



LEITRIM COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023 - 2029

INTRODUCTION

Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan



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Format of Proposed Amendments Report

For ease of reference, the proposed amendments to the *Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029* are presented in each of the separate documents of the Draft Plan in which they occur.

- **Volume I - Written Statement**
Proposed Amendments to Volume I of the *Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029*.
- **Volume II – Settlement Plans**
Proposed Amendments to Volume II of the *Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029*.
- **Volume III – Book of Maps**
Proposed Amendments to Volume III of the *Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029*.
- **Record of Protected Structures**
Proposed Amendments to the *Record of Protected Structures* which forms part of the *Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029*.
- **Appendices to *Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029***
Proposed Amendments to the *Renewable Energy Strategy* which forms part of the *Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029*.
- **SEA, AA & SFRA**
Proposed Amendments to the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Natura Impact Report and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (contained as an addendum in the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report).
These Amendments will be presented in separate environmental reports.



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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Proposed Amendments and Material Alterations to the Draft Leitrim Development Plan 2023-2029

The *Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029* was placed on public display from 11th of February 2022 to the 27th of April 2022. A total of 209 submissions and observations were received during that period in response to this prescribed stage of public consultation.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 12(4)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), a Chief Executive's Report was prepared, which summarised the submissions received on the Draft Plan and provided the response and recommendations of the Chief Executive on the issues raised.

The Elected Members of Leitrim County Council considered the *Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029* and the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received and resolved, at a Special Council Meeting on 4th October 2022, to amend the *Draft Leitrim County Development Plan*. The proposed amendments constitute a Material Alterations of the Draft Plan.

In accordance with Section 12 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended), Leitrim County Council has screened the Proposed Material Alterations and has determined that Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) are required with respect to certain proposed Material Alterations. The likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the proposed Material Alterations have been assessed. The SEA and AA have been undertaken within the 3-week period following the resolution of Members on 4th October 2022. Consequently a further period for the preparation of the SEA and AA, as facilitated under Section 12 (7)(ab) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), is not required.

Further to the resolution of the Council to amend the Draft Plan, in accordance with Section 12(7)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) the proposed Material Alterations will be placed on public display "for a period of not less than 4 weeks" from 26th October 2022 until 23rd November 2022. Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed Material Alterations, the associated SEA Screening Determination and SEA Environmental Report (which includes information on the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the proposed amendment) and the associated AA Screening Determination and AA Natura Impact Report may be made during the public consultation period.

1.2 Submissions/Observations

All observations or submissions received in respect of the Proposed Material Alterations and associated environmental reports during the above time period will be taken into consideration before the making of the *Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029*.

Submissions or observations may be made either:

(a) In writing to: Planning Department, Leitrim County Council, Áras an Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon. (Correspondence to be marked 'Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2023 –2029')

or

(b) By email to: cdp@leitrimcoco.ie

The deadline for receipt of all submissions is 4.30pm on 23rd November 2022.

Submission should be made by one medium only i.e. in hard copy or electronic.

Please note that submissions that do not relate to a proposed amendment or associated environmental reports cannot be taken into consideration. Submissions should quote the relevant material alteration reference number(s).

1.3 How This Document Is Organised

Each of the proposed amendments to the Draft Plan are assigned a unique reference number and the original position in the *Draft Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029* is referenced where applicable (references to page numbers are to the *Draft Leitrim County Development Plan* page number).

Where changes to the text of the Draft Plan are recommended, they are displayed in the following format:

- Proposed new text is identified in **red**.
- Proposed text omissions from the Draft Plan are identified by a single line ~~strike through~~.

A number of proposed amendments relate to the inclusion of additional policy objectives. The inclusion of same will necessitate an overall re-numbering of policy objectives from those contained in the Draft Plan.

Of the amendments proposed, a number pertain to land use zoning changes and related content contained in the Settlement Plan maps contained in Volume III of the Draft Plan. For ease of reference and to assist in comparing the amendments, each relevant original map from the Draft Plan will be included in advance of the map identifying the proposed amendments.

1.4 Next Steps

Following the conclusion of the public consultation period on the proposed Material Alterations on 23rd November 2022, a further Chief Executive's report will be prepared on all submissions or observations received during this stage of the consultation and recommendations will be made in response to the issues raised. The report will be submitted to the Elected Members for their consideration. Having considered the proposed amendments to the Draft Plan and the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received, the Elected Members may, by resolution, make the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 with or without amendment.¹

Figure 1 below provides a summary of the key actions at this concluding stage of the plan preparation process.



Figure 1: (Final) Stage 3 of the Development Plan preparation process

¹ In accordance with Section 12(10)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), further amendments may only be minor in nature.