any defined climate actions and will not introduce any significant environmental effects not already considered and mitigated against in the SEA process.
Section 3, Table 7, Page 49	Change <del>GL15, GL16, GL17, GL18, GL19, GL20, GL21</del> to GL13, GL14 GL15, GL16, GL17, GL18, GL19	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 49	Remove text: ' <del>during Climate Action Week each year</del> ' from GL16	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 49	Remove text ' <del>Event participation</del> ' and replace with 'Climate Action Day held' for GL16	This clerical amendment does not change any defined climate actions and will not introduce any

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		significant environmental effects not already considered and mitigated against in the SEA process.
Section 3, Table 7, Page 49	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'LA Lead' for GL16 and under 'Partners' for GL15, GL17, GL18, GL19 & GL21	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 49	'Leitrim PPN' and 'Community Development' added under 'Partners' for GL16	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 49	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for GL15, GL16, GL17 & GL19	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 51	Change <del>GL22, GL23, GL24, GL25, GL26</del> to GL20, GL21, GL22, GL23, GL24	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 50	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'LA Lead' for GL24 and under 'Partners' for GL22, GL23, GL25 & GL26	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 50	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for GL22 and GL23	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 51	Change <del>GL27, GL28, GL29, GL30, GL31, GL32</del> to GL25, GL26, GL27, GL28, GL29, GL30	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 51	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'LA Lead' for GL30, GL31 & GL32 and in the column 'Partners' for GL27, GL28, & GL29	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 7, Page 52	Change <del>GL33</del> to GL31	Not Applicable

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Section 3, Table 7, Page 52	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'LA Lead' for GL33	Not Applicable
Section 3.3.5, page 54	<p>Insert text</p> <p>'Alignment of SG2 Objectives with Sustainable Development Goals and Delivering Effective Climate Action Goals. The objectives are aligned to SDGs and DECA Goals as follows:</p> <p>SDGs – (SDG 3) good health and well-being, (SDG 7) affordable and clean energy, (SDG 11) sustainable cities and communities, and (SDG 13) climate action</p> <p>DECA Goals – (DECA 2) achieve our carbon emission and energy efficiency targets for 2030 and 2050, (DECA 3) deliver on climate adaptation and climate resilience, (DECA 4) mobilise climate action in local communities, (DECA 6) achieve a 'just transition' particularly for communities that may be economically disadvantaged by decarbonising projects'</p>	Not Applicable
Section 3, page 54	<p>Insert box graphic showing sustainable development goals and DECA goals with the following text:</p> <p>'Policy Alignment: Sustainable Development Goals and DECA 2030 Goals which are aligned to Built Environment &amp; Transport:'</p>	Not Applicable

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	Added a figure label for the graphic box: 'Alignment of SG2 Built Environment and Transport with SDGs and DECA Goals'	
Section 3, Table 8, page 55	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'Partners' for B1 & B4	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 56	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'Partners' for B6 & B8	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 57	Change <del>B49</del> to B10. Change <del>B10, B11</del> to B11, B12	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 57	Action No. <del>B49</del> was moved from page 67 (under the Objective: To align, update and implement plans and strategies as required to enable sustainable transport and active travel in County Leitrim) to a more suitable objective: (To implement appropriate climate action mitigation and adaptation measures across all operations of Leitrim County Council). Action text inserted: 'Prepare and implement a programme of measures for Council Buildings / Facilities to assist in achieving a 51% reduction in non-electrical related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 and to improve adaptation to climate change. Adaptation / Mitigation / Combined: Mitigation. Track / Measure: Completion of programme, reduction in energy usage of buildings. LA Lead: Facilities Energy and Asset Management / Environment Section / Housing Department / Capital Projects Office. Partners: SEAI / Climate Action Team. Timeframe: 2024-2029.' Now B10	Not Applicable

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Section 3, Table 8, page 57	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'Partners' for B11	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 57	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for B10	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 58	Change <del>B12, B13, B14</del> to B13, B14, B15	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 58	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'Partners' for B13	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 58	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for B12 & B13	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 59	Change <del>B15, B16, B17</del> to B16, B17, B18	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 60	Change <del>B18, B19, B20, B21, B22</del> to B19, B20, B21, B22, B23	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 60	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for B18, B19, B21 & B22	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 61	Change <del>B23, B24, B25, B26, B27</del> to B24, B25, B26, B27, B28	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 61	Climate Action ' <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with Climate Action 'Team' in the column for 'Partners' for B24, B25 & B26	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 61	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for B24	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 61/62	'WI / Fáilte Ireland / Other LAs' inserted under 'Partners' for B27	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 62	Change <del>B28, B29</del> to B29, B30	Not Applicable

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Section 3, Table 8, page 62	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'Partners' for B28	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 62	'Other LAs' added as a partner under B28	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 62	'WI / Fáilte Ireland / Other LAs' inserted under 'Partners' for B29	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 63	Change <del>B30, B31, B32</del> to B31, B32, B33	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 63	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'LA Lead' for B31	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 63	'WI / Fáilte Ireland' inserted under 'Partners' for B31	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 63	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'timeframe' for B31	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 64	Change <del>B33, B34, B35, B36</del> to B34, B35, B36, B37	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 64	Insert text 'Local Authority' in Action B33	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 64	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'Partners' for B33, B34, B35 & B36	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 64	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for B35	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 65	Change <del>B37, B38, B39, B40, B41</del> to B38, B39, B40, B41, B42	Not Applicable

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Section 3, Table 8, page 65	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'Partners' for B37, B38, B39, B40 & B41	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 65	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'timeframe' for B37	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 66	Change <del>B42, B43, B44, B45, B46</del> to B43, B44, B45, B46, B47	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 66	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'LA Lead' for B42, and under 'Partners' for B46	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 67	Change <del>B47</del> to B48 (B49 moved under appropriate objective)	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 67	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'Partners' for B47	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 8, page 67	Action B49 moved under objective <i>To implement appropriate climate action mitigation and adaptation measures across all operations of Leitrim County Council</i>  <del>Prepare and implement a programme of measures for Council Buildings / Facilities to assist in achieving a 51% reduction in non-electrical related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 and to improve adaptation to climate change.</del>	Not Applicable
Section 3, page 70	Inserted text:  'There are a number of initiatives underway in County Leitrim such as the CANN Cuilcagh-Anierin WaterLANDS Project on repairing eroded areas and controlling	Not Applicable



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	<p>invasive species on the Geopark which included parts of County Leitrim. Leitrim County Council actions on the Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure will support any existing schemes to promote conservation and enhancement of biodiversity in the County.'</p>	
<p>Section 3, page 70</p>	<p>Inserted box graphic showing Sustainable Development Goals and DECA goals with the following text:</p> <p>'Policy Alignment: Sustainable Development Goals and DECA 2030 Goals which are aligned to Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure:'</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>Section 3.3.6, page 70</p>	<p>Inserted text:</p> <p>'Alignment of SG3 Objectives with Sustainable Development Goals and Delivering Effective Climate Action Goals</p> <p>The objectives are aligned to SDGs and DECA Goals as follows:</p> <p>SDGs – (SDG 6) clean water and sanitation, (SDG 14) life below water, and (SDG 15) life on land</p> <p>DECA Goals – (DECA 3) deliver on climate adaptation and climate resilience, (DECA 4) mobilise climate action in local communities, and (DECA 5) mobilise climate action in enterprise and support transition to an inclusive, net zero, circular economy'</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>Section 3, Table 9, page 71</p>	<p>'Climate Action <del>Unit</del>' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'LA Lead' for N2 and in the column 'Partners' for N1, N3 &amp; N4</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>

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Section 3, Table 9, page 71	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for N2	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 9, page 72	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'Partners' for N5, N6 & N8	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 9, page 72	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for N5	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 9, page 72	<del>Uisce Éireann</del> removed as a partner for Action N7	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 9, page 73	Change <del>N11, N12</del> to N10, N11	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 9, page 73	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'Partners' for N9, N11 & N12	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 9, page 73	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for N9 & N12	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 9, page 74	Change <del>N13, N14, N15, N16</del> to N12, N13, N14, N15	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 9, page 74	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'Partners' for N14 & N15	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 9, page 74	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for N13, N15 & N16	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 9, page 74	The Organic Centre added as a Partner to N15 & N16	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 9, page 75	Change <del>N17</del> to N16	Not Applicable

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Section 3, Table 9, page 75	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'Partners' for N17	Not Applicable
Section 3, page 77	Inserted box graphic showing Sustainable Development Goals and DECA goals with the following text: 'Policy Alignment: Sustainable Development Goals and DECA 2030 Goals which are aligned to Communities: Resilience & Transition:' Title for figure inserted: 'Figure 4 SG4 Community Resilience and Transition alignment with SDGs and DECA goals'	Not Applicable
Section 3, page 77	<p>Inserted text:</p> <p>'Alignment of SG4 Objectives with Sustainable Development Goals and Delivering Effective Climate Action Goals</p> <p>The objectives are aligned to SDGs and DECA Goals as follows:</p> <p>SDGs – (SDG 8) decent work and economic growth, (SDG 11) sustainable cities and communities and (SDG 17) partnerships for the goals</p> <p>DECA Goals – (DECA 1) foster governance, leadership, and partnerships for climate action, (DECA 4) mobilise climate action in local communities, (DECA 5) mobilise climate action in enterprise and support transition to an inclusive, net zero, circular economy, and (DECA 6) achieve a 'just transition' particularly for communities that may be economically disadvantaged by decarbonising projects'</p>	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 78	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'LA Lead' for CRT1, and under the 'Partners' column for CRT2, CRT3, CRT4 & CRT 5	Not Applicable

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Section 3, Table 10, page 78	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for CRT4 & CRT5	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 79	<del>Community Development</del> removed as 'LA Lead' from CRT6; 'Community Development' inserted as 'Partner' under CRT6	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 79	<del>Keen to be green communities</del> removed from CRT11	This clerical amendment does not change any defined climate actions and will not introduce any significant environmental effects not already considered and mitigated against in the SEA process.
Section 3, Table 10, page 79	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'LA Lead' for CRT8, CRT10 & CRT11, and under the 'Partners' column for CRT6 & CRT7	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 79	'Failte Ireland' inserted under 'Partners' for CRT7	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 79	'Leitrim PPN' added as 'Partner' for CRT10	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 79	'Community Development' added as 'Partner' for CRT11	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 79	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for CRT6	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 80	Inserted text: 'Leitrim PPN' as 'Partner' for CRT14, & CRT17	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 80	'MSLETB' and 'The Organic Centre' inserted as a 'Partner' for CRT15	Not Applicable

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Section 3, Table 10, page 80	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'LA Lead' for CRT13, CRT16 & CRT17, and under the 'Partners' column for CRT12, CRT14 & CRT15	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 80	' <del>Climate Action Unit</del> ' was removed from 'Partners' and 'Climate Action Team' was inserted under 'Lead' for CRT14	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 80	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for CRT15, CRT16 & CRT17	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 80	Removed ' <del>Number of clubs engaged in programme</del> ' and inserted 'Having a recommended point of contact in place' in 'Track / Measure' column for CRT17	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 81	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'LA Lead' for CRT18, CRT19 & CRT20	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 81	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for CRT18, CRT19 & CRT20	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 10, page 81	New Action CRT21 inserted:  'Develop a Seed Library within Leitrim County Council Libraries' 'Combined' 'Seed Library established' 'Library Service' 'Leitrim PPN, Other LAs, Biodiversity Officer, Climate Action Team, The Organic Centre' '2026'	This additional action does not introduce additional environmental effects not already considered and mitigated against under the SEA process. It generally serves to benefit climate resilience, community engagement, and education.

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Section 3, pages 83	<p>Inserted text:</p> <p>‘Leitrim County Council are aware of policies and schemes to assist the agricultural sector in transitioning to sustainability including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Origin Green Programme national food and drink supply chain (farmers, producers, manufacturers, retailers and foodservice companies) sustainability programme led by Bord Bia</li> <li>▪ The Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES) to address biodiversity decline while delivering an income support for farm families (includes a Forest Strategy on large scale planting down to native woodland creation)</li> <li>▪ A Biomethane Strategy will be developed under the stewardship of a working group under the auspices of DAFM to include development of an Anaerobic Digestion Industry’</li> </ul>	Not Applicable
Section 3.3.8, page 84	<p>Inserted text:</p> <p>‘Alignment of SG5 Objectives with Sustainable Development Goals and Delivering Effective Climate Action Goals</p> <p>The objectives are aligned to SDGs and DECA Goals as follows:</p> <p>SDGs – (SDG 7) affordable and clean energy, (SDG 11) sustainable cities and communities, (SDG 13) climate action, and (SDG 15) life on land</p>	Not Applicable

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	DECA Goals – (DECA 2) achieve our carbon emission and energy efficiency targets for 2030 and 2050, (DECA 3) deliver on climate adaptation and climate resilience, and (DECA 5) mobilise climate action in enterprise and support transition to an inclusive, net zero, circular economy’	
Section 3, page 84	Inserted box graphic showing Sustainable Development Goals and DECA goals with the following text:  ‘Policy Alignment: Sustainable Development Goals and DECA 2030 Goals which are aligned to Sustainability and Resource Management:’ Added Figure title to box graphic, Figure 5 SDG5 Sustainability and Resource Management alignment with SDGs and DECA goals’	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 85	‘Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ’ was replaced with ‘Climate Action Team’ in the column for ‘LA Lead’ for SR4, and under ‘Partners’ for SR3	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 85	‘2024 – 2029’ inserted under ‘Timeframe’ for SR1, SR2 and SR5	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 86	‘Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ’ was replaced with ‘Climate Action Team’ in the column for ‘LA Lead’ for SR11	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 86	‘2024 – 2029’ inserted under ‘Timeframe’ for SR7, SR8, SR9 & SR10	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 87	‘Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ’ was replaced with ‘Climate Action Team’ in the column for ‘LA Lead’ for SR12 and under ‘Partners’ for SR15	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 87	‘Community Development’ added as ‘Partner’ for SR13	Not Applicable

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Section 3, Table 11, page 87	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for SR14	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 87	Change <del>SR16</del> to SR15	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 88	The Organic Centre added as a partner to SR17	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 88	'Climate Action Unit' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'LA Lead' for SR21 & SR22 and under 'Partners' for SR17, SR18, SR19 and SR20	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 88	Inserted text: 'IFA' and 'Farm Advisors' under 'Partners' for SR18	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 88	Inserted text: 'Teagasc' 'IFA' 'Farm Advisors' & 'Bord Bia' under 'Partners' for SR20	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 88	Inserted text: 'IrBEA' under 'Partners' for SR21	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 88	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for SR17, SR20 & SR22	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 89	'Climate Action Unit' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column for 'Partners' for SR23 & SR25	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 89	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for SR23	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 88	Change <del>SR17, SR 18, SR19, SR20, SR21, SR22</del> to SR16, SR17, SR 18, SR19, SR20, SR21	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 90	Change <del>SR23, SR24, SR25</del> to SR22, SR23, SR24	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 90	Change <del>SR26</del> to SR25	Not Applicable
Section 3, Table 11, page 90	'Climate Action Unit' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column 'Partners' for SR26	Not Applicable



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Section 3, Table 11, page 90	Inserted text: 'IrBEA' under 'Partners' for SR26	Not Applicable
Section 4.2, page 92	Inserted text: 'An area around Carrick-on-Shannon has been selected as the DZ for County Leitrim (herein Carrick-on-Shannon Decarbonising Zone)'	Not Applicable
Section 4.2, pages 92 & 93	Text removed: ' <del>Carrick-On-Shannon DZ is the regional gateway to the River Shannon and the Shannon—Erne waterway to the north and the Lakelands of Lough Allen and Lough Key. The town is renowned for its attractiveness, rich culture and heritage and has a vibrant arts scene. This rich environment and the natural facilities have made Carrick-on-Shannon an inland tourism hub on which the town has thrived.</del>	Not Applicable
Section 4.2, page 92 & 93	Inserted text: 'Carrick-on-Shannon Decarbonising Zone will be a focus for sustainable place-based climate action opportunities including mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity enhancement, to deliver the National Climate Objective at local and community levels to provide a test bed of learning and understanding on the scale of the challenge, that can be applied elsewhere in County Leitrim'	Not Applicable
Section 4.5, Table 13, page 99	Revise figures on register of opportunities under column for Projected Reduction 2030 (tCO <sub>2</sub> e) as follows, <del>-5,111</del> -4,643, <del>-8,851</del> -7,825, <del>-181</del> -182, <del>-17,400</del>	Not Applicable
Section 4.5, Table 13, page 99	Revise figures on register of opportunities under column Projected (Reduction 2030 (% of 2018 BEI) <del>-15,904</del> -65% -59%, <del>-74%</del> -65%,	Not Applicable
Section 4.5, Table 13, page 99	Revise text in 'Private residential sector' row under 'Based on the Following Opportunities' column <del>60%</del> 55%	Not Applicable

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Section 4.5, Table 13, page 99	Revise text in 'Commercial and Public Sector' row under 'Based on the Following Opportunities' column as follows: Improving energy efficiency of <del>75%</del> 55% of buildings, installing Solar PV on 100% of buildings and <del>swapping 75%</del> displacing 70%	Not Applicable
Section 4.5, Table 13, page 99	Revise text in 'Transport' row under 'Based on the Following Opportunities' column as follows: <del>enhanced zero emission vehicles are used by 100% of the DZ's public transport fleet. and the</del> The electrification...	Not Applicable
Section 4.6, page 99	Revise text as follows: ( <del>17,400</del> 15,904 tCO <sub>2</sub> )	Not Applicable
Section 4.6, page 101	Figure 28 update to reflect changes in KPMG data	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 14, page 102	<del>GL.1 = DZGL1, GL.2 = DZGL2, GL.3 = DZGL3, GL.4 = DZGL4, GL.5 = DZGL5, GL.6 = DZGL6</del>	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 14, page 102	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column 'LA Lead' for GL.1, GL.2, GL.4 & GL.6.	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 14, page 102	'Community Development' were added as 'Partner' for GL.4	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 14, page 102	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for GL.1, GL.3, GL.5 & GL.6	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 14, page 103	<del>GL.7 = DZGL7</del>	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 14, page 103	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column 'LA Lead' for GL.7	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 14, page 103	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for GL.7	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 15, page 104	<del>BE.1 = DZBE1, BE.2 = DZBE2, BE.3 = DZBE3</del>	Not Applicable

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Section 4, Table 15, page 104	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for BE.1 & BE.2	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 15, page 105	<del>BE.4</del> = DZBE4, <del>BE.5</del> = DZBE5, <del>BE.6</del> = DZBE6, <del>BE.7</del> = DZBE7	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 15, page 105	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column 'Partners' for BE.4 & BE.6	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 15, page 105	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for BE.4 & BE.7	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 15, page 106	<del>BE.8</del> = DZBE8, <del>BE.9</del> = DZBE9, <del>BE.10</del> = DZBE10, <del>BE.11</del> = DZBE11	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 15, page 106	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for BE.8, BE.9 & BE.10	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 15, page 107	<del>BE.12</del> = DZBE12	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 15, page 107	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column 'LA Lead' for BE.12	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 15, page 107	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for BE.12	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 108	<del>T.1</del> = DZT1, <del>T.2</del> = DZT2, <del>T.3</del> = DZT3, <del>T.4</del> = DZT4	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 108	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column 'Partners' for T.2	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 109	<del>T.5</del> = DZT5, <del>T.6</del> = DZT6, <del>T.7</del> = DZT7, <del>T.8</del> = DZT8	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 109	Text ' <del>meetings</del> ' replaced with 'engagements' under 'Tracking / KPI' for T.7	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 109	'Economic Development' added as a 'Lead' for T.5 and T.6	Not Applicable

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Section 4, Table 16, page 109	' <del>Economic Development</del> ' removed from 'Partners' for T.6	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 109	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action <b>Team</b> ' in the column 'LA Lead' for T.7 and under 'Partners' for T.5	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 109	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for T.6	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 110	<del>T.9</del> = DZT9, <del>T.10</del> = DZT10, <del>T.11</del> = DZT11, <del>T.12</del> = DZT12	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 110	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action <b>Team</b> ' in the column under 'Partners' for T.10 & T.12	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 110	' <del>Climate Action Unit</del> ' was removed as a 'Lead' from T.12	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 110	'Active Travel' was added as a 'LA Lead' for T.12	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 110	IrBEA was added as a 'Partner' for T.10	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 110	<del>TFI</del> was removed as a 'Partner' for T.12	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 110	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for T.9 & T.11	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 16, page 111	<del>T.13</del> = DZT13	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 17, page 112	<del>NGI.1</del> = DZNGI1, <del>NGI.2</del> = DZNGI2, <del>NGI.3</del> = DZNGI3	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 17, page 112	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action <b>Team</b> ' in the column 'LA Lead' for NGI.2 and under 'Partners' for NGI.1	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 17, page 113	<del>NGI.4</del> = DZNGI4, <del>NGI.5</del> = DZNGI5	Not Applicable

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Section 4, Table 17, page 113	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column 'Partners' for NGI.4 & NGI.5	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 17, page 114	<del>NGI.6 = DZNGI6, NGI.7 = DZNGI7, NGI.8 = DZNGI8, NGI.9 = DZNGI9</del>	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 17, page 114	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column 'LA Lead' for NGI.7 and under 'Partners' for NGI.6	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 17, page 114	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for NGI.6	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 116	<del>CRT.1 = DZCRT1, CRT.2 = DZCRT2, CRT.3 = DZCRT3, CRT.4 = DZCRT4</del>	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 116	Revise text in CRT.2 'Action' as follows: 'Distribute <del>Develop</del> any <del>range-of</del> age-appropriate informational supports,' and under 'Tracking / KPI' enter 'provided' and remove ' <del>developed</del> '	This clerical amendment does not change any defined climate actions and will not introduce any significant environmental effects not already considered and mitigated against in the SEA process.
Section 4, Table 18, page 116	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column 'LA Lead' for CRT.1 and under 'Partners' for CRT.3 & CRT.4	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 116	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for CRT.1 and CRT.4	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 117	<del>CRT.5 = DZCRT5, CRT.6 = DZCRT6, CRT.7 = DZCRT7, CRT.8 = DZCRT8, CRT.9 = DZCRT9, CRT.10 = DZCRT10</del>	Not Applicable

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Section 4, Table 18, page 117	CRT.6 remove <del>one stop shop</del> under 'Action' and <del>One stop</del> under 'Tracking / KPI'	This clerical amendment does not change any defined climate actions and will not introduce any significant environmental effects not already considered and mitigated against in the SEA process.
Section 4, Table 18, page 117	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action <b>Team</b> ' in the column 'LA Lead' for CRT.5, CRT.8, CRT.9 and under 'Partners' for CRT.6	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 117	CRT.7 <del>Leitrim PPN</del> removed from 'Partners'	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 117	' <del>Community Groups</del> ' removed under 'Partners' for CRT.8	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 117	' <b>Sligo Leitrim Energy Agency / SEC</b> ' added as 'Partners' under CRT.6	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 117	' <b>Climate Action Team</b> ' added as 'Partners' under CRT.7	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 117	' <b>2024 – 2029</b> ' inserted under 'Timeframe' for CRT.6 and CRT.9	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 118	<del>CRT.11</del> = <b>DZCR11</b> , <del>CRT.12</del> = <b>DZCRT12</b>	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 118	' <del>Community Development</del> ' removed from 'LA Lead' and added to 'Partner' for CRT.11	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 118	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action <b>Team</b> ' in the column 'Partners' for CRT.11	Not Applicable

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Section 4, Table 18, page 118	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for CRT.12	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 119	SRM.1 = DZSRM1, SRM.2 = DZSRM2, SRM.3 = DZSRM3, SRM.4 = DZSRM4.	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 119	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column 'Partners' for SRM.4	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 119	'Leitrim PPN' was inserted as 'Partner' for SRM.4	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 119	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for SRM.1	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 120	SRM.5 = DZSRM5, SRM.6 = DZSRM6, SRM.7 = DZSRM7, SRM.8 = DZSRM8, SRM.9 = DZSRM9	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 120	'Leitrim Sports Partnership' was added under 'LA Lead' for SRM.6	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 120	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column 'LA Lead' for SRM.8, and under 'Partners' for SRM.6	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 120	'2024 – 2029' inserted under 'Timeframe' for SRM.6 & SRM.7	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 120	Uisce Éireann added as a partner to SRM.8	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 121	SRM.10 = DZSRM10, SRM.11 = DZSRM11, SRM.12 = DZSRM12	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 121	'Climate Action <del>Unit</del> ' was replaced with 'Climate Action Team' in the column 'LA Lead' for SRM.10 & SRM.11	Not Applicable
Section 4, Table 18, page 121	IrBEA and Uisce Éireann added as a 'Partners' for SRM.10	Not Applicable

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Section 4, Table 18, page 121	WI added as a 'Partner' for SRM.11	Not Applicable
Section 5.1, page 122	Remove word ' <del>draft</del> ' in two instances	Not Applicable
Section 5, page 122	The word <del>Unit</del> was replaced, and the word Team was inserted in six different instances, Abbreviation CA <del>U</del> changed to CAT	Not Applicable
Section 5.1, page 123	Inserted text: 'The Local Authority Climate Action Plan Process will have regard to high level Plans, Programmes, Guidelines, and Legislation in the implementation stage of the Climate Action Plan.'	Not Applicable
Section 5.1, page 123	Remove reference to ' <del>Draft</del> ' Plan	Not Applicable
Section 5.4.5, page 127	Insert Links for alignment to SDGs 'The climate action themes have been aligned to Sustainable Development Goals (Figure 25, Figure 26, Figure 27, Figure 28, Figure 29).'	Not Applicable
Acronyms, page 129	Insert text <b>ACRES</b> Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme	Not Applicable
Acronyms, page 129	Insert text <b>BB</b> Bord Bia	Not Applicable
Acronyms, page 129	Insert text <b>CAC</b> Climate Action Coordinator	Not Applicable
Acronyms, page 129	Insert text: <b>CANN</b> Collaborative action for Natura Network	Not Applicable
Acronyms, page 129	Insert text <b>CAO</b> Climate Action Officer	Not Applicable
Acronyms, page 129	Insert text: <b>Cré</b> Composting and Anaerobic Digestion Association of Ireland	Not Applicable



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Acronyms, page 129	Insert text: <b>FI</b> Fáilte Ireland	Not Applicable
Acronyms, page 130	Insert text: <b>HSE</b> Health Service Executive	Not Applicable
Acronyms, page 130	Inserted text: <b>IrBEA</b> Irish Bioenergy Association	Not Applicable
Acronyms, page 130	Inserted text: <b>IWAI</b> Inland Waterways Association of Ireland	Not Applicable
Acronyms, page 131	Insert <b>TOC</b> The Organic Centre and <b>WI</b> Waterways Ireland	Not Applicable

## 5. Conclusions

This Report on the submissions received in the public consultation stage of the Draft Climate Action Plan, is hereby submitted to the Elected Members of Leitrim County Council, for their consideration.

The Elected Members must consider this Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan, in accordance with the requirements of the Climate Act as amended. The Strategic Policy Committee for Environment, Climate Action and Agriculture briefing on 7 February 2024 is to provide an overview of the Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan. Elected members will have up to 19 February 2024 to consider the Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan, upon which date a Special Meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held to adopt or approve the Plan.

This Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan takes account of submissions from the public consultation stage, including the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment Screening of Recommendations for incorporation to the Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan.

1. It is proposed that the Draft Climate Action Plan be approved by the Elected Members of Leitrim County Council, in accordance with the recommendations of this Report on submissions received during public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan.
2. The Elected Members shall give approval for the Climate Action Plan, only after having determined that the Plan shall not adversely affect the integrity of a European Site(s) in line with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC).
3. Within thirty (30) days of the approval of the final local authority Climate Action Plan by the Elected Members, Leitrim County Council will publish the final plan. The Climate Action Plan shall have effect for a period of five years from the date on which it is approved by the Elected Members.

## Appendix 1: List of Persons, Organisations and Bodies who made Submissions

Table 12 Summary Table of Respondents

Submission Reference	Name
LCC-CAP01-01	Community Gardens Ireland
LCC-CAP01-02	Failte Ireland
LCC-CAP01-03	Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine (DAFM)
LCC-CAP01-04	Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC)
LCC-CAP01-05	Mella O’Brolchain
LCC-CAP01-06	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
LCC-CAP01-07	Irish Bioenergy Association (IrBEA)
LCC-CAP01-08	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) (NI)
LCC-CAP01-09	Department for Communities (DfC) (NI)
LCC-CAP01-10	North Leitrim Intercultural Forum
LCC-CAP01-11	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
LCC-CAP01-12	Uisce Éireann (UÉ)
LCC-CAP01-13	The Organic Centre (TOC)

## Appendix 2: Public Notice of Draft Plan Public Consultation



**NOTICE OF THE PREPARATION OF  
THE DRAFT LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL – CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2024-2029**

Notice is hereby given that Leitrim County Council has, pursuant to Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, prepared a Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) for the period 2024-2029.

The Draft Plan is accompanied by an Environmental Report, prepared in accordance with the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 435 of 2004 as amended by S.I. 200 of 2011) for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report, pursuant to Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

The Draft Climate Action Plan sets out how Leitrim County Council can promote a range of mitigation, adaptation, and other climate action measures, to help deliver on the national climate obligations and the Government's overall National Climate Objectives.

**Public Consultation**

The Leitrim County Council Draft Climate Action Plan, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Report and the Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report will be on display from 4th December 2023 to 24th January 2024 inclusive, at the following locations:

1. Online at: [www.leitrimclimateaction.ie](http://www.leitrimclimateaction.ie)
2. At the following Council libraries during normal opening hours, during the consultation period:
  - Ballinamore Library, Main Street, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim, N41 E061.
  - Carrick on Shannon Library, Bridge St, Townparks, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co. Leitrim, N41 RX53.
  - Carrigallen Library, Main Street, Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim, H12 XR02.
  - Dromahair Library, Back Line, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim, F91 DY84.
  - Drumshanbo Library, Market House, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim, N41 KV06.
  - Manorhamilton Library, Main Street, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim, F91 C862.
  - Mohill Library, Castle Street, Mohill, Co. Leitrim, N41 HP29.

**Public Consultation Drop-in Clinics:** Staff from Leitrim County Councils Climate Action Unit will be available at the following locations during the times listed to provide guidance on the draft plan and on the consultation process.

**Location Date Time**

Manorhamilton Library Tuesday 12th December 5-7pm  
Carrick on Shannon Library Wednesday 13th December 5-7pm  
Ballinamore Library Thursday 14th December 5-7pm

**Making a Submissions or Observation**

Written submissions or observations regarding the Draft Climate Action Plan, SEA Environmental Report and AA Natura Impact Report, are invited from members of the public and other interested parties. Submissions or observation may be made in one of these ways:

- Via email to: [climateaction@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:climateaction@leitrimcoco.ie)

Or,

- In writing, marked "Draft Climate Action Plan Submission" to: Climate Action Coordinator, Climate Action Unit, Environment Department, Leitrim County Council, Áras an Chontae, St. Georges Terrace, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim, N41 PF67.

**The closing date for receipt of submissions or observations is 5.00pm Wednesday 24th January 2024.**

Please consider the following when making your submission:

- Please make your submission or observations by one medium only i.e. email or hard copy. - Submissions or observations should include your name and address and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc. which you represent. - Written submissions or observations with respect to the Draft Plan that are made within the period stated, will be taken into consideration before the making of the Plan.
- Please note late submissions or observations will not be considered. You are strongly advised to make your submission or observation as early as possible.
- The content of your submission may be published as part of the plan-making process.

At all times Leitrim County Council will comply with the provisions of the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018. Please be advised that submissions received may be published online. 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 Councils main privacy notice and data protection policy is available on the Leitrim County Council website.

**Vincent Dwyer**

Director of Service  
Head of Finance, Finance, Water, Environment, Climate Action and Emergency Services Directorate Leitrim County Council  
Dated: 26th November 2023



## Appendix 3: SEA Screening Conclusion and Determination and AA Screening Conclusion and Determination

### SEA Screening Conclusion and Determination

SEA Screening was carried out to determine the need for a SEA for the Plan modifications to the Draft LACAP in this case. It has been concluded, based on the pre-screening check, and review against the environmental significance criteria as set out in Annex II of the SEA Directive, that the Modifications to the Draft LACAP will not give rise to likely significant effects on the environment.

The principal reasons the Modifications to the Draft LACAP will not give rise to likely significant effects on the environment are as follows:

- The modifications are only intended to provide clarification on existing Climate Actions defined in the Draft LACAP and make the LACAP more operative and focussed.
- The modifications are not material and will not result in any additional, likely significant environmental effects not already considered in the SEA Environmental Report for the Draft LACAP.

It is concluded that the Modifications to the Draft LACAP will not give rise to likely significant effects on the environment. Consequently, a full SEA is not required for the Plan modifications.

## AA Screening Conclusion and Determination

Stage 1 Screening for AA of Plan modifications was carried out to determine the need for a full AA for the Plan modifications to the Draft LACAP in this case. It has been demonstrated that implementation of the Plan modifications are not foreseen to have any significant effects on any European Site.

The principal reasons the Modifications to the Draft LACAP do will not give rise to any likely significant effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, are as follows:

- The modifications are only intended to provide clarification on existing Climate Actions defined in the Draft LACAP and make the LACAP more operative and focussed.
- The modifications are not material and will not result in any additional, likely significant environmental effects, including effects in ecological processes or European sites, not already considered in the NIR for the Draft LACAP.

It is concluded in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of conservation objectives, that the Modifications to the Draft LACAP will not give rise to any likely significant effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects. Consequently, a Stage 2 AA is not required for the Plan modifications.