NOTICE OF PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 6 TO THE MEATH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021–2030 (AS VARIED)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 58 of the Planning and Development Act 2024, as amended, that Meath County Council has prepared proposed Draft Variation No. 6 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2030 (as varied)

Reasons for Variation No. 6

This Variation has been prepared to align the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2030 (as varied) with the findings of a study carried out by Meath County Council entitled, 'Strategic sites for energy generation and potential co-location for large energy users in County Meath'. The study provides a plan led evidence-based approach to the protection of existing energy infrastructure assets within the County and potential co-location with large energy users to enable the transition to a low-carbon economy on a commercial, industrial and community scale. In giving effect to the study, the variation includes the following amendments to the Development Plan:

Proposed Amendment No. 1: Meath County Development Plan 2021-2030 Volume 1 – Written Statement

Updates to Chapter 6 and 11 of the County Development Plan to provide the appropriate policy framework to protect existing energy infrastructure assets across the County and to facilitate the development of a Green Energy Park at Woodlands. This includes amendments to an existing zoning objective and the inclusion of a spot objective for the identification of a specific site at Woodlands for the development of a Green Energy Park.

Proposed Amendment No.2: Meath County Development Plan 2021-2030 Volume 3 – Book of Maps

To add a new map entitled, 'Green Energy Park' which identifies a parcel of land at Woodlands with a zoning objective, 'TU Transport, Utility Infrastructure and Energy Infrastructure (including energy generation, storage and large energy user industry)'.

The Proposed Variation is accompanied by:

- A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening determination and SEA Environmental Report pursuant to the European Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2001/42/EC) and the Planning and Development (Strategic environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended).
- An Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening determination and Appropriate Assessment Stage 2 Report (Natura Impact Report)– pursuant to Article 6(3) of the European Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC); and
- A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, in accordance with the relevant Section 28 Guidelines

Public Display

The proposed draft Variation No. 6 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2030 (as varied) will be available for inspection from **Tuesday, 24 November to 4pm Tuesday, 22 December 2026** online at https://consult.meath.ie/ and also at the following locations **(during normal opening hours)**:

- Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 Y291
- Ashbourne Municipal District,1-2 Killegland Square Upper, Ashbourne, A84 NY73
- Kells Municipal District, Town Hall, Headfort Place, Kells, A82 W2R3
- Laytown/Bettystown Municipal District, Main Street, Duleek, A92 R9KW
- Ratoath Municipal District, Drumree Road, Dunshaughlin, A85 XK20
- Trim Municipal District, Mornington House, Summerhill Road, Trim C15 P2HE

How to Make a Submission

Written observations or submissions regarding **proposed Variation No. 6 amendments only** must be received by **4pm Tuesday, 22 December 2026.**

Submissions should be in **ONE** medium only i.e. online or hard copy and made as follows:

- Online at https://consult.meath.ie/

OR

- In writing marked **'Draft Variation No. 6 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2030 (as varied)'** addressed to: Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department, Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 Y291

Submissions/Observations **must** include:

- Proposed Amendment(s) number as shown in the document
- Full Name and Address of person(s) making submission or observation
- Details of organisation, community group, company which you represent, where relevant.

Late or emailed submissions will be considered as invalid and cannot be accepted.

Please note that submissions can only be considered if they relate to proposed Draft Variation No. 6. Submissions that do not relate to proposed Draft Variation No. 6 cannot be considered.

Please note that submissions received by Meath County Council will be available for public viewing on the Council's consultation portal and website, when compliant under General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)and will also form part of the statutory Chief Executive's Report to be presented to the full Council. You are responsible for ensuring that no vexatious, libelous or confidential information, including confidential information in relation 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 Planning Authority reserves the right to redact any submission or part thereof.

Meath County Council will treat all personal data you may give as confidential. Data protection information can be found at https://www.meath.ie/council/your-council/your-data-and-access-to-information/data-protection