



Proposed Variation No. 5 to the Meath County Development Plan
2021-2027 (as varied): NPF Implementation.

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination

Meath County Council has prepared a proposed variation to the County Development Plan (Proposed Variation No. 5 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027). The proposed variation sets out the changes to the current Development Plan which will assist in achieving the revised housing targets as set out in the NPF Implementation Guidelines for the county. A number of amendments are therefore proposed to the relevant sections of Volume One of the Plan together with the corresponding Volumes 2 and 3 once the variation is adopted.

The purpose of Variation No. 5 is to give effect to the following amendments:

1. Proposed Amendment No. 1: Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 Volume 1 - Written Statement

To update the County Development Plan to take account of the new housing targets set out in the National Planning Framework Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines published by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in July 2025 and issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

2. Proposed Amendment No.2: Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 Volume 2 - Written Statement for Settlements

In order to ensure consistency with the Written Statement of the Development Plan (Volume 1) and the revised housing targets, the Written Statements for the settlements that contain lands proposed for rezoning are required to be amended as part of this variation. The amendments primarily relate to adjustments to the household allocation for the relevant areas and projected population growth having regard to Census 2022 data and the new annual housing growth requirements for the county as set out in the NPF Implementation Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines 2025.

3. Proposed Amendment No.3: Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 Volume 2 - Maps for Settlements

In order to ensure consistency with the National Planning Framework and

accommodate revised housing targets for the County, it is proposed to amend land use zonings as shown on the County Development Plan Map Sheets. It is also proposed to amend the development / settlement boundaries accordingly to ensure any lands that have been identified for development within the lifetime of the Plan fall within the development boundary of the relevant settlement.

The proposed rezonings are illustrated individually through updated land use zoning map sheets for the relevant settlements / areas with the proposed variations clearly marked on each sheet. Where no zoning changes are proposed in settlements under this Variation, the current map sheets remain in effect. A total of 11 settlements have been identified for rezoning.

An SEA Screening Assessment for proposed Variation No. 5 to the CDP was carried out having regard to criteria defined in Schedule 2A of the SEA Regulations. Following this assessment, Meath County Council determines that SEA is required for the proposed Variation No. 5 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027.

I recommend the proposed determination as set out above.

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