

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020- 2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
Environmental Report

BSM

Est.
1968

**Brady Shipman
Martin**

**Built.
Environment.**

Environmental
Assessment
**Built
Environment**

Client:

Meath County Council

Date:

06 December 2019

DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET

6377_RP_01_Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Project No. 6377
Client: Meath County Council
Project Name: Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026
Report Name: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report
Document No. RP_01
Issue No. 04
Date: 06/12/2019

This document has been issued and amended as follows:

Issue	Status	Date	Prepared	Checked
01	SEA Draft Environmental Report - Draft	30 Aug 2019	Rebecca Dunlea	Thomas Burns
02	SEA Draft Environmental Report – Final Draft	02 Sep 2019	Rebecca Dunlea	Thomas Burns
03	SEA Draft Environmental Report – Final Draft	16 Sep 2019	Rebecca Dunlea	Thomas Burns
04	SEA Environmental Report - Final	06 Dec 2019	Rebecca Dunlea	Thomas Burns



Contents

GLOSSARY.....	5
1 Non-Technical Summary (NTS)	1
1.1 Introduction.....	1
1.2 Steps in the SEA Process	1
1.3 Content of the Environmental Report	2
1.4 Policy Context.....	3
1.5 Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA).....	3
1.6 SEA Objectives, Targets and Indicators	3
1.7 Alternative Plan Scenarios	3
1.8 Evaluation of the Meath County Development Plan (Policies and Objectives).....	3
1.9 Mitigation Measures.....	4
1.10 Monitoring Measures	4
2 Draft Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026	5
2.1 Introduction.....	5
2.2 Core Strategy	5
2.3 Pre-draft Consultation	6
2.4 Pre-draft SEA Scoping Consultation.....	8
2.5 Alternatives	8
3 Methodology	9
3.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	9
3.2 SEA Stages and Process	9
3.3 Screening (Stage 1)	12
3.4 Scoping (Stage 2)	12
3.5 SEA Environmental Report (Stage 3) Current Stage	15
3.6 SEA Statement (Stage 4)	15
3.7 Appropriate Assessment (AA)	16
3.8 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA).....	16
3.9 SEA Guidance	16
4 Review of Relevant Policies, Plans & Programmes	18
4.1 Planning Hierarchy.....	18
4.2 Interaction with Other Relevant Plans and Programmes	18
5 Environmental Baseline.....	21
5.1 Introduction.....	21
5.2 Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna).....	21
5.3 Population & Human Health	28
5.4 Soils & Geology	38
5.5 Water Quality	42
5.6 Air Quality, Noise & Climate	49
5.7 Material Assets.....	56



5.8	Cultural Heritage	65
5.9	Landscape & Visual	70
5.10	Interactions and Cumulative Impacts	73
6	SEA Objectives, Targets & Indicators	74
7	Description of Alternatives	78
7.1	Introduction.....	78
7.2	The Settlements and Core Strategy Growth Pattern	78
7.3	Alternative Scenarios.....	80
7.4	Assessment of Alternative Plan Scenarios (see Table 7.3 below)	81
8	Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	83
8.1	Introduction.....	83
8.2	Environmental Assessment	83
9	Mitigation Measures	86
9.1	Introduction.....	86
9.2	Zoning	86
9.3	Planning	87
9.4	Enforcement.....	87
9.5	Cooperation with other authorities.....	87
9.6	Environmental Awareness	88
9.7	Green Infrastructure	88
9.8	Mitigation Measures - Specific Environmental Topics	88
10	Monitoring Programme.....	156
10.1	Introduction.....	156
10.2	Monitoring Indicators.....	156
11	Conclusion	161



GLOSSARY

Term	Definition
AA	Appropriate Assessment
ACAs	Architectural Conservation Areas
AQIH	air quality index for health
BIM	Bord Iascaigh Mhara
C&D	Construction and Demolition
c.	Circa
CDP	County Development Plan
CFRAM	Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management
CHP	combined heat and power
CO	carbon monoxide
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
DAFM	Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine
DCCAIE	Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment
DCHG	Department of the Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
DECLG	Department of Environment, Community and Local Government
DEHLG	Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
DES	Department of Education and Skills
DHPCLG	Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government
ED	electoral division
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMRA	Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly
END	Environmental Noise Directive
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FCC	Fingal County Council
FEM-FRAMS	Fingal East Meath Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study
GDA	Greater Dublin Area
GDSDS	Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study
GHGs	Greenhouse Gases
GIS	Geographical Information System
GSI	Geological Survey of Ireland
ha	hectares
HEFS	High-End Future Scenarios
HSE	Health Service Executive
IFI	Inland Fisheries Ireland
IGH	Irish Geological Heritage



Term	Definition
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IROPI	imperative reasons of overriding public interest
km ²	per square kilometre
LAP	Local Area Plan
LCA	Landscape Character Assessment
LCC	Louth County Council
LCT	Landscape Character Types
LEO	Local Enterprise Office
MANs	Metropolitan Area Networks
MBAP	Meath Biodiversity Action Plan
MCC	Meath County Council
ML	million litres
MRFS	Mid-Range Future Scenarios
Mt CO ₂ eq	million tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent
NBAP	National Biodiversity Action Plan
NBP	National Broadband Plan
NDP	National Development Plan
NHA	Natural Heritage Areas
NIR	Natura Impact Report
NO ₂	Nitrogen dioxide
non-ETS	non-Emissions Trading Scheme
NPF	National Planning Framework
NTA	National Roads Authority
NTS	Non-Technical Summary
OPW	Office of Public Works
P / Ps	Plans or Programmes
P&R	Park and Ride
P.E.	Population Equivalent
PDA	Planning and Development Act
PDR	Planning and Development Regulations
PM	Particulate Matter
PM ₁₀	particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter
pNHAs	Proposed Natural Heritage Areas
PPN	Public Participation Network
PRPs	Pollution Reduction Programmes
RBDs	River Basin Districts
RBMP	River Basin Management Plan



Term	Definition
RMP	Record of Monuments and Places
RPS	Record of Protected Structures
RSES	Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy
S.I.	Statutory Instrument
SAC	Special Areas of Conservation
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SEAI	Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's
SEO	Strategic Environmental Objectives
SFPA	Sea Fisheries Protection Authority
SFRA	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
SHZ	Short Hop Zone
SPA	Special Protection Area
SPC	Strategic Policy Committee
SuDS	Sustainable urban Drainage Systems
TEN-T	Trans-European Transport Network
TII	Transport Infrastructure Ireland
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UWWT	Urban Wastewater Treatment
VOCs	Volatile Organic Compounds
WFD	Water Framework Directive
WMP	Waste Management Plan
WSSP	Water Services Strategic Plan
WtE	Indaver Waste to Energy
WWTPs	Wastewater Treatment Plants
ZoI	Zone of Influence



1 Non-Technical Summary (NTS)

1.1 Introduction

Meath County Council (MCC) proposes to prepare a new County Development Plan (Draft CDP) for Meath (2020-2026) which will replace the current Meath CDP (2013-2019). The Meath CDP 2020-2026 is a strategic document setting the vision and direction for the future development of County Meath for the benefit of all its citizens up to 2026, which will shape the future development of the County and will identify zones where different land uses are considered to be appropriate.

The preparation of the Draft Meath CDP 2020-2026 is required to undergo a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with Directive 2001/42/EC and associated implementing national legislation on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment¹ (known as the SEA Directive).

The purpose of the Environmental Report is to evaluate *the likely environmental effects* of the Draft CDP and the alternatives, and to have their significance evaluated with regard to the environmental baseline. This will provide stakeholders and the public with a clear understanding of the likely environmental consequences of implementing the Draft CDP.

The Draft CDP and associated SEA Environmental Report is being made available for comment from statutory bodies, the public and interested parties during the public display period. The content of any submissions or observations received as part of the public display / consultation stage will inform the finalisation of the CDP and of the associated SEA process.

This SEA Environmental Report has been prepared on behalf of Meath County Council by Brady Shipman Martin, Environmental, Landscape and Planning Consultants.

1.2 Steps in the SEA Process

Table 1.1 below highlights the four key stages in the SEA process and the progress made to date:

Table 1.1: Key Stages in SEA

Stage	Description	Status
1. Screening	Screening will determine if SEA is required.	Completed ✓
2. Scoping	Determines the spatial and temporal scope of the SEA in consultation with the designated statutory consultees.	Completed ✓
3. Environmental Report	Formal and transparent assessment of the likely significant impacts on the environment due to implementation of a Plan / Programme including all reasonable alternatives. The output from this stage is an Environmental Report which is required to go on public display along with the draft Plan / Programme.	Current Stage
4. SEA Statement	Summarises the process undertaken and identifies how environmental considerations and consultations have been integrated into the final Plan / Programme.	Next Stage

¹ DIRECTIVE 2001/42/EC: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32001L0042&from=EN>

1.3 Content of the Environmental Report

The SEA Environmental Report considers all of the following in accordance with the requirements of the SEA Directive:

1. Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna);
2. Population & Human Health;
3. Soils & Geology;
4. Water Quality;
5. Air, Noise & Climate;
6. Landscape;
7. Material Assets;
8. Cultural Heritage; and
9. Interactions & Cumulative Impacts.

Table 1.2 below summarises the content of the Environmental Report. In the first instance, the Environmental Report details the current condition of the environment of the study area under each of the sub-headings set out above. The Environmental Report also summarised the significant environmental pressures that may affect each of the environmental topics and the current (baseline) condition of the environment.

Table 1.2: Content of the Environmental Report

No.	Chapter	Description
1	Non-Technical Summary (NTS)	A brief summary of the Environmental Report, its main points and conclusions.
2	Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026	A description of the Draft County Development Plan (Draft CDP) and a summary of its key policies and objectives.
3	Methodology	The steps taken in preparation of the SEA, including the methods used and technical difficulties encountered.
4	Review of relevant Policies, Plans & Programmes	The relationship of the Draft Meath CDP to other relevant plans and programmes is highlighted.
5	Environmental Baseline	A description of the current environment of the area of the Draft CDP is given, highlighting any existing environmental problems. This exercise results in a comprehensive baseline against which the likely effects of implementing the Draft CDP can be examined.
6	SEA Objectives, Targets & Indicators	A number of environmental protection objectives which have been established at international, EU or national Level and are relevant to the Draft CDP are listed. Following this, a description of how the objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account in the preparation of the Draft CDP is given.
7	Description of Alternatives	An assessment of the proposed alternatives to the Draft CDP are considered at this stage.
8	SEA: Meath County Development Plan	An examination of the Draft CDP policies and objectives in terms of their potential effects on the various environmental parameters.
9	Mitigation Measures	Should potentially significant effects be discovered, measures to avoid, reduce or offset these effects are proposed and integrated into the Draft CDP.

No.	Chapter	Description
10	Monitoring Programme	Proposals for monitoring the significant effects of the Draft CDP on the environment are put forward. A number of indicators of change and targets are identified and existing monitoring arrangements are utilised.
11	Conclusion	A conclusion with regard to the overall potential impact on the environment resulting from the implementation of the Draft CDP.

1.4 Policy Context

The preparation of the Draft CDP was considered within the context of a hierarchy of policies, plans and strategies of international, national, regional and local level as detailed in Chapter 3 (Methodology) of this Environmental Report. Other relevant plans, policies and programmes were considered in this report and are referenced throughout.

1.5 Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA)

The need for ‘*Appropriate Assessment*’ (AA) arises out of Article 6(3) and 6(4) of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) (on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora), which requires that proposed plans and programmes (including amendments or variations) undergo screening for likely or potential effects on European Sites (also Natura 2000 sites) arising from their implementation.

A Screening Stage for AA (Stage 1) has been undertaken for the Draft CDP. This Screening has concluded that due to the types of development that could arise as a result of implementing the Draft Meath CDP 2020-2026, that significant effects could not be ruled out and that the Plan would need further assessment during its preparation.

Therefore, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required and a Natura Impact Report (NIR) has been prepared in parallel with the preparation of the Draft CDP and this report. The findings of the NIR were used to inform the SEA and have been integrated into this report and the Draft CDP.

1.6 SEA Objectives, Targets and Indicators

Strategic Environmental Objectives (SEOs) assist in the prediction, description and monitoring of impacts on the environment as a result of the Draft Meath CDP. The SEOs are environmental protection objectives which have been established at international, EU or national Level, and are relevant to the Draft CDP as set out in Chapter 6 (SEA Objectives, Targets & Indicators) below.

1.7 Alternative Plan Scenarios

Alternatives are essential to the SEA process and are required under the SEA Directive. Consideration of alternatives plan scenarios provides the opportunity to identify and examine the different ways to achieve the Draft CDP objectives while taking into account environmental issues.

1.8 Evaluation of the Meath County Development Plan (Policies and Objectives)

The various key principles, policies and objectives of the Draft CDP are assessed against the Strategic Environmental Objectives (SEOs) for *likely significant environmental effect*. A high level summary assessment of the potential impacts of the Draft Plan on the environment is provided in Table 8.1 in Chapter 8 (Strategic Environmental Assessment) and a detailed assessment is presented in Appendix A8.1.

1.9 Mitigation Measures

While every effort will be taken to ensure that the impact of the Draft CDP on the environment is neutral to positive, certain unavoidable negative impacts may occur as a result of its adoption. This report details the mitigation measures to reduce or avoid identifiable adverse impacts in Table 9.1 in Chapter 9 (Mitigation Measures).

1.10 Monitoring Measures

The SEA Directive requires that the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the Draft CDP are monitored in order to identify, at an early stage, unforeseen adverse effects and in order to undertake appropriate remedial action.

The environmental monitoring programme is outlined in Table 10.1 in Chapter 10 (Monitoring) and has been developed based on the SEA Objectives Targets and Indicators presented in Chapter 6 (SEA Objectives, Targets & Indicators).

2 Draft Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026

2.1 Introduction

MCC is preparing a new County Development Plan (Draft CDP) for the period 2020 to 2026. The Draft Meath CDP 2020-2026 will shape the future development of the County and will identify zones where different land uses are considered to be appropriate.

Census results from 2016 show that Meath has a growing population, with the population growing by 5.9% in five years (between 2011 and 2016) to 195,044. In December 2016, a *Strategic Issues Paper* was prepared by MCC to help stimulate debate between the planning authority, key stakeholders, landowners and the general public around the issues relevant to Meath and how they may be addressed in the Draft CDP. Submissions on this Issues Paper have been received and are referred to further in Section 2.3 of this report.

The Draft CDP is to be prepared under the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) and will consist of a written statement with maps. Once adopted, the Final CDP will provide a six year statutory framework for guiding development and will assist in ensuring that future development is appropriately managed and occurs in a sustainable manner.

2.1.1 Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) - Draft Meath CDP 2019-2025 Process Paused

Following the publication of the National Planning Framework (NPF) in 2018, each region was required to develop and adopt a Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES), where all CDPs must be consistent with the RSES when adopted.

In order to allow each County the timeframe for their statutory plans to align with the relevant RSES, the Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2018 contained a provision that required all Planning Authorities to pause the statutory review process where it was in progress or to vary adopted plans immediately following adoption of the relevant RSES.

As such, MCC temporarily paused the review of the Draft Meath CDP 2019-2025 pending the adoption of the RSES. The RSES 2019-2031 was adopted by the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) on the 3rd May 2019, and MCC has recommenced their review of the Draft Meath CDP 2020-2026.

2.2 Core Strategy

The purpose of the Core Strategy² is to set out an evidence based strategy for the future spatial development of the Plan area. The Core Strategy demonstrates that the Plan is in accordance with national and regional planning policy outlined in the NPF and the RSES for the Eastern and Midland Region.

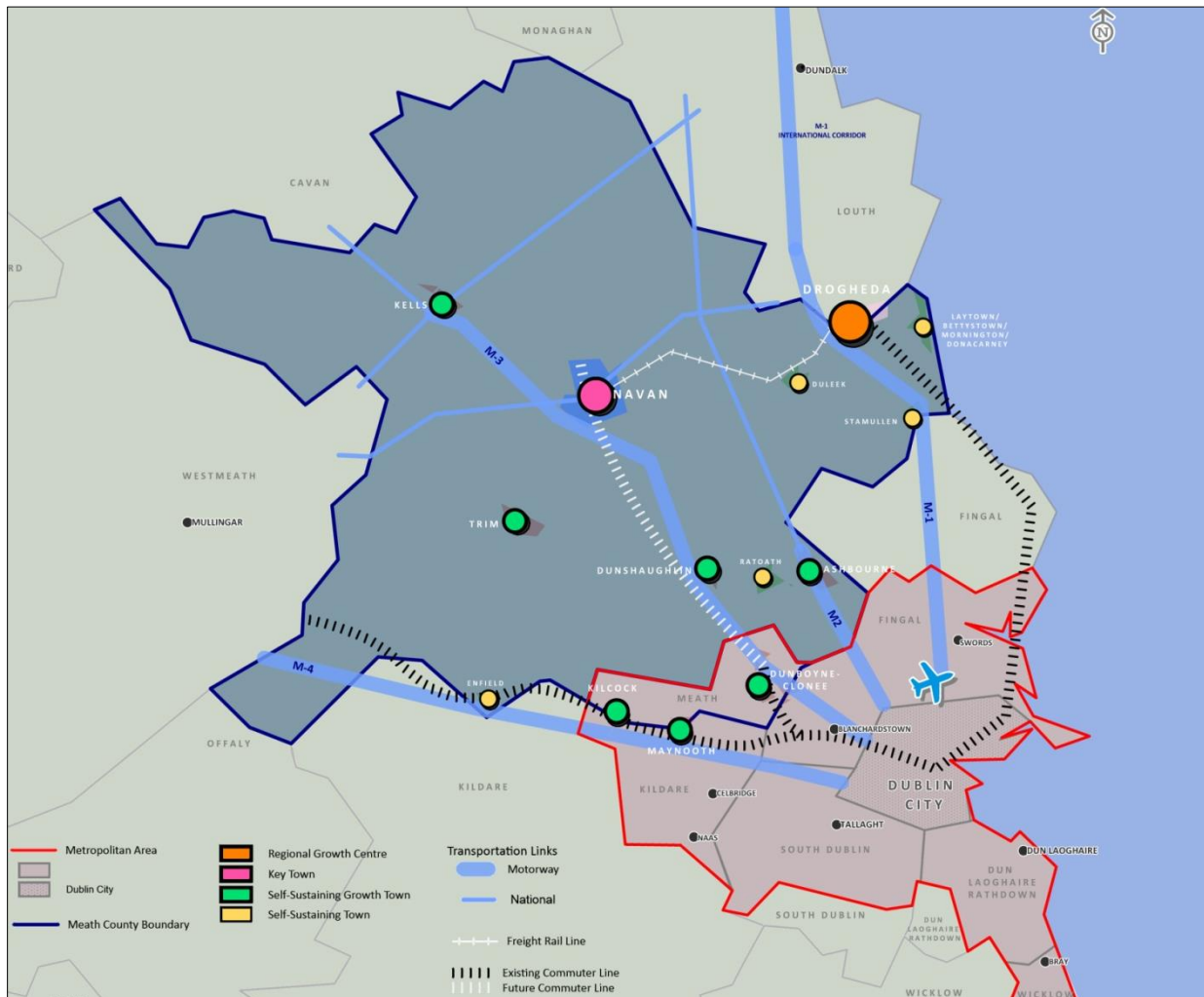
The Core Strategy Vision of the Draft Meath CDP is:

“To continue to support the creation of socio-economically progressive vibrant, dynamic, and healthy communities throughout the County and ensure that future growth is based on the principles of sustainable development that delivers a high quality living and working environment that meets the needs of all residents, in accordance with National and Regional Guidance.”

Figure 2.1 below is a map of the Core Strategy from the Draft Meath CDP, which provides a conceptual overview of the spatial planning strategy for Meath. This map illustrates the designated growth centres and strategic transport corridors in the County, set within the context of the wider region.

² Section 10(1A) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Figure 2.1: Core Strategy Map³



2.2.1 Objectives of the Core Strategy

The objectives of the Core Strategy are as follows:

- *'To demonstrate how the Meath CDP is consistent with national and regional planning strategies, guidelines and policies including national and regional population targets.*
- *To provide the policy framework for the settlement strategy and Local Area Plans (LAP), particularly in relation to land use zoning and population distribution.*
- *To ensure the co-ordination of infrastructural investment with settlements identified for future growth.*
- *To facilitate the population growth of Meath up to a projected population of 227,500 in the Plan period and ensure the distribution of this population is targeted towards the growth centres identified in the RSES.'*

2.3 Pre-draft Consultation

A pre-draft consultation stage was held from 14th December 2016 to 17th February 2017. During this time, an Issues Paper was published and six consultation events were held around the County. These consultations aimed to encourage discussion before a draft of the next CDP is prepared and to stimulate debate around the

³ Meath County Draft Development Plan 2020-2026

important strategic planning issues that the CDP should address. A total of 282 No. submissions were received from the public and statutory bodies in relation to the Plan at that time.

The consultation comprised the following elements:

2.3.1 Public Consultation Events

- Events were held in the following Municipal Districts: Ashbourne, Kells, Laytown / Bettystown (Duleek Civic Office), Navan, Ratoath (Dunshaughlin Civic Office) and Trim during the week 30th January 2017 to 3rd February 2017.
- The events were informal in nature. Members of the public were invited to review the Strategic Issues paper, which was presented on notice boards at each venue, and were encouraged to discuss any issues with the exception of zoning matters with planning staff.
- Each event was held over a duration of 2 no. hours. The information events were well attended with the highest attendance recorded in Laytown / Bettystown and Ashbourne.

2.3.2 Stakeholder Meetings

To date meetings have been held with:

- Fingal County Council (FCC);
- Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (DCHG);
- Department of Education and Skills (DES);
- Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG);
- Irish Water;
- National Transport Authority (NTA);
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII);
- Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI);
- Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly; and
- Louth & Meath Education and Training Board.

Stakeholder meetings will be an ongoing part of the review process. During the display period of the *Strategic Issues Paper* presentations were made to the Local Community Development Committee, the Later Life Network, the Age Friendly Alliance, the Housing, Community and Cultural Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and the Planning and Enterprise SPC. A workshop was held with Comhairle Na nÓg.

2.3.3 Promotion

The commencement of the review of the CDP was advertised in The Meath Chronicle on 17th December 2016 and in the Irish Independent on 14th December 2016.

Notice of the public consultation/ information evenings were published in the Meath Chronicle on 21st January 2017 and the Drogheda Independent on 18th January 2017.

2.3.4 Online

A dedicated website has been set up for the review of the Meath County Development Plan, www.countydevelopmentplanreview.meath.ie which had in excess of 7,000 'hits' or views during the public consultation period.

MCC utilised Facebook and Twitter to notify the public of all issues related to the review of the Development Plan and raise the profile of the ongoing process.

For the first time as part of a County Plan review process, a facility was made available to accept submissions online.

2.4 Pre-draft SEA Scoping Consultation

As part of the SEA process, consultation on the content of the SEA Environmental Report was undertaken with the specified environmental authorities, including the EPA, various governmental departments and surrounding local authorities. The SEA Scoping process is discussed in detail in Section 3.4 below.

2.5 Alternatives

The SEA process requires the consideration of '*reasonable alternatives*' in terms of possible approaches available in the delivery of the Draft Plan. Alternatives, which may include a '*do-nothing*' scenario, need to be '*realistic and capable of implementation*' and should represent a range of different approaches within the statutory and operational requirements of the particular plan.

The Plan strategy options available to the local authority are discussed in the formulation of the Draft Plan and assessed against the SEA Strategic Environmental Objectives (SEOs) in order to evaluate their overall potential environmental impact. A discussion of the merits or otherwise of each option is provided in the Environmental Report and the reasons for the chosen option is discussed.

Chapter 7 (Description of Alternatives) details the alternatives available and the assessment of this alternatives is outlined in Section 7.4 below.

3 Methodology

3.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

SEA is a process for evaluating, at the earliest appropriate stage, the environmental quality and consequences of Plans or Programmes (P / Ps). The purpose is to ensure that the environmental consequences of P / Ps are assessed both during their preparation and prior to their adoption. The SEA process also gives specified environmental authorities, interested parties and the general public, an opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed P / P and to be kept informed during the decision-making process.

SEA derives from European Communities Directive 2001/42/EC - *Assessment of Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment*⁴ (commonly referred to as the 'SEA Directive'). Article 1 of the Directive states that:

"The objective of this directive is to provide for a high level of protection of the environment and to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes with a view to promoting sustainable development, by ensuring that, in accordance with this directive, an environmental assessment is carried out of certain plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment."

The SEA Directive was transposed into national legislation by the:

- European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (Statutory Instrument (S.I.) No. 435 of 2004), as amended by European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011, (S.I. No. 200 of 2011); and
- Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 436 of 2004), as amended by the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2011, (S.I. No. 201 of 2011).

The former regulations relate to SEA as it applies to plans or programmes prepared for *"agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications and tourism."*⁵

The latter regulations relate to SEA as it applies to plans or programmes where the context requires, *"a development plan, a variation of a development plan, a local area plan (or an amendment thereto), regional planning guidelines or a planning scheme."*⁶

Therefore, as the development plan the subject of this report is the Draft Meath CDP 2020-2026, the latter Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 436 of 2004), as amended by Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations (S.I. No. 201 of 2011), apply.

3.2 SEA Stages and Process

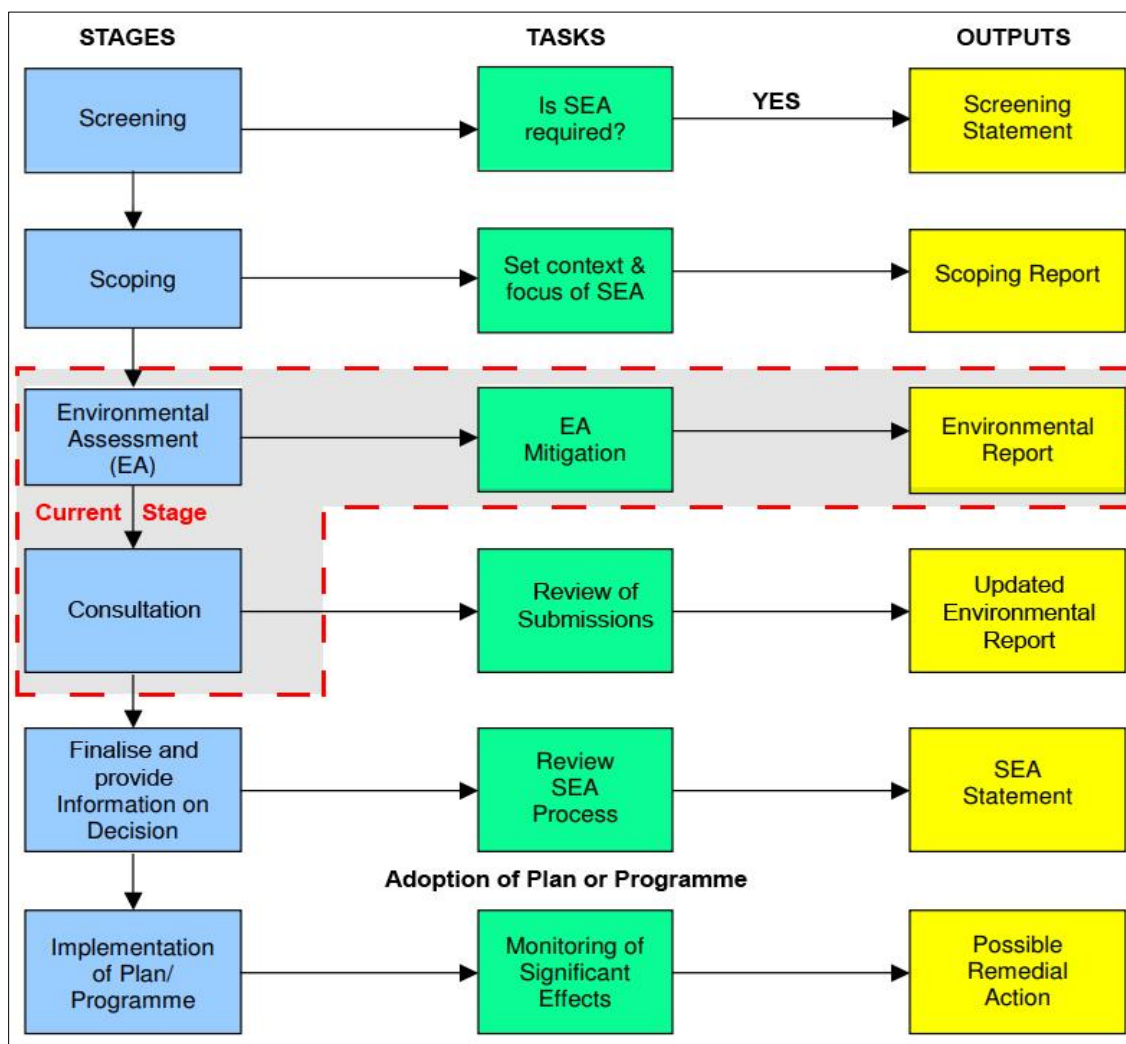
The key focus of SEA is to take environmental issues, and in particular *'likely significant environmental effects'* of a P / P, into consideration during the plan or programme making process. The key stages in the SEA process as they relate to the Draft Meath CDP are outlined in Figure 3.1 and Table 3.1 below.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32001L0042&from=EN>

⁵ Section 9(1) (a) of S.I. No. 435 of 2004

⁶ Section 5(c) of S.I. No. 436 of 2004

Figure 3.1: Overview of SEA Process (adapted from EPA SEA Process Checklist, 2018⁷)



⁷ EPA: <http://www.epa.ie/pubs/advice/ea/SEA%20Process%20Checklist.pdf>

Table 3.1: Outline of the SEA Process

Stage	Description	Status
1. Screening	The requirement to undertake a SEA is mandatory for certain Plan / Programme (P / P). Where SEA is not a mandatory requirement, the P / Ps is subject to a 'Screening process', to consider if it is <i>likely to have significant effects</i> on the environment, and therefore, if SEA is required. Screening of the P / P is carried out in accordance with Article 14A of the Planning and Development Regulations (PDR) 2001 as amended. It is noted that in accordance with Circular Letter SEA 1/08 & NPWS 1/08⁸, SEA for a P / P is also a mandatory requirement where the P / P requires Appropriate Assessment (AA) under Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC⁹).	Completed 
2. Scoping	Preparation of a SEA Scoping Report highlighting that the Environmental Report is required to include: - methods of assessment; - contents and level of detail in the Plan / Programme; - the stage in the Plan or Programme-making process; and - the extent to which certain matters are more appropriately assessed at different levels in the decision-making process in order to avoid duplication of environmental assessment. Scoping provides for consultation with the Environmental Authorities specified in Article 13A of S.I. No. 436 of 2004, as amended by Regulations S.I. No. 201 of 2011, and the process allows for incorporation of the views of the environmental authorities within the P / P and the SEA Environmental Report.	Completed 
3. Environmental Report	Preparation of a systemic identification and evaluation of alternatives and assessment of the <i>likely significant environmental effects</i> of implementing the P / P. The findings of the assessment, which is carried out at various stages in the P / P making (e.g. Draft, Amended Draft etc.), are provided in the SEA Environmental Report in accordance with Article 13E of S.I. No. 436 of 2004, as amended by Regulations S.I. No. 201 of 2011. The output from this stage is an Environmental Report which accompanies the Draft P / P required on public display.	Current Stage
4. SEA Statement	Completion / adoption of the Final CDP, taking account of <i>likely significant environmental effects</i>, any submissions or observations received from consultations and integration of mitigation and monitoring measures within the Plan. The Environmental Report is concluded and an SEA Statement is prepared in accordance with Article 13I of S.I. No. 436 of 2004, as amended by Regulations S.I. No. 201 of 2011, summarising: - how environmental considerations have been integrated into the Plan / Programme; - how the environmental report, and any submissions or consultations have been taken into account in the preparation of the Plan / Programme; - the reasons for choosing the Plan / Programme; and	Next Stage - To be completed

⁸ NPWS: <https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/general/circular-sea-01-08.pdf>

⁹ DIRECTIVE 92/43/EEC: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:31992L0043&from=EN>

Stage	Description	Status
	the measures decided for monitoring the significant environmental effects of implementation of the Plan / Programme.	

3.3 Screening (Stage 1)

The Draft CDP was subject screening for the requirement for AA (see Section 3.7) and to screening for the requirement for SEA in accordance with Article 13(B) of S.I. No. 436 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 201 of 2011, and the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations. In accordance with Article 13(B)(a), SEA for the Draft CDP is mandatory as ‘the population or target population of the area of the planning authority is 10,000 persons or more’.

The Draft CDP is subject to SEA and a SEA Environmental Report (this report) has been prepared to accompany the Draft CDP and the Natura Impact Report (NIR) for Appropriate Assessment (AA) on public display.

3.4 Scoping (Stage 2)

Scoping ensures that the SEA is focused on the relevant environmental issues and examines issues at the appropriate level of detail. Scoping also includes consultation with the environmental authorities, and allows for the incorporation of the views of the environmental authorities within the Draft Plan / Programme and the SEA Environmental Report.

The SEA Scoping Report was issued to the following environmental authorities:

Table 3.2: List of Consultees for the SEA Scoping Stage

Prescribed Environmental Authorities*	
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Louth County Council
Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht	Monaghan County Council
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine	Cavan County Council
Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment	Westmeath County Council
Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government	Offaly County Council
	Kildare County Council
	Fingal County Council

*For purposes of consultation under Article 13(A) of S.I. No. 436 of 2004, as amended by Regulations S.I. No. 201 of 2011

3.4.1 Scoping Submissions & Responses

Four submissions were received on the SEA Scoping Report for the Draft Meath CDP. The submissions provided information on sources of guidance and useful resources. Submissions were received from the following:

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);
- Louth County Council (LCC);
- Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine (DAFM); and
- Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) under the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment (DCCAE).

A summary of the submission is outlined in the Table 3.3 below.

Table 3.3: SEA Scoping Submissions & Responses

No.	Stakeholder	Summary of Submission	Comment
1	EPA	Recommended Guidance & Resources - SEA process guidance and checklists. - Inventory of spatial datasets relevant to SEA. - Topic specific SEA guidance (including '<i>Developing and Assessing Alternatives in SEA</i>', '<i>Integrating Climate Change into SEA</i>' and '<i>Integrated Biodiversity Impact Assessment</i>'). - EPA SEA Web GIS Tool - EPA WFD Application - EPA AA Geo Tool '<i>State of the Environment Report - Ireland's Environment 2016</i>'. Consider the recommendations, key issues and challenges described within this report. Aligning the Draft CDP with the national commitments on climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as relevant sectoral, regional and local adaptation plans.	MCC to have regard. Guidelines & resources will be considered within the assessment, where appropriate. These aspects will be considered and incorporated into the Draft CDP.
2	Louth County Council (LCC)	No observations on the Draft Scoping.	N/A
3	Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine (DAFM)	Legislation, Plans & Policies - Foreshore Act 1933-2011 - Aquaculture Act 1997-2006 - SEA Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 & Sea Fisheries Regulations - Fisheries Natura Plans & Declarations - National Seafood Operational Programme & National Strategic Plan for Aquaculture 2014-2020 - Food Harvest 2020 - Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth - Shellfish Waters Directive 2006/113/EC - Classified Shellfish Production areas - National Climate Change Adaption Framework Issues for Consideration - Potential impacts on the marine environmental quality. - Potential impacts on the microbiological quality of shellfish. - Potential impacts on human health. - Potential impacts on commercially important fish and shellfish stocks and licenced aquaculture sites. - Potential impacts on freshwater aquaculture operations. - Future designations of areas of importance to the aquaculture and fisheries sectors. - Relevant EU and national legislations. Potential Impacts - Major land-use changes - can impact marine life. - Safe high quality water standards should be met. - Seafood processing sector - requires reliable water supply. - Protect designated shellfish waters. Marine Data	MCC to have regard. Legislation, Plans and Policies will be considered within the assessment, where appropriate. These aspects will be considered and incorporated into the Draft CDP.

No.	Stakeholder	Summary of Submission	Comment
		- Designated shellfish waters. - Classified shellfish production areas. - Marine Institute website. - Marine Strategy Framework Directive. Consult with - DAFM - policies and plans. - Sea Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA). - Marine Institute - Fisheries & Marine Environment. - BIM (Bord Iascaigh Mhara) - Seafood Development Agency. - Regional & local action groups.	
4	Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) under Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment (DCCAE)	Geoheritage - IGH sites. - County Geological Sites on the Geological Survey Public Data Online Viewer. - Audit for County Meath was carried out in 2007 and later revised in 2009. Groundwater - Groundwater Programme provides advice and maps about groundwater quality, quantity and distribution. - GSI monitors groundwater nationwide. - Flood Risk Management - need to identify areas for integrated constructed wetlands. - Recommends using the GSI's National Aquifer and Recharge maps on our Map viewer to this end. Geohazards - GSI has information available on past landslides, for viewing on our website and as a layer on our Map Viewer. - Landslide Susceptibility Mapping and GW Flood Groundwater Flooding. Geothermal Energy - Ireland has widespread shallow geothermal resources for small and medium-scale heating applications, which can be explored online through GSI's Geothermal Suitability maps for both domestic and commercial use. Natural Resources (Minerals / Aggregates) - GSI highlights the consideration of mineral resources and potential resources as a material asset which should be explicitly recognised within the environmental assessment process. - Government of Ireland "Building Ireland 2040" plan, understanding of aggregate source and supply will be important. - GSI encourage reference to aggregate quality and quantity in the CDP. Meath has one of the largest Zinc mines in Europe and it contributes significantly to the local economy of Navan, the role of mining and natural resource extraction should be included.	MCC to have regard. Resources will be considered within the assessment, where appropriate. These aspects will be considered and incorporated into the Draft CDP.

No.	Stakeholder	Summary of Submission	Comment
		- GSI provides data, maps, interpretations and advice on matters related to minerals, their use and their development in our Minerals section of the website. Other Comments - GSI is the national earth science agency and has datasets on Bedrock Geology, Quaternary Geology, Geological Heritage Sites, Mineral deposits, Groundwater Resources and the Irish Seabed.	

3.5 SEA Environmental Report (Stage 3) Current Stage

Stage 3 forms the main written output of the SEA process, the SEA Environmental Report. Consultation submissions from Stage 2 have been taken into consideration at this Stage.

Stage 3 was undertaken in a number of phases, as set out in Table 3.4 below.

Table 3.4: SEA Assessment Stage

Assessment Stage	Description
Consultation & Baseline	Information gathered during the SEA Scoping Stage was collated and expanded upon. This included a review of the findings of the consultation submissions received during the Scoping stage.
Policies, Plans & Programmes Review	A review of relevant national and regional policies, plans and programmes was undertaken both to identify the key environmental issues, to ensure that the objectives set out in the CDP meet the requirements of all relevant plans and policies.
Strategic Environmental Objectives (SEOs)	The environmental objectives outlined in the Scoping Report were finalised.
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Using the environmental objectives, the assessment of the potential significant effects associated with the CDP (objectives, projects and alternatives to the Plan) was undertaken.
Mitigation Measures	Based on this assessment, and the potential environmental impacts, mitigation and recommendations have been proposed.
Monitoring	The final step is the development of the SEA monitoring framework.

3.5.1 Consultation on the Draft County Development Plan and SEA Environmental Report

In line with SEA Regulations, the Draft CDP, together with this SEA Environmental Report, and Natura Impact Report (NIR) is being made available to the public and the stakeholders.

3.6 SEA Statement (Stage 4)

During the following stage of the SEA process (Stage 4), MCC will publish a SEA Statement alongside the final adopted Meath County Development Plan, (together with an updated Environmental Report and Natura Impact Report) setting out how the SEA and any consultation responses have influenced the Final CDP.

3.7 Appropriate Assessment (AA)

In addition to compliance with the SEA Directive, the preparation and implementation of the Draft CDP must meet the provisions of Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) for the requirement for AA.

The outcome of this *Screening Stage* was that it was determined¹⁰ that due to the types of development that could arise as a result of implementing the CDP, that significant effects could not be ruled out and that the Plan would need further assessment during its preparation. At the time of *Screening* the Plan, the detail of the development objectives and settlement plans were not known so the screening was undertaken in a precautionary and strategic manner.

The Draft CDP has been subject to “*Stage 2 AA*” as required by Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and a NIR has been prepared to accompany the Draft CDP and Draft SEA Environmental Report on public display.

3.8 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)

The Draft CDP is subject to a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) in accordance with the requirements of *The Planning System and Flood Risk Assessment Guidelines for Planning Authorities*¹¹.

The SFRA will address the issues of assessment and management of flood risk and surface water in the Plan area and assist MCC in making an informed strategic land-use planning decisions.

3.9 SEA Guidance

The SEA Environmental Report will reflect the requirements of Directive 2001/42/EC *on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment* (the SEA Directive) and the national implementing legislation, S.I. No. 436 of 2004, as amended by Regulations S.I. No. 201 of 2011, and the PDR 2001, as amended

The following principal sources of guidance were used in the SEA process including in the preparation of the Environmental Report:

- Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment.
- Statutory Instrument (S.I.) No. 436 of 2004 - Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004.
- S.I. No. 201 of 2011 - Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2011.
- Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.
- Guidance on Implementation of Directive 2001/42/EC, European Commission, 2004. (http://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/eia/pdf/030923_sea_guidance.pdf)
- SEA of Local Authority Land Use Plans - EPA Recommendations and Resources. EPA, Updated 2018.
- SEA Pack. EPA, Updated 2018.
- SEA Spatial Information Sources Inventory. EPA, June 2019.
- SEA Resource Manual for Local and Regional Planning Authorities. EPA, 2013.
- EPA Mapping. Environmental Mapping / Geographical Information System (GIS) tools are available at: <http://gis.epa.ie/SeeMaps>
- EPA Water and Air Quality Reports at: <http://www.epa.ie/monitoringassessment/>

¹⁰ Under Section 177U, Part XAB, Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

¹¹ Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government: <https://www.opw.ie/en/media/Planning%20Guidelines%20-%20FRM%20-%20Nov%202009.pdf>

- EPA Ireland's Environment – An Assessment 2016 (with updated data from 2017), at <https://www.epa.ie/irelandsenvironment/stateoftheenvironmentreport/>
- SEA Spatial Information Sources at: <http://www.epa.ie/pubs/advice/ea/>
- Developing and Assessing Alternatives in Strategic Environmental Assessment - Good Practice Guidance (<http://erc.epa.ie/safer/iso19115/displayISO19115.jsp?isoID=3046>)
- Integrating Climate Change into Strategic Environmental Assessment in Ireland - A Guidance Note. EPA, 2015.
- Climate Action Plan 2019, To Tackle Climate Breakdown. Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment, 2019.
- Circular Letter PL 9/2013: Article 8 (Decision Making) of EU Directives 2001/42/EC on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as amended. Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, 2013.
- Circular Letter PSSP 6/2011: Further Transposition of EU Directive 2001/42/EC on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, 2011.
- Circular Letter SEA 1/08 & NPWS 1/08: Appropriate Assessment of Land Use Plans. Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, 2008.
- Integrated Biodiversity Impact Assessment - Streamlining AA, SEA and EIA Processes: Practitioner's Manual. Strive Report Series No. 106. Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, 2013.
- Guidance on Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity into Strategic Environmental Assessment. European Commission 2013.
- Managing Natura 2000 Sites - The provisions of Article 6 of the 'Habitats' Directive 92/43/EEC. European Commission, 2000, at: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/docs/art6/provision_of_art6_en.pdf
- Assessment of plans and projects significantly affecting Natura 2000 sites - Methodological guidance on the provisions of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC. European Commission, 2002, at: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/docs/art6/natura_2000_asses_s_en.pdf
- Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland. National Parks and Wildlife Service, 2009, at: http://www.npws.ie/publications/archive/NPWS_2009_AA_Guidance.pdf

4 Review of Relevant Policies, Plans & Programmes

4.1 Planning Hierarchy

The County Development Plan (CDP) will be framed within a hierarchy of other plans and programmes which range from International to County level. Development Plans are formed by International, National and Regional level policy guidelines. This hierarchy of plans, programmes, policies, strategies, *etc.* sets the legislative and policy framework by which the County Development Plan must be formulated. The International, National and Regional policies play a central role in establishing higher level agendas and the county level plan objectives.

The Meath CDP 2020-2026 is required to have regard to the objectives of these higher levels plans, in particular the regional level plans, to a county level basis. A review of higher level plans / programmes will be undertaken as will key environmental legislation which informs the environmental protection policies contained within the plan.

4.2 Interaction with Other Relevant Plans and Programmes

Table 4.1 and Table 4.2 below provide a working list of the principal plans and programmes influencing the formulation of the CDP policy, either directly or through European, National and / or County level policy.

Table 4.1: Relevant National Plans and Programmes

National & Regional Plans and Programmes	
National Planning Framework (NPF) Project 2040	Sectoral Climate Change Adaption Strategies and Low Carbon Roadmaps
Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2019-2031 for the Eastern Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA)	The Traffic and Transport Assessment Guidelines (2007) and any updated / superseding documents and any forthcoming guidelines in relation to street design and cycling facilities
Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area 2010-2022	Transport 21, as superseded by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform document titled Infrastructure and Capital Investment 2012-2016
Ireland's Environment - An Assessment 2016	Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines (2012)
National Mitigation Plan 2017	Spatial Planning and National Roads (2012)
National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020	National Policy Framework Alternative Fuels Infrastructure for Transport In Ireland 2017 To 2030
Our Sustainable Future - A Framework for Sustainable Development for Ireland (2012)	Smarter Travel, A Sustainable Transport Future, A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009-2020
Delivering Homes, Sustaining Communities (2007)	Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035
Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness - 2016	Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2013)
National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021	Ireland's First National Cycle Policy Framework 2009
Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth An Integrated Marine Plan for Ireland	Eastern Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021
Fisheries Natura Plans	The National Renewable Energy Action Plan

National & Regional Plans and Programmes	
National Strategic Plan for Aquaculture Development 2014- 2020	National Energy Efficiency Action Plan
National Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme	Grid Implementation Plan 2017-2022 for the Electricity Transmission System in Ireland (EIRGRID)
National River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) for Ireland	National Greenway Strategy
The Planning System and Flood Risk Management (2009)	National Broadband Plan
Eastern CFRAM Study	National Landscape Strategy
Water Services Strategic Plan / Capital Investment Programme (Irish Water)	National Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2014-2020
National Climate Change Adaptation Framework 2012	National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture Development
Climate Action Plan 2019, To Tackle Climate Breakdown	Heritage Ireland 2030
National Policy Position on Climate Action and Low Carbon Development	Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2011)
Food Harvest 2020 / FoodWise 2025	

Table 4.2: Relevant Local Plans and Programmes

Local Plans and Programmes	
Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019	County Meath Biodiversity Action Plan 2015-2020
Meath County Council Corporate Plan	County Meath Heritage Plan 2015-2020
Action Plan for Jobs - Mid East Region	Boyne Valley Food Strategy
Meath Economic Development Strategy 2014-2022	Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy 2016-2020
Meath Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021	Healthy Meath Strategy 2019-2021
Meath Climate Action Strategy 2018	

Furthermore, there is a legislative framework for the protection of the environment and our natural resources. Where relevant these aspect will be referenced and discussed in terms of their inclusion in the process of preparing the Draft CDP. Table 4.3 below provides a list of the principle legislative framework.

Table 4.3: Legislative Framework

Legislative Framework	
Planning and Development Act 2000-2019	Environmental Noise Directive (2002/49/EC)
Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2019	Environmental Liability Directive (2004/35/EC)
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (2001/42/EEC)	Fourth Daughter Directive (2004/107/EC)
Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (2011/92/EU, as amended by 2014/52/EU)	Renewable Energy Directive (2009/28/EC) & EU Directive 2001/77/EC
Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC)	European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats Regulations) 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011)

Legislative Framework	
Birds Directive (2009/147/EC) on the Conservation of Wild Birds, 1979	Renewable Energies in the 21 st Century: Building a More Sustainable Future
Water Framework Directive (WFD) (2000/60/EC)	EU 2020 climate and energy package
Groundwater Directive (2006/118/EC)	EU Renewable Energy Road Map
Flood Directive (2007/60/EC)	European Landscape Convention 2000
Bathing Water Directive (2006/7/EC)	Wildlife Acts 1976-2000
Shellfish Waters Directive (2006/113/EC)	The Water Services Act (2007 & 2013)
Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC)	Foreshore Act 1933-2011
Urban Wastewater Directive (91/271/EEC)	Aquaculture Act 1997-2006
Drinking Water Directive (98/83/EC)	Sea Fisheries & Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006
Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC)	The National Monuments Act 1930-2004
EU Landfill Directive (1999/31/EC)	Roads Act 1993, as amended

5 Environmental Baseline

5.1 Introduction

Baseline data assists in assessing the current state of the environment, facilitating the identification, evaluation and subsequent monitoring of the effects of the Plan. Thus, this information creates a platform whereby existing issues relevant to the Meath CDP area can be quantified, where possible, or qualified thereby ensuring that the implementation of Meath CDP does not exacerbate identifiable problems.

Baseline data was collected for the various environmental receptors described in the SEA Directive *i.e.* **biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climate factors, material assets, cultural heritage** including **architectural and archaeological heritage and landscape**. An overview of the various receptors and the issues of concern raised at the initial public consultation phase of the Plan's preparation is provided in this Environmental Report.

A *Strategic Issues Paper* prepared by MCC and outlining the relevant items for discussion prior to the formulation of the Plan also informs the issues to be considered in the CDP. This document was made available to the public during the initial consultation phase of the Plan's preparation. All submissions received were reviewed. Some of the issues raised are outlined here.

The SEA Directive requires that information is provided on '*any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the Plan or programme*'. Information is therefore provided on existing environmental problems which are relevant to the Plan, thus helping to ensure that the Plan does not exacerbate any existing environmental problems in the study area.

The headings provided are in accordance with the legislative requirements of the SEA Directive. An emphasis is placed on the strategic elements of each aspect and where potentially relevant to the CDP. The topics addressed are:

- Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna);
- Population & Human Health;
- Soil and Geology;
- Water Quality;
- Air, Noise and Climate;
- Material Assets;
- Cultural Heritage;
- Landscape; and
- Interaction and Cumulative Impacts.

5.2 Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna)

Biodiversity plays a significant role in the provision of clean air, water, healthy soils and food as well as visually contributing to a plan area with its natural beauty and heritage. The natural heritage of County Meath is an important asset and a unique resource.

Habitat biodiversity in County Meath is focused around the Boyne and Blackwater rivers as well as along the short coastline which supports a wide range of rare / threatened flora and fauna species. Protecting and conserving these habitats is critically important, not just to the residents of the County but also in a national and international context.

5.2.1 Designated European Sites

Within the County, there are a number of areas designated for protection under the Natura 2000 network. Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) are legally protected under the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and are selected for the conservation of Annex I habitats and Annex II species. Special Protection Areas (SPAs) are protected under the European Union Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds 2009/147/EC.

All designated European Sites located within County Meath are listed in Table 5.1 below. Designated European Sites within 15km of the county boundary are also within the zone of Zone of Influence (Zoi) of the Meath CDP.

There are a further 13 No. SPAs and 15 No. SACs within the Zoi of the Meath CDP listed in Table 5.1 below.

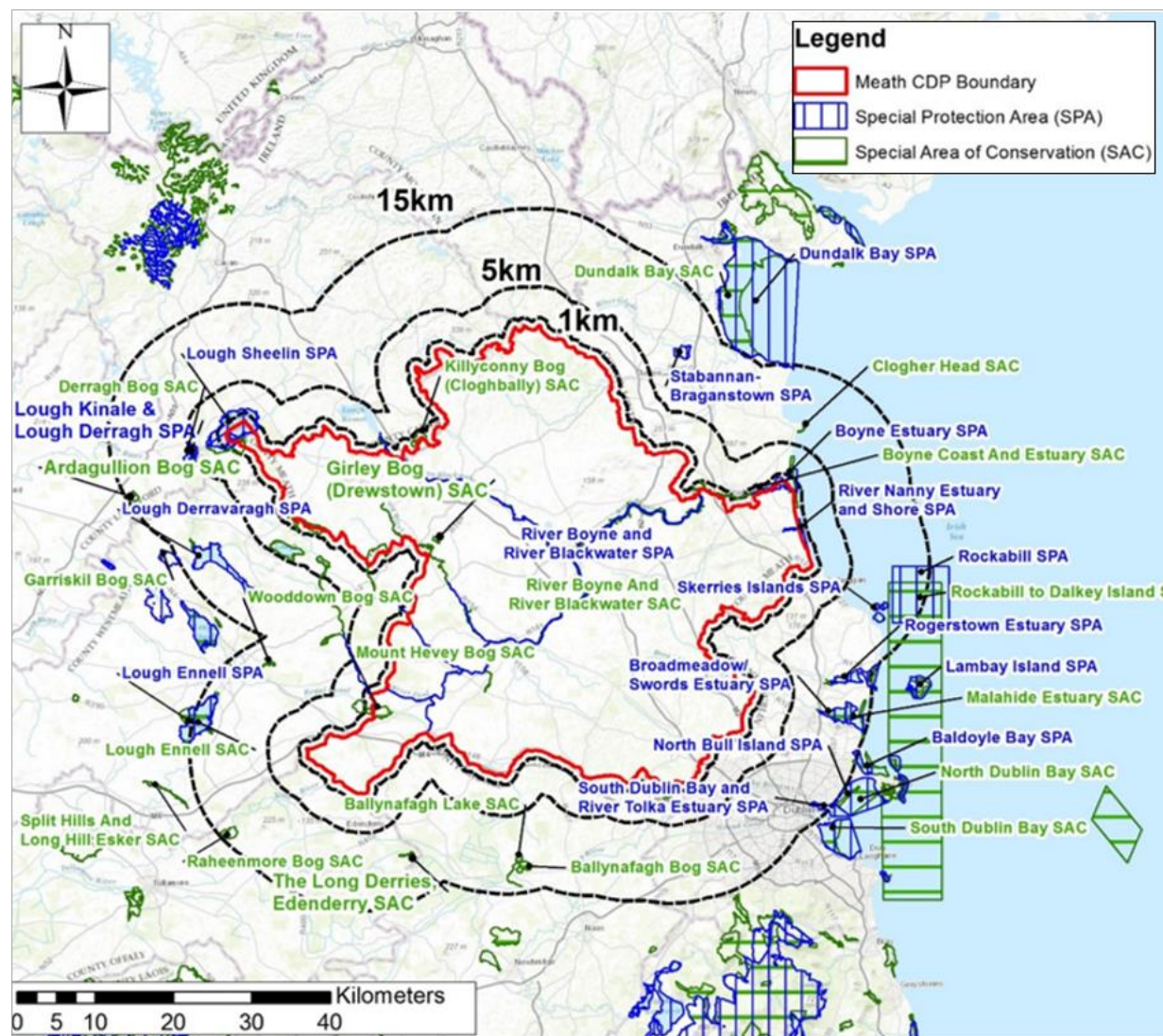
Table 5.1: European Sites located in County Meath and within a 15km buffer of the County Boundary

European Sites in County Meath			
Site Code	Special Protection Area (SPA)	Site Code	Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
004232	River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA	002299	River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC
004065	Lough Sheelin SPA	002342	Mount Hevey Bog SAC
004080	Boyne Estuary SPA	000006	Killyconny Bog (Cloghbally) SAC
004158	River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA	002340	Moneybeg & Clareisland Bogs SAC
		002120	Lough Bane and Lough Glass SAC
		002203	Girley (Drewstown) Bog SAC
		001957	Boyne Coast and Estuary SAC
		001398	Rye Water Valley / Carton SAC
		001810	White Lough, Ben Loughs & Lough Doo SAC
European Sites within a 15km buffer of the County Boundary			
Site Code	Special Protection Area (SPA)	Site Code	Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
004061	Lough Kinale and Derragh Lough SPA	002341	Ardagullion Bog SAC
004043	Lough Derraghvarragh SPA	002121	Lough Lene SAC
004102	Garriskill Bog SPA	000679	Garriskil Bog SAC
004044	Lough Ennell SPA	000582	Raheenmore Bog SAC
004006	North Bull Island SPA	000685	Lough Ennell SAC
004024	South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA	000925	The Long Derries, Edenderry SAC
004016	Baldoyle Bay SPA	000391	Ballynafagh Bog SAC
004025	Malahide Estuary SPA	001387	Ballynafagh Lake SAC
004015	Rogerstown Estuary SPA	000206	North Dublin Bay SAC
004122	Skerries Islands SPA	000199	Baldoyle Bay SAC
004014	Rockabill SPA	000205	Malahide Estuary SAC
004091	Stabannan-Braganstown SPA	000208	Rogerstown Estuary SAC
004026	Dundalk Bay SPA	003000	Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC
		001459	Clogher Head SAC

European Sites in County Meath			
		000455	Dundalk Bay SAC

Figure 5.1 below shows all the designated European Sites in County Meath and in the surrounding ZOI.

Figure 5.1: European Sites in County Meath and in the Surrounding ZOI¹²



Conservation objectives for SACs and SPAs have been set for the habitats and species for which the sites have been selected. Site specific detailed conservation objectives are available on the National Parks and Wildlife (NPWS) website¹³. Any potential for impact on European Sites will be fully addressed in the NIR that will accompany the Draft Meath CDP and this SEA Environment Report on public display.

5.2.2 Nationally Designated Sites

Nationally Designated Sites include Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) which are legally protected areas that are considered important for their habitats or which holds species of plants and animals whose habitat needs protection. Proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs) are also of significance for wildlife and habitats but have not yet been statutorily designated. However, under the Wildlife Amendment Act (2000) NHAs are legally

¹² Source: Natura Impact Report (NIR), Scott Cawley 2019

¹³ NPWS website 2019: <https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/conservation-management-planning/conservation-objectives>

protected from damage from the date they are formally proposed for designation¹⁴. Further protection can be afforded to these areas by including appropriate protective measures in the Meath CDP.

See Table 5.2 below for the NHAs and pHNAs located in County Meath and within a 15km buffer of the County boundary.

Table 5.2: Natural Heritage Areas located in County Meath and within a 15km buffer of the County Boundary

Natural Heritage Areas in County Meath			
Site Code	Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs)	Site Code	Proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs)
001324	Jamestown Bog NHA	000006	Killyconny Bog (Cloghbally)
001580	Girley Bog NHA	000987	Lough Sheelin
001582	Molerick Bog NHA	001814	Lough Naneagh
002342	Mount Hevey Bog	001573	Ballynabarny Fen
		001810	White Lough, Ben Loughs and Lough Doo
		000556	Lough Shesk
		002103	Royal Canal
		001398	Rye Water Valley / Carton
		001357	Trim Wetlands
		000557	Rathmoylan Esker
		001592	Boyne Woods
		000553	Crewbane Marsh
		001589	Rossnaree Riverbank
		001593	Thomastown Bog
		001578	Duleek Commons
		001579	Balrath Woods
		001576	Cromwell's Bush Fen
		000554	Laytown Dunes / Nanny Estuary
		001957	Boyne Coast and Estuary
		001861	Dowth Wetland
		001862	Boyne River Islands
		001587	Mentrim Lough
		000552	Corstown Loughs
		001594	Ballyhoe Lough
		001558	Breakey Loughs
		001804	King Williams Glen
		001591	Slane Riverbank

¹⁴ NPWS website 2019: <https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/nha>

Natural Heritage Areas within a 15km buffer of the County Boundary			
Site Code	Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs)	Site Code	Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs)
000985	Lough Kinale and Derragh Lough	000570	Black Castle Bog
000684	Lough Derravaragh	001388	Carbury Bog
000694	Wooddown Bog	001393	Hodgestown Bog
002323	Milltownpass Bog	001218	Skerries Islands NHA
000677	Cloncrow Bog (New Forest)	002341	Ardagullion Bog

Proposed Natural Heritage Areas within a 15km buffer of the County Boundary			
Site Code	Proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs)	Site Code	Proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs)
001203	Knock Lake	000582	Raheenmore Bog
001204	Bog of the Ring	000685	Lough Ennell
002000	Loughshinny Coast	000690	Lough Sheever Fen/ Slevin's Lough Complex
000207	Rockabill Island	000679	Garriskil Bog
001616	Louth Hall and Ardee Woods	000672	Aghalasty Fen
004091	Strabannan- Braganstown	000686	Lough Gloire
001856	Dunany Point	000681	Hill of Mael and the Rock of Curry
001801	Barmeath Woods	000992	Lough Gowna
001454	Ardee Cutaway Bog	000008	Lough Ramor
001805	Melifont Abbey Woods	001608	Monalty Lough
001293	Blackhall Woods	001671	Spring and Corcrin Lough
000208	Rogerstown Estuary	001828	Reaghstown Marsh
000205	Malahide Estuary	000560	Lough Fea Demesne
001208	Feltrim Hill	000561	Lough Naglack
000199	Baldoyle Bay	002077	Nafarty Fen
000178	Santry Demesne	001721	Lough Bane
000206	North Dublin Bay	001459	Clogher Head
000128	Liffey Valley	001458	Castlecoo Hill
000390	Ballina Bog	000978	Cordonaghy Bog
001391	Donadea Wood	001599	Creevy Lough
001387	Ballynafagh Lake	001461	Darver Castle Woods
000391	Ballynafagh Bog	000991	Dodder Valley
002104	Grand Canal	001212	Lugmore Glen
000925	The Long Derries, Edenderry	000211	Slade of Saggart and Crooksling Glen
001462	Drumcah, Toprass and Cortial Loughs	000690	Lough Sheever Fen / Slevin's Lough Complex
000455	Dundalk Bay	001215	Portrane Shore
001806	Kildemock Marsh	001803	Stephenstown Pond

Proposed Natural Heritage Areas within a 15km buffer of the County Boundary			
Site Code	Proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs)	Site Code	Proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs)
		001763	Sluice River Marsh

5.2.3 Statutory Nature Reserves

Other nature conservation designations are Statutory Nature Reserves, which are protected under Ministerial order.

In January 2019 the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht published notice of making Statutory Instrument (S.I. No. 602 of 2018) under section 16 of the Wildlife Act established the first Nature Reserve in County Meath at Newcastle Lough. The reason for recognising the land as nature reserve is the presence of lake, reed bed, wet grassland and woodland habitats and an associated diversity of flora and fauna.

5.2.4 National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBAP)

The *National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBAP)* for Ireland provides a framework for government, civil society and private sectors to track and assess progress towards Ireland's Vision for Biodiversity over a five-year timeframe from 2017 to 2021. When developing the Meath CDP, it is important to consider measures to enhance ecological biodiversity as outlined in the NBAP 2017-2021. NBAP targets relevant to the Plan are listed below:

- enhance appreciation of the value of biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- optimise opportunities under agriculture and rural development, forestry and other relevant policies to benefit biodiversity;
- aim to reduce principal pollutant pressures on terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity;
- optimise benefits for biodiversity in Flood Risk Management Planning and drainage schemes;
- promote the control of non-native invasive species; and
- promote sustainability in the aquaculture industry.

The *Meath Biodiversity Action Plan (MBAP) 2015-2020* was prepared to address the way in which wildlife resources of the County, including native plants, animals and the ecosystems, will be managed and protected over the five year period of the Plan. This plan shares the goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the NBAP, and translates them into actions at County level. The MBAP sets out the following objectives:

- **Objective 1:** To raise awareness of biodiversity in Meath, its value and the issues facing it.
- **Objective 2:** To better understand the biodiversity of Meath.
- **Objective 3:** To conserve and enhance habitats and species in Meath, taking account of national and local priorities.

5.2.5 Ramsar Sites

Ramsar sites are wetlands of international importance designated under the Ramsar Convention. There are no Ramsar sites located in County Meath. However, relevant authorities are expected to manage their Ramsar Sites so as to maintain their ecological character and retain their essential functions and values for future generations. The nearest Ramsar Site to County Meath is Lough Derravaragh, which is less than 10km south-west of the County boundary in County Westmeath.

5.2.6 Ecological Networks and Connectivity

Article 10 of the Habitats Directive recognises the importance of ecological networks as corridors and stepping stones for wildlife, including for migration, dispersal and genetic exchange of species of flora and fauna. The Directive requires that ecological connectivity and areas of ecological value outside the Natura 2000 network

of designated ecological sites are maintained and it recognises the need for the management of these areas through land use planning and development policies. Ecological networks are important in connecting areas of local biodiversity with each other and with nearby designated sites so as to prevent islands of habitat from being isolated entities.

Ecological networks are important in connecting areas of local biodiversity with each other and with nearby designated sites so as to prevent islands of habitat from being isolated entities. They are composed of linear features, such as treelines, hedgerows and rivers / streams which provide corridors or stepping stones for wildlife species moving within their normal range.

Ecological corridors are important for the migration, dispersal and genetic exchange of species, particularly for mammals, bats and small birds and facilitate linkages both between and within designated ecological sites, non-designated surrounding countryside and the more urban areas of the County.

Woodlands in Meath tend to be small and fragmented and are more frequent near rivers, particularly along the lower stretches of the River Boyne. The most abundant native woodland habitat type in the County is Oak-Ash-Hazel woodland (WN2) reflecting the limestone derived soils. A large proportion of the County's woodlands are parklands associated with historic demesnes.

Hedgerows are perhaps the most characteristic feature of the County's landscape and provide an important habitat for many species and act as a wildlife corridor in a landscape dominated by large tracts of intensive agriculture.

The County contains significant stretches of both operational and derelict waterways including the River Boyne, River Blackwater, River Nanny, River Delvin, River Inney, River Broadmeadow and the Royal Canal.

The Regional Planning Guidelines 2016-2022 recommend the development of a Green Infrastructure approach at all levels in the planning system and the preparation of Green Infrastructure Strategies at County level. The Council has commenced the preparation of a Green Infrastructure Strategy, in accordance with international best practice and emerging national guidance.

5.2.7 Invasive Species

Invasive species constitute a threat to biodiversity and eco-systems and can have economic costs. In Ireland, there are currently 377 recorded non-native species and 342 non-native '*potential Invaders*', 66% are considered to have a low impact risk, 21% to have a medium impact risk and 13% have a high impact risk. The majority of invasive species in Ireland are plants, however, there is potential for rising trends of invasive vertebrate and invertebrate species¹⁵.

Invasive alien species can negatively impact on native species, transform habitats and threaten whole ecosystems causing serious problems to the environment and the economy. They may in certain cases pose a threat to human safety. There is potential for the spread of invasive species during excavation and construction works and for such species to be introduced into the environment via spreading from private gardens, boat users, horticulture etc. e.g. Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam.

To date, an invasive species audits have been carried out along the River Boyne and it is an objective of the MBAP to continue to monitor alien invasive species in the County and ensure adequate training is carried out to contain, manage and effectively dispose of such species.

¹⁵ O'Flynn, C., Kelly, J. and Lysaght, L. (2014). Ireland's invasive and non-native species—trends in introductions. National Biodiversity Data Centre Series No. 2.

5.2.8 Biodiversity Issues

Ireland is currently experiencing a decline in floral and faunal populations. Implementation of measures to achieve the requirements of the Habitats Directive and the objectives of the WFD are likely to benefit protected sites in the future. There is a potential to impact on the integrity of the Natura 2000 sites found in County Meath, see Section 5.2.1 above.

Certain developments and activities associated with agricultural activities, afforestation, urban developments, windfarms, quarries, tourism and recreation, peat extraction, commercial fishing, ports, coastal and fluvial flood defence schemes as well as a wide range of infrastructural works (including road works, water abstraction and wastewater disposal) that are located within, or close to, ecologically sensitive sites can give rise to significant environmental pressures. Within Meath, the protection of waterways, wetlands and coastal areas and the avoidance of the spread of invasive species are major issues.

Plants species such as Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*), Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*), Zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*) and Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*), can be found in several locations in Meath. Problems associated with these species include:

- loss of biodiversity as native species are shaded out;
- increased erosion as it stops plant growth beneath it in the summer and dies back in winter leaving bare river banks open to erosion;
- infrastructure damage since it can grow through tarmac, walls, pipework and even concrete;
- expensive and time consuming to eradicate;
- Giant Hogweed is a health hazard; and
- reduced access to riverbanks.

With regard to European Sites, the main potential impacts types predicted are listed below:

- **Direct** habitat Loss within European sites (*e.g.* roads and other development occurring on undeveloped sites, coastal protection works).
- **Indirect** effects on the ecological networks supporting European sites (*e.g.* roads and other linear developments forming barriers to movements of mobile species or loss of sites that support an overall population of species).
- **Indirect** threat to quality including changes to surface and groundwater quality and volumes (*e.g.* wastewater treatment plants, septic tanks, changes to agricultural drainage, changes to flood regime).
- **Direct / indirect** disturbance of sensitive habitats / species (*e.g.* recreation at coastal sites, riverside walkways *etc.*).
- **Direct / indirect** threats to European sites by invasive species. (*e.g.* landscaping, forestry, urbanization).

5.3 Population & Human Health

5.3.1 Population

The administrative area of Meath covers an area of over 230,000 hectares (ha) and is the second largest county in Leinster. It shares its boundary with counties, Dublin, Louth, Monaghan, Cavan, Westmeath, Offaly and Kildare. The 2016 Census results showed that the population for County Meath was 195,044¹⁶ persons, an increase of 5.9% from the 2011 Census (184,135 persons)¹⁷. This accounts for 4.09% of the national population of 4,761,865 persons.

¹⁶ 2016 Census: http://census.cso.ie/sapmap2016/Results.aspx?Geog_Type=CTY31&Geog_Code=2AE19629149413A3E055000000000001

¹⁷ 2011 Census: <http://census.cso.ie/areaprofiles/PDF/CTY/meath.pdf>

The total population increase over the 10 year period 2006-2016 was 32,213 persons, which equates to a 19.8% increase. This was the third highest growth rate recorded in the Eastern and Midland Region (EMR) behind Laois (26.3%) and Fingal (23.3%).

In 2016 there were 2,328,517 people living in the EMR. The population of Meath accounted for 8.4% of the regional population at this time. The Eastern Strategic Planning Area, which consists of the counties of Meath, Kildare, Louth, and Wicklow, had a population of 688,857 in 2016, 28.3% of whom resided in Meath.

The population of the urban areas is increasing at a higher rate than rural areas, with an 8.9% increase recorded in aggregate town areas in comparison to a 1.9% increase recorded in aggregate rural areas between 2011 and 2016¹⁸. This has resulted in the proportion of the total population residing in urban areas increasing by 1.6%, from 57% to 58.6% between 2011 and 2016. The proportion of the population living in rural areas has fallen from 43% to 41.4% during the same period.

The influence of Dublin on settlement growth remains apparent with commuter based settlements in the south and south-east of the County (including Ashbourne, the East Meath Settlements, and Enfield) experiencing the highest levels of population growth. In 2016, Ashbourne was the fastest growing town in the County (south-east of the County, closest to Dublin) as the population increasing by 11.7% to 12,679. This was twice the rate of growth recorded in Navan, which increased its population by 5.7% to 30,173.

Figure 5.2 below indicates the population density per square kilometre (km²) in County Meath. The highest growth levels were primarily experienced in the east and south-east of the County. Trim also experienced high levels of growth whilst there was also strong localised growth to the south-west of Kells.

¹⁸ The census defines 'Aggregate Town Areas' as settlements with a population of 1,500 persons or more. 'Aggregate Rural Areas' refers to the population outside of 'Aggregate Town Areas'.

Figure 5.2: Population Density per km² in County Meath¹⁹

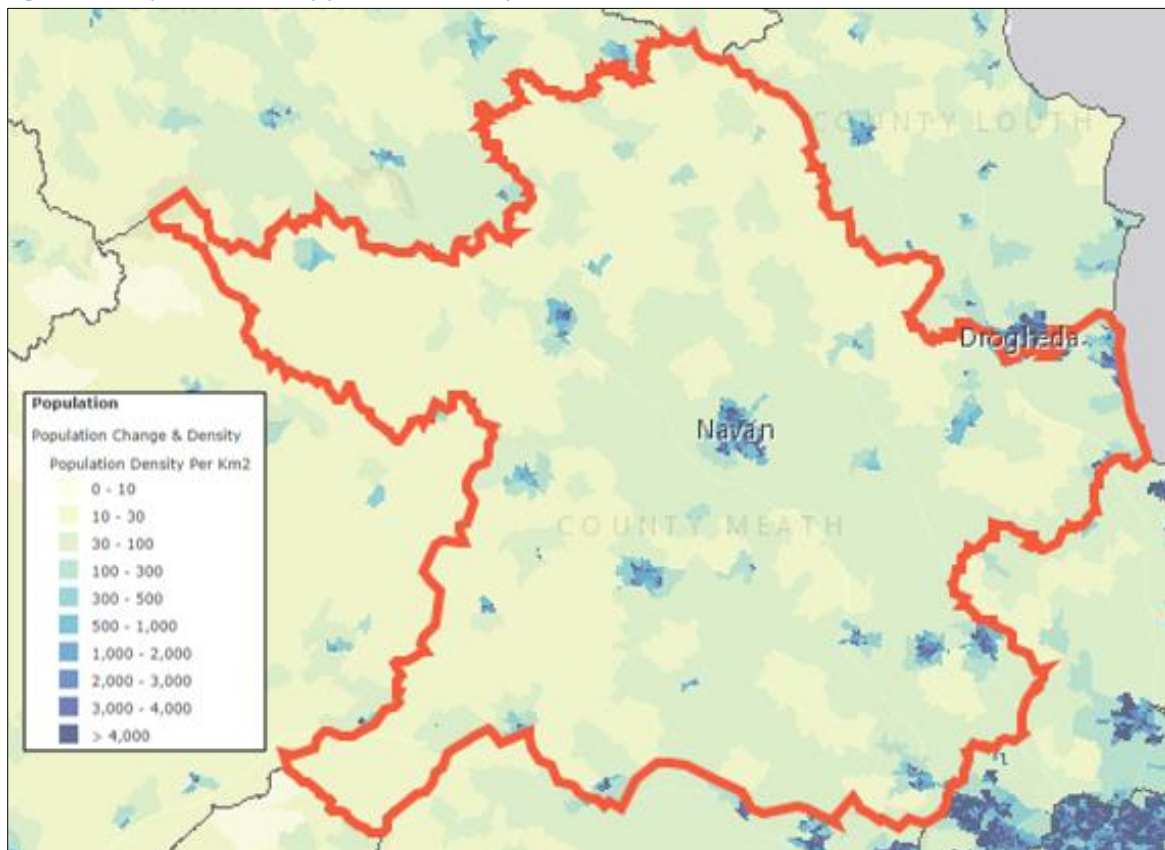
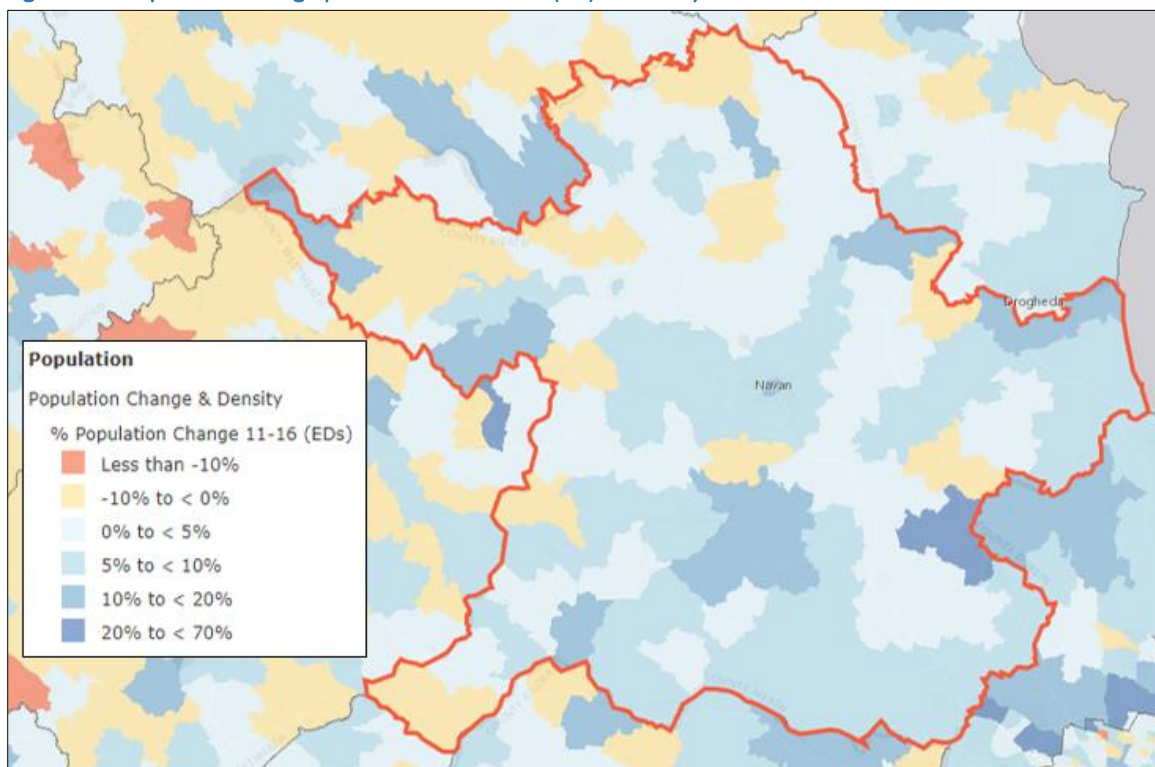


Figure 5.3 below shows the population change per electoral division (ED) in Meath, between 2011 and 2016, which provides a clear indication of the distribution of population within the County.

The darker blue tones depicts the highest levels of growth (between 10% to <70%). The highest growth levels were primarily experienced in the east and south-east of the County.

¹⁹ AIRO 2016 Census Viewer 2019: <http://airomaps.nuim.ie/id/Census2016/>

Figure 5.3: Population change per Electoral Division (ED) in County Meath²⁰



A feature of population change in Meath has been the uneven distribution of growth, with many EDs experiencing moderate population growth while others experiencing decline. The ED 'Navan Rural' recorded the highest numerical growth with an additional 1,460 no. persons or 5.5% increase. This was followed by *St. Mary's* which includes *South Drogheda* and *East Meath* where there were an additional 1,095 no. persons. The EDs of *Donaghmore* (764 additional persons) and *Kilbrew* (610 additional persons) (both of which include the town of Ashbourne), *Ratoath* (521 additional persons) and *Trim Rural* (788 additional persons) also recorded significant growth.

The ED 'Castlejordan' in the south-west of the County bordering Offaly experienced the biggest decline in population with a decrease of 44 persons (-9.34%) resulting in a total population of 427 persons living in the ED in 2016. However, an overall pattern of growth can be seen in most ED's.

The urban centres of Navan, Trim, and Kells recorded the highest densities in 2016, with a concentration of over 2,000 persons per km² in Navan and Trim, and 1,990 persons per km² in Kells.

5.3.1.1 Age Profile

The age structure of a population is influenced by patterns of natural increase and migration. The age structure of the population of County Meath reflects the future housing requirements, school requirements and community services.

The age structure of the population indicates that the County in 2016 has a relatively young population (35.2 years in 2016) in comparison to the State (37.4 years). 83.4% of the population in the County is below the age of 65, which compares with an average of 79.6% for the State.

²⁰ AIRO 2016 Census Viewer 2019: <http://airomaps.nuim.ie/id/Census2016/>

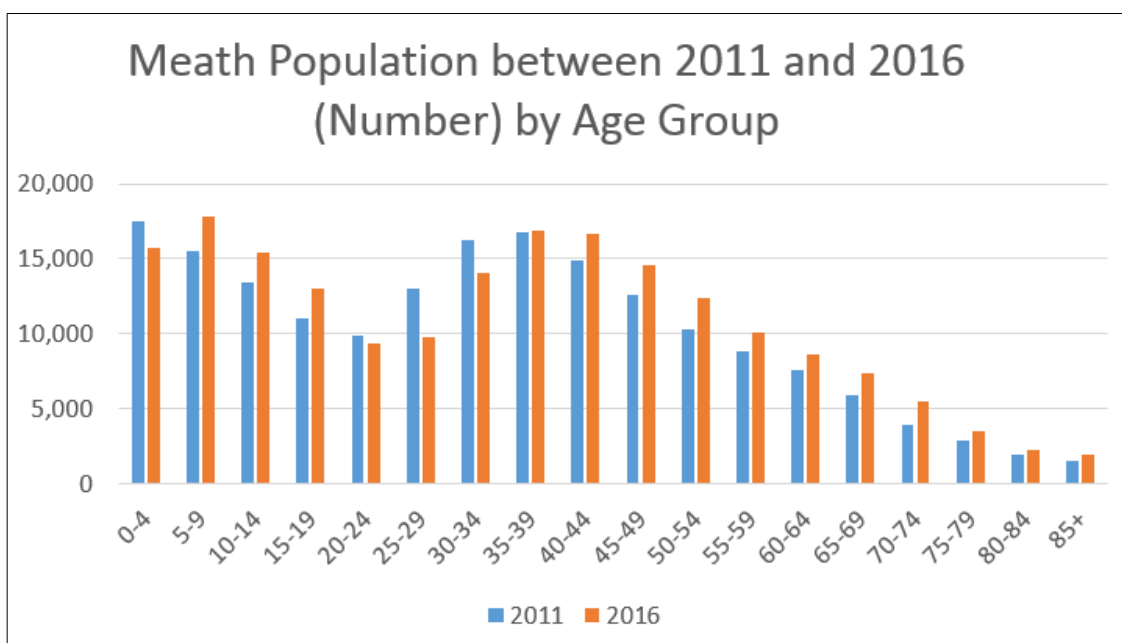
Child dependency²¹ in County Meath is the highest in the State with 39% of the population under the age of 14 in comparison to an average of 32.3% for the State. Old age dependency²² in the County increased from 13.5% in 2011 to 16.6% in 2016. However this remains substantially below the figure for the State, which stood at 20.4%.

Figure 5.4 below shows the number of people within each age cohort for 2011 and 2016.

An overall population increase is evident in almost all age cohorts with the exception of 0-4, 25-29 and 30-34. The drop in the age cohort from 25 to 34 years may be a side effect of the economic downturn and consequent halt in further housing developments. It is likely that the drop in the 0-4 group is attributed to the reduced population within the 25-35 cohort.

The increased numbers in the age cohort of 5 to 19 year olds reflects a more immediate requirements for additional childcare and schools for the younger population. The slight increase in the older populations will also have long-term implications relating to healthcare, social services and transport.

Figure 5.4: Population Change in County Meath between 2011 and 2016²³



5.3.2 Employment & Economy

Currently, there is a major imbalance in Meath between the location of jobs and where people live. In 2016 there was a resident workforce of 82,605 persons in the County while the total number of jobs recorded in the County was 50% of this figure at 41,757.

Navan is the principal employment centre in the County with almost 9,000 jobs located in the town. This equates to 21.5% of the total jobs in the County. Trim is the second largest centre for employment in the County. Ashbourne, South Drogheda and Dunboyne have a solid employment base however relative to the resident workforce in these towns the total number of jobs is quite low.

The settlements with the lowest jobs ratio are in the southern and eastern parts of Meath where there are high volumes of outbound commuting. This includes the East Meath settlements of Bettystown / Laytown / Mornington / Donacarney (Census Town) where the lack of any significant employment base has resulted in

²¹ CSO Census 2016: Persons aged 0-14

²² CSO Census 2016: Persons aged 65+

²³ CSO 2011: <https://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/Statire/SelectVarVal/Define.asp?maintable=CD108&PLanguage=0>

the town developing as a commuter settlement. Ratoath is also a settlement where the population has increased in the absence of any significant economic development.

5.3.2.1 Economic Development Strategy for County Meath 2014-2022

The Economic Development Strategy for County Meath 2014-2022 sets evidence based measures aimed at accelerating the economic transformation, revitalisation and sustainable development of the County. The Strategy contains 8 No. key actions / recommendations designed to achieve the projected level of employment growth in the County by 2022.

The Economic Development Strategy recommends measures to promote County Meath to fulfil its full economic potential and to prosper as a successful, diverse and vibrant social, civic, commercial, and residential centre that will be recognised locally, nationally and internationally as a highly attractive and distinctive location in which to live and conduct business.

5.3.2.2 Rural Economy

The development and maintenance of the rural economy is a complex issue, and one which the government is committed to address. The NPF recognises the *'role rural areas play in driving our economy and our high quality environment'*²⁴ and seeks to encourage and attract entrepreneurship and innovation development in these areas, particularly where low carbon outputs can be achieved.

Currently, the *'Action Plan for Jobs 2017'* the Government has committed to provide up to €60 million in competitive funding over the period to 2020 to support collaborative initiatives. The Government is also committed to the implementation of the Action Plan for Rural Development (2017)

The Meath Local Enterprise Office (LEO) works in conjunction with the National initiatives in providing support to existing businesses and start-ups which includes financial assistance, training, mentoring and management development programmes.

5.3.3 Housing

The availability and supply of housing to meet the required demand is a critical element in maintaining the competitiveness of the County and its attractiveness as a place to live and invest.

As a result of the recession, Ireland saw a dramatic decline in the output of housing, particularly in urban areas where a demand has remained. Following this prolonged period of undersupply there is now a significant demand for housing, which has resulted in increased house prices, rents, and homelessness across the Country. The Government has responded to these challenges with legislative changes and policy initiatives which are intended to stimulate development and increase the supply of housing.

The Planning and Development Act (PDA) places a statutory obligation on planning authorities to ensure that an adequate housing supply and sufficient lands for residential development are provided through the course of the County Development Housing.

According to the Census 2016, there is a total housing stock of 2,003,645 in Ireland. Based on the occupancy status of each property on Census night this can be broken down into four main categories:

- occupied (1.7m or 85.2%);
- temporarily absent (50k or 2.5%);
- vacant (183k or 9.1%); or
- holiday homes (62k or 3.1%).

²⁴ National Planning Framework: <http://npf.ie/wp-content/uploads/Project-Ireland-2040-NPF.pdf>

5.3.3.1 Current Housing Situation in County Meath

The lack of any significant residential development over the past decade has resulted in residential construction lagging behind population growth. This has placed pressure on the existing housing stock, with increased rents, house prices, and homelessness evident within the County and across the region. Housing figures published as part of 2016 Census indicate that in the period 2011-2016 just 952 residential units were constructed in Meath. This represented a 1.4% increase in the housing stock, with the total housing stock in the 2016 Census recorded at 70,649 units, rising from 69,697 in 2011.

The RPGs projected there would be 79,729 households in Meath in 2016, the actual figure was 70,649 units, which was 9,080 units below the allocation. The 2022 projection is 95,458 units, which would represent an increase of 24,809 units above the number of households in 2016.

As the economy continues to recover, housing output in the County is showing signs of normalisation, with year on year increases in the number of completed units. The delivery of housing in the appropriate location and the creation of attractive neighbourhoods with a range of housing options and a strong sense of place and community are key objectives of the CDP.

5.3.3.2 Meath County Housing Strategy

The preparation of a Housing Strategy is a mandatory requirement under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The purpose of a Housing Strategy is to evaluate the housing needs of the existing and future population in the County including an assessment of the housing requirements of the different categories of household, including the requirements of elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

The Meath County Housing Strategy is closely aligned with the Core Strategy in that the future housing need is based on the population and household projections outlined in the Core Strategy. The Strategy is also informed by the most recent Social Housing Needs Assessment for Meath in addition to National Housing Policy publications including *'The Social Housing Strategy 2020 – Support, Supply, and Reform (2014)'*, and *'Rebuilding Ireland – Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness (2016)'*.

The Strategy includes an analysis of housing requirements in the context of affordability and addresses the need to ensure that housing is available for persons with different levels of income.

5.3.3.3 Future Household Distribution

The distribution of future household (including population) growth in the CDP is based on the key principles of the National Planning Framework (NPF) and Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) of delivering more compact growth, improving the alignment of population and employment growth, and concentrating growth in the large urban centres that have a comprehensive range of services and public transport provision with the capacity to support growth.

Development will be primarily concentrated in the Metropolitan Area (Dunboyne and Maynooth), the Regional Growth Centre of Drogheda and the Key Town of Navan, with more sustainable localised growth to take place in other settlements.

5.3.3.4 Rural Settlement Strategy

In recent years, Meath has experienced significant pressure to accommodate rural housing which has resulted in the open rural character of many areas being eroded by piecemeal housing development. It is clear that the capacity of the environment and the road network to accommodate further new residential development is reaching its limit in many areas of the County.

It is a necessity to carefully manage future rural housing development in County Meath and to facilitate the provision of more sustainable housing options for rural communities by building up the capacity of rural villages and rural nodes to absorb more residential development which will sustain their futures.

Rural housing demand will be managed having regard, inter alia, the protection of key economic, environmental, natural and heritage assets, such as the road network, water quality, important landscapes, habitats together with the applicants established local housing need.

5.3.4 Tourism

Tourism has been identified as one of the country's most important economic sectors and is credited with playing a significant role in the economic recovery in recent years. Tourism is particularly important in that it can assist in providing business and employment opportunities across regions and leads to jobs across the spectrum of skills requirements. In 2015 the national policy framework for the tourism sector '*People, Place and Policy: Growing Tourism to 2025*', was published with a strong focus on developing the sector to attract ten million overseas visitors, create a range of direct and indirect enterprise opportunities and to grow employment in the sector to 250,000 persons by 2025.

The quality and diversity of Meath's tourism offer is particularly strong in relation to its rich heritage, quality rural landscape and many towns and villages, meaning the County has a lot to offer as a tourist destination.

The Boyne Valley is identified as the birth place of *Ireland's Ancient East* and Meath in particular is the gateway to this destination. Meath has a unique collection of pre-historic sites and monuments in particular the Brú na Bóinne, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Brú na Bóinne recorded 281,703 visitors in 2017. The Hill of Tara, Trim Castle, Newgrange, Knowth and Hill of Slane are all significant tourism attractions in the Meath with excellent visitor numbers.

Meath also has a number of annual festivals and events such as Hinterland book festival, Kells type trail and Guth Gafa film festival all located in Kells, Nobber Harp festival, Spirits of Meath throughout the County and many more, which attract domestic and overseas visitors each year. The development of significant family attractions such as Tayto Park, Ashbourne, the Irish Military War Museum, Starinagh and Causey Farm, Fordstown has had a positive impact in attracting a different target market to the County. The attractions create spin off revenue for local shops, hotels and other commercial businesses.

Tayto Park has provided a new tourist attraction into Meath, deviating from the traditional heritage and cultural attraction. Slane Distillery also provides a form of tourism diversification within the County which attracts a different target market not previously captured by the County.

5.3.5 Human Health

Human health has the potential to be impacted upon by environmental factors such as air, water or soil through which contaminants could accumulate and have potential to cause harm through contact with human beings. Hazards or nuisances to human health can arise due to exposure to these vectors, for example arising from incompatible adjacent land uses. The impact of development on human health is also influenced by the extent to which new development is accompanied by appropriate infrastructure and the maintenance of the quality of water, air and soil.

5.3.5.1 Healthy Communities / Sport & Recreational Infrastructure / Public Open Space

Sporting, leisure and recreational facilities are essential to promoting good health, social cohesion, a sense of community and enhancing quality of life and well-being. Nationally there has been, in recent years, an increased focus on fitness, sports and recreation generally. '*Healthy Ireland*' is a Government initiative which

seeks to improve the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Ireland. The World Health Organisation (WHO) priorities for a healthier world are set out in Health 2020.

The Healthy Meath Strategy²⁵ 2019-2021 is currently being prepared and seeks to ensure that all citizens have good physical and mental health. Availability of suitable facilities is a part of this overall strategy. It is essential that in those areas identified as priority areas for development in the Core Strategy sufficient and suitable community facilities are provided in tandem with new development, where possible. The Strategy has two key objectives:

- to create the appropriate environmental conditions to enable citizens to make healthier lifestyle choices; and
- to inform, support and encourage citizens to take responsibility for their own health by making healthier lifestyle choices.

Sport is an important contributor to the life of the citizens of Meath, with facilities ranging from GAA facilities, horse racing courses, equestrian centres, golf courses, walking routes, beaches, public swimming pools as well as private facilities in hotels, all of which play an important role to play in the tourism economy. Progress has also been made in developing greenways along:

- the disused Navan to Kingscourt rail line;
- the Royal Canal from the Kildare border at McLoughlin Bridge to the Westmeath Border; and
- the Oldbridge road from Drogheda Ramparts to Oldbridge Estate²⁶.

The presence of beaches, watercourses, equestrian and related activities, along with golfing facilities and swimming pools etc., has a growing and an important role to play in the tourism economy.

Accessible, useable, dedicated open spaces and recreational facilities to meet both passive and active recreational needs offer environmental and ecological benefits and improve building energy performance. There are significant health benefits for communities with access to green spaces and blue spaces (rivers, lakes and canals). The RSES supports the preparation of open space and parks strategies by local authorities, and for enhanced cross boundary collaboration to provide for a hierarchy of open space provision including regional scale open space and recreational facilities.

5.3.5.2 Radon & Human Health

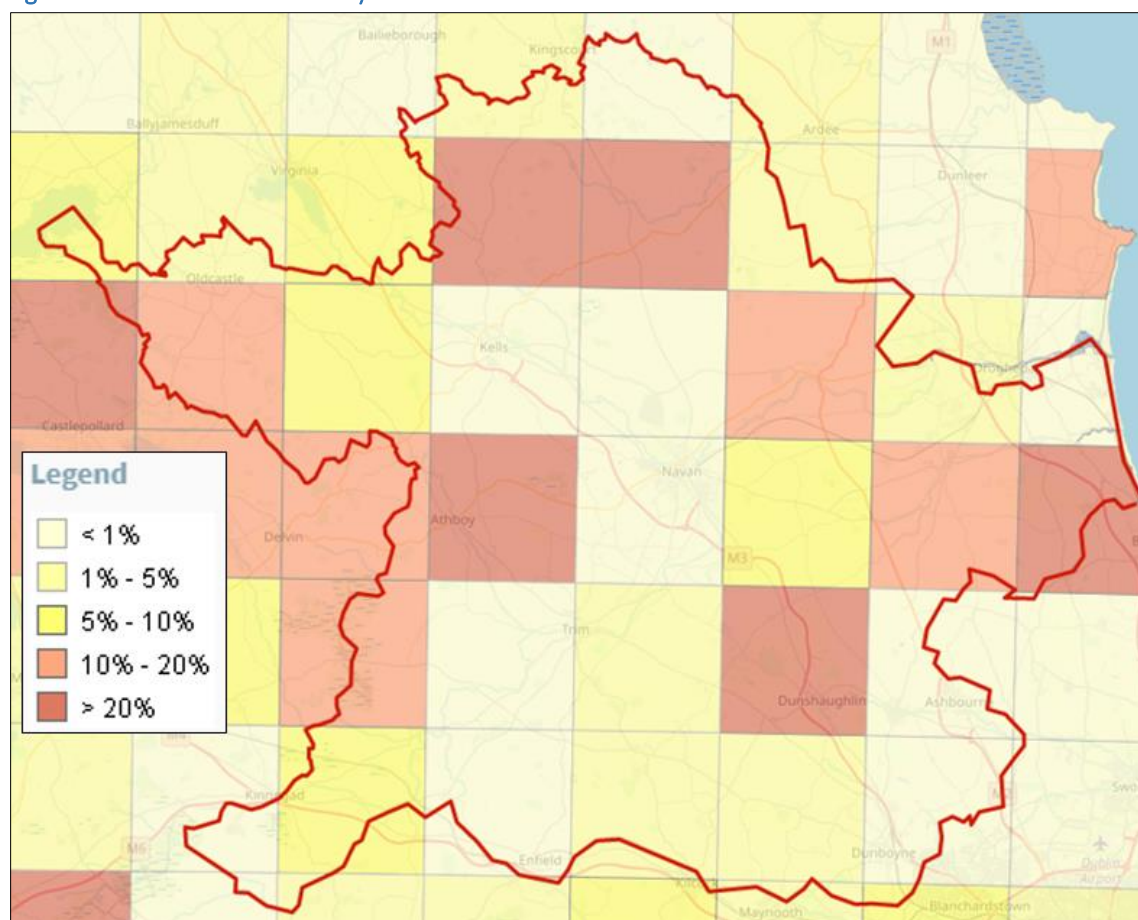
Radon is a radioactive gas, which is naturally produced in the ground from the uranium present in small quantities in all rocks and soils. Tiny radioactive particles are produced by the gas which when inhaled can cause lung cancer. The risk of contracting lung cancer as a result of Radon depends on how much Radon a person has been exposed to over a period of time. Radon levels in the County have been collated from the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland and are shown in Figure 5.5 below.

Meath varies in relation to radon levels with Athboy, Dunshaughlin, Nobber, Drumcondra, Moynalty and Stamullen have radon levels in excess of 20%. Slane and Duleek have radon levels between 10%-20%. The remainder of the County range between <1% and 10%. However, a high radon level can be found in any home in any part of the County.

²⁵ Local Community & Development Committee and Meath Local Sports Partnership joint initiative.

²⁶ Refer to Chapter 4 Economy, Chapter 5 Movement and Chapter 8 Heritage for additional information.

Figure 5.5: Radon Levels in County Meath²⁷



5.3.6 Population & Human Health Issues

The development of the County will bring new opportunities to the local community and beyond for employment opportunities as a result of both direct and indirect impacts of the CDP.

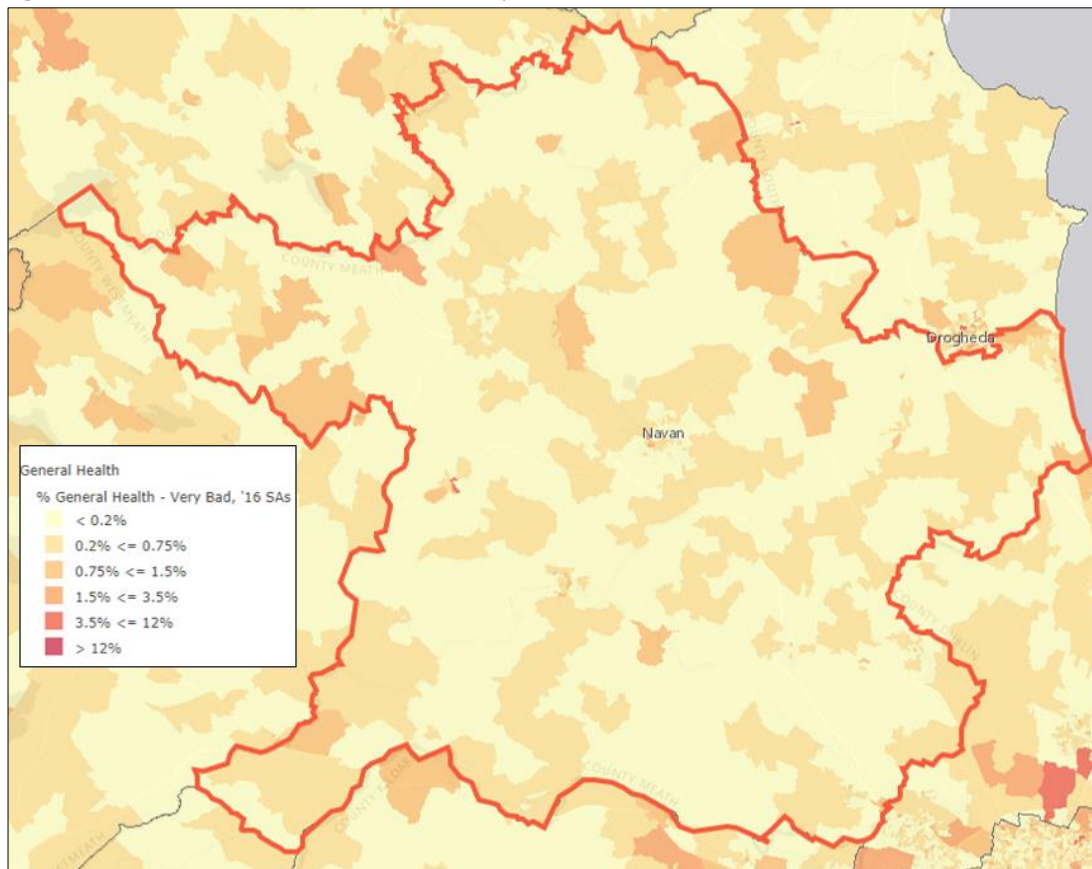
Ensuring the health and wellbeing of all residents, workers and visitors should be a priority. This should be included in the vision of the Draft CDP. Development of family friendly towns and villages that cater for the needs of everyone with access to community facilities, housing, education and public transport is fundamental to the overall well-being of the population.

An analysis of general health figures in Meath shows no clear pattern of general health issues in Meath²⁸. Results are shown on Figure 5.6 below. Studies of general health in Meath indicate there are very few areas (the ED of Baile) where more than 5% of the population consider their health as 'very bad'.

²⁷ EPA Maps, 2019: <http://www.epa.ie/radiation/radonmap/> (OpenStreet Maps)

²⁸ AIRO 2016 Census Viewer 2019: <http://airomaps.nuim.ie/id/Census2016/>

Figure 5.6: Results of the National Health Survey²⁹



5.4 Soils & Geology

The upper most layer of the earth's surface is generally termed 'soil'. It comprises for the most part organic matter, minerals and fine to course grained weathered rocks. The variability in the constituent parts and the percentage content of each in the soil matrix results in differing characteristics. This has implications for suitable land use and the appropriateness for differing land use practices.

Geology encompasses the understanding and study of the solid and liquid matter that constitutes the earth and the processes by which they are formed, moved and changed. Its understanding is necessary to fully appreciate the geological factors that shape and influence the world and its particular structure.

5.4.1 Soils

Soil is a non-renewable resource that performs many vital functions: food and other biomass production, storage, filtration and transformation of many substances including water, carbon, and nitrogen. Soil has a role as a habitat and gene pool, serves as a platform for human activities, landscape and heritage and acts as a provider of raw materials. Such functions of soil are worthy of protection because of their socio-economic as well as environmental importance.

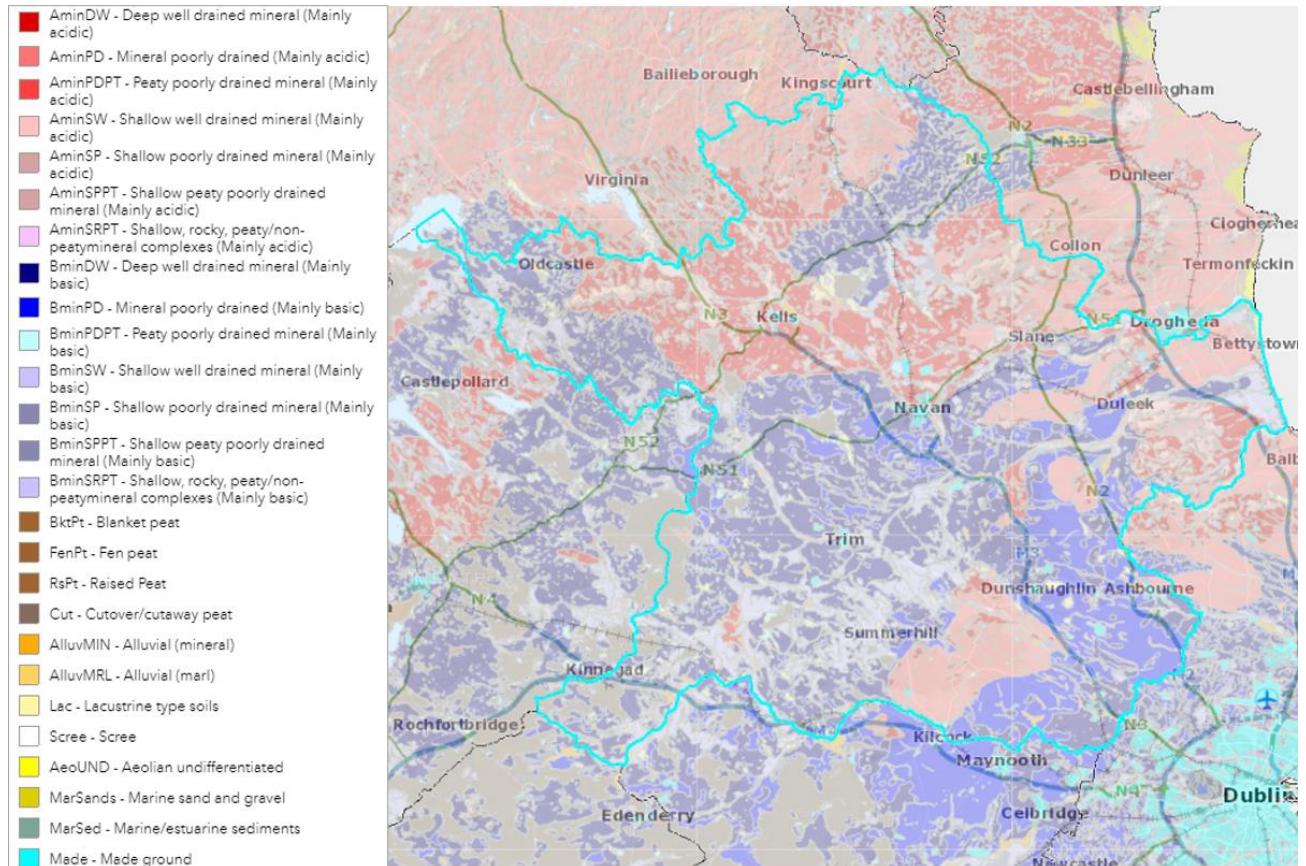
County Meath contains a range of soils that support various habitats and land uses and provide valuable mineral resource potential. Fertile soils also provide the basis for a thriving agricultural and food sector, see Figure 5.7 below. The soils in County Meath are mainly derived from a mixture of calcareous, non- calcareous, mineral alluvium and cutaway / cutover peat materials. The soils in Meath range from mineral poorly drained (mainly basic) (BminPD), mineral poorly drained (mainly acidic) (AminPD), deep well drained mineral (mainly

²⁹ AIRO Environmental Sensitivity Viewer 2019: <http://airomaps.nuim.ie/id/ESM/?mobileBreakPoint=400/>

basic) (BminDW), deep well drained mineral (mainly acidic) (AminDW) to shallow well drained mineral (mainly acidic) (BminSW)³⁰.

Soils can be impacted upon by development, land use changes and water quality.

Figure 5.7: Soil Mapping for County Meath³¹



5.4.2 Geology

Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) provides information available on bedrock, subsoil, aquifer classifications and vulnerability. County Meath is a place with a subtle but distinctive landscape. The bedrock foundation, with hundreds of millions of years in the formation and shaping, and the more recent history of geomorphological processes involving river channels and glaciers are what has created an underlying geological diversity³². Geological understanding and interpretation is best achieved on the ground at sites where rocks and landforms are displayed. County Meath has a range of such natural and man-made sites.

The predominant rock types in Meath are sedimentary rocks, limestone of Carboniferous age in particular. To the north by the Clontail Formation (Calcareous red-mica greywacke), the Fingal Group (Dark limestone, shale and micrite) and the Rathkenny Formation (Black mudstone, siltstone, greywacke) to the west and centre by

³⁰ GSI, Online Map Viewer 2019: <https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=a30af518e87a4c0ab2fbde2aaac3c228>

³¹ GSI, Online Map Viewer 2019: <https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=a30af518e87a4c0ab2fbde2aaac3c228>

³² The Geological Heritage of Meath, 2007: https://secure.dccae.gov.ie/GSI_DOWNLOAD/Geoheritage/Reports/Meath_Audit.pdf

the Lucan Formation (Dark limestone & shale), the south by Waulsortian Limestones Formation (massive unbedded lime-mudstone) and the east by the Loughshinny Formation (Dark micrite & calcarenite, shale)³³.

The GSI has identified 28 No. geological sites in Meath which are important Irish Geological Heritage (IGH) sites, see Table 5.3 below. Geological Sites do not receive statutory protection like Natural Heritage Areas (NHA) but receive an effective protection from their inclusion in the planning system. These sites will be designated in due course, as NHAs, because of their geological interest from a national perspective.

Table 5.3: Geological Heritage Sites in Meath³⁴

No.	IGH ³⁵ Theme	Site Name	Site Code	Description
1	IGH 3	Poulmore Scarp	MH007	Swallow hole cliff section, which may also be a disused quarry
2	IGH 3	Barley Hill Quarry	MH005	A working quarry
3	IGH 7	Mullaghmore	MH013	Gravel pits and agricultural land
4	IGH 9	Carrickleck (Silica Sand)	MH025	A working quarry
5	IGH 3	Cregg	MH006	Natural rock outcrops
6	IGH 8	Altmush Stream	MH018	Natural rock outcrops along the banks of a stream over a distance of 1.5km
7	IGH 8	Nobber	MH022	Natural rock outcrops along the banks of the river dee over a distance of 360m
8	IGH 8	Kilbride Quarry	MH021	A disused quarry
9	IGH 7	Blackwater Valley	MH010	River Valley and outwash plain
10	IGH 8	Rockwood Cliffs	MH024	Cliff section along the River Boyne
11	IGH 1	St. Keeran's Well	MH002	Natural rock outcrop and springs
12	IGH 7	Rathkenny	MH015	Hummocky topography with gravel pit
13	IGH 7	Murrens	MH014	Wooded ridge - esker and hummocky ground including grave pit
14	IGH 1	Gibstown Castle	MH001	Natural rock outcrop and spring
15	IGH 2	Grangegeeth	MH004	An overgrown depression which may have been quarried or maybe a natural head of stream gully and waterfall
16	IGH 7	Boyne Valley	MH011	River valley
17	IGH 8	Painestown Quarry	MH023	A disused quarry now heavily vegetated
18	IGH 8	Duleek Quarry	MH020	A working quarry
19	IGH 2	Bellewstown	MH003	Working quarry and natural exposures in agricultural fields with rock close to the surface beneath soil
20	IGH 7	Laytown to Gormanston	MH008	Coastal plain, including sea cliffs
21	IGH 14	Boyne River, Trim	MH027	A section of the Boyne River

³³ OSI, GSI 2019:

<https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=de7012a99d2748ea9106e7ee1b6ab8d5&scale=0>

³⁴ GSI, Online Map Viewer 2019:

<https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=a30af518e87a4c0ab2fbde2aaac3c228>

³⁵ Irish Geological Heritage Sites

No.	IGH ³⁵ Theme	Site Name	Site Code	Description
22	IGH 8	Bray Hill	MH019	A working quarry
23	IGH 7	Trim Esker	MH017	A 6km long section of a predominantly wooded esker ridge
24	IGH 7	Galtrim Moraine	MH012	Partially wooded, much quarried moraine ridge
25	IGH 12	Dunshaughlin	MH026	This site is unexposed at the surface
26	IGH 7	Rathmolyon Esker	MH016	Remnant face in former sand & gravel quarry
27	IGH 7	Benhead	MH009	A high coastal cliff face
28	IGH 16	St. Gorman's Spring	MH028	Warm spring

5.4.3 Quarries

Meath contains a variety of raw materials critical to the construction industry, in the form of sand, gravel, stone reserves including high purity limestones and shale used in cement and magnesia manufacture and base metal deposits. The potential of these resources to underpin construction output and provide employment and economic growth in the local and regional economy is recognised as is the need to exploit such resources in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner.

However, extractive industries by their nature can give rise to detrimental environmental and residential amenity effects including traffic generation, vibration, dust, noise, water pollution, visual intrusion and loss of groundwater supplies. By their nature, aggregates can only be worked where they occur. The cost of haulage affects economic competitiveness in this sector. This inevitably leads to conflicts and environmental concerns. There are 29 no. active quarries in County Meath, 19 no. of which were registered under Section 261A and 10 of which are operating with planning permission.

MCC acknowledges the need for extractive industries in terms of supply of aggregate materials for the construction sector, delivering transport infrastructure projects, and for the export market.

Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Quarries and Ancillary Activities published by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DEHLG) in 2004 and a number of other guidelines relating to quarrying have been produced by various bodies for example 'Geological Heritage Guidelines for the Extractive Industry'³⁶, 'Guidelines for the Preparation of Soils, Geology and Hydrogeology Chapters of Environmental Impact Statements'³⁷ and 'Wildlife, Habitats and the Extractive Industry'³⁸ to provide guidance to MCC on the management of extractive industries.

5.4.4 Soils and Geology Issues

The development of greenfield sites resulting from urban expansion and population growth is a significant issue facing Meath. This places pressure on the agricultural potential and food production potential of soil. Soil is lost annually through the development of agricultural land. The challenge is to manage future population growth within Meath whilst minimising impacts on surrounding agricultural and maintaining production levels.

The type and depth of soil has direct implications on water movement which can lead to increased pollution threats if not properly considered. Land spreading of both organic and artificial fertilizers, the use of pesticides

³⁶ GSI, 2008: <https://www.gsi.ie/en-ie/publications/Pages/Geological-Heritage-Guidelines-for-the-Extractive-Industry1023-1213.aspx>

³⁷ GSI, 2013: <https://www.gsi.ie/documents/IGI%20EIS%20guide%202013.pdf>

³⁸ Notice Nature: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/business/assets/pdf/resources-center/Irish-notice_nature_biodiversity_guidelines.pdf

/ herbicides / fungicides can, if inappropriately used and particularly when adverse weather conditions prevail, be carried from the point of use to rivers, lakes and ground water resources. Land spreading of farm effluent and application of fertilisers in agricultural areas is a delicate balance, particularly on low permeability soils with possible implications on water quality, see Section 5.5 below. Also in certain areas the soil's poor percolation characteristics render them unsuitable for conventional septic tank methods of domestic effluent disposal. This has implications for rural housing. These activities can lead to soil degradation including loss of organic matter, decline in soil fertility, acidification, loss of soil stability, increasing soil erosion, soil compaction, contamination, loss of biodiversity and loss of soil to buildings and infrastructure.

The presence of large quarrying operations can also create pressure, resulting in the extraction and removal of significant quantities of non-renewable soils, and can allow for pollution of access ground waters where best practice is not applied. Quarries must also be adequately visually screened to ensure they do not have significant visual effects on the landscape.

5.5 Water Quality

Water is fundamental to all life; for humans, plants and animals alike. It is also critical in economic terms in generating and sustaining wealth in a number of key areas such as agriculture, fishing, power generation, industry, transport and tourism. However, it is also a fragile resource requiring continued protection. In general terms Ireland's waters are of good quality, however preserving the high standard of water is essential for human health and the natural environment.

For the purposes of this section, the water environment is taken to include natural features such as lakes, rivers, streams (surface waterbodies) and ground waterbodies. In addition flooding is also dealt with in this section. Meath has a rich and extensive aquatic environment consisting of coastline, rivers, streams, lakes and estuarine waters (surface waters) and ground waters.

Wastewater treatment and drinking water are discussed under Material Assets in Section 5.7 below.

5.5.1 The Water Framework Directive (WFD)

The EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) (2000/60/EC) establishes a framework for the protection of both surface water and ground waterbodies. Since 2000, Water Management in the EU has been directed by the WFD 2000/60/EC, which was transposed into Irish law under the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 722 of 2003). This legislation requires governments to take a holistic approach to managing all their water resources based on natural geographic boundaries, *i.e.* the river catchment or basin. The WFD establishes a common framework for the sustainable and integrated management of all waters covering groundwater, inland surface waters, transitional waters and coastal waters. The WFD requires Member States to manage all of their waters and to ensure that they achieved at least '*good status*' by 2015 and beyond. The ultimate deadline for Member States for achievement of '*good*' status is 2027 at the latest.

5.5.2 Surface Waterbodies

For the purpose of implementing the WFD, Ireland was divided into eight River Basin Districts (RBDs) or areas of land that are drained by a large river or number of rivers and the adjacent estuarine / coastal areas. The first cycle of the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) ran from 2009-2015, where the eight RBDs devised separate plans with the objective of achieving at least '*good*' status for all waters by 2015.

The second cycle of the RBMP 2018-2021, is currently underway and all eight RBDs have merged to form one national RBD. The RBMP sets out the actions that Ireland will take to improve water quality and achieve '*good*' ecological status in waterbodies (rivers, lakes, estuaries and coastal waters) by 2027. Ireland is required to produce a RBMP under the WFD.

Water quality data is also collected by the EPA to provide an overall status of water quality. The monitoring programme, as part of the WFD, assesses water quality but also water trends of rivers in relation to their ecological status and includes biological, physico-chemical and hydromorphological status. The WFD status of rivers ranges from ‘*high*’ to ‘*bad*’. The EPA also undertakes water quality surveys for transitional and coastal waterbodies.

The RBMP provides a more coordinated framework for improving the quality of our waters - to protect public health, the environment and water amenities.

Table 5.4 below lists the WFD Catchments and WFD Sub-Catchments in County Meath.

Table 5.4: WFD Catchments and Sub-Catchments in Meath

Catchment (WFD Catchment Code)	Sub-catchment Name (WFD Sub-catchment Code)
Newry, Fane, Glyde and Dee Catchment (06)	Glyde_SC_010 (06_7)
	Dee_SC_010 (06_3)
	Dee_SC_020 (06_1)
	Dee_SC_030 (06_4)
Boyne Catchment (07)	Moynalty_SC_010 (07_14)
	Blackwater[Kells]_SC_020 (07_10)
	Blackwater[Kells]_SC_030 (07_8)
	Boyne_SC_070 (07_13)
	Boyne_SC_050 (07_12)
	Boyne_SC_100 (07_18)
	Boyne_SC_120 (07_15)
	Boyne_SC_130 (07_17)
	Boyne_SC_110 (07_1)
	Boyne_SC_080 (07_3)
	Boyne_SC_060 (07_20)
	Boyne_SC_090 (07_19)
	Boyne_SC_040 (07_9)
	Boyne_SC_030 (07_2)
	Boyne_SC_010 (07_4)
	Boyne_SC_020 (07_16)
	Blackwater[Longwood]_SC_10 (07_6)
	Deel[Raharney]_SC_010 (07_7)
	Yellow[Castlejordan]_SC_010 (07_11)
Upper Shannon Catchment (26F)	Inny[Shannon]_SC_010 (26F_6)
	Mounthugent_SC_010 (26F_3)
	Inny[Shannon]_SC_020 (26F_7)
Nanny-Delvin (08)	Nanny[Meath]_SC_020 (08_5)
	Nanny[Meath]_SC_010 (08_4)
	Delvin_SC_010 (08_1)
	Broadmeadow_SC_010 (08_3)
Liffey and Dublin Bay (09)	Tolka_SC_010 (09_10)

Catchment (WFD Catchment Code)	Sub-catchment Name (WFD Sub-catchment Code)
	Liffey_SC_080 (09_5)
	Liffey_SC_100 (09_1)
	RyeWater_SC_010 (09_3)

5.5.3 Surface Water Quality

The latest *Water Quality in Ireland* report 2010-2015 was published by the EPA in 2017 and *Water Quality in 2017, An Indicators Report*, by the EPA in 2018. These reports contains the most up-to-date and comprehensive assessment of the ecological health of Ireland's groundwater, rivers, lakes, canals, transitional waters and coastal waters following the completion of the first six-year cycle of the WFD. The results shows that a considerable amount of work is still required to meet the environmental objectives of the WFD, as water quality in Ireland has deteriorated over the past two decades.

There has been a 3% decline in the river biological quality (72 no. waterbodies) between 2013-2015, with 56% of rivers at 'high' or 'good' biological quality and the remaining 44% being at 'moderate' or worse quality³⁹. The reduction in the number of river waterbodies at 'bad' quality is continuing. The number of waterbodies in this category fell from five in 2016 to just two in 2017.

The status of the **river waterbodies** in County Meath range from 'poor' to 'good', however the majority of the major river waterbodies range from 'poor' to 'moderate'. The River Boyne and River Blackwater (ranging from 'unassigned' to 'good' status) are the main river waterbodies within the County.

A total of 25 no. rivers are sampled by MCC for the purposes of physio-chemical monitoring under the WFD. This operational and surveillance monitoring programme is key to directing the implementation of the River Basin Management Plans and also determines whether the targets and objectives of the WFD are being achieved.

EPA data on the biological quality of watercourses, based on monitoring up to 2017, indicates that 19% of monitored river waterbodies in County Meath achieved a 'good' status or better. Therefore, 81% of monitored river waterbodies in County Meath are less than 'good', and so currently failing the WFD objectives.

Table 5.5 below list the **lakes** in the County Meath which are designated WFD operational monitoring lakes.

Table 5.5: WFD Lakes in County Meath

WFD Name	WFD Code	WFD Status 2013-2018 ⁴⁰
Sheelin	IE_SH_26_709	Good
Bracken	IE_NB_06_209	Moderate
Bane Noggin Hill	IE_EA_07_270	Good
Annagh-White Lake	IE_EA_07_258	Good

The Meath coastline extends for a distance of c. 10km and stretches from the mouth of the River Boyne at Mornington, bordering County Louth to Gormanston at the mouth of the River Delvin, bordering County Dublin. The coastal waterbody of County Meath is the Northwestern Irish Sea (IE_EA_020_0000) waterbody and has a 'high'⁴¹ water quality status for 2013-2018, while the Boyne Estuary Transitional Waterbody

³⁹ Water Quality in 2017, An Indicators Report. EPA, 2018:

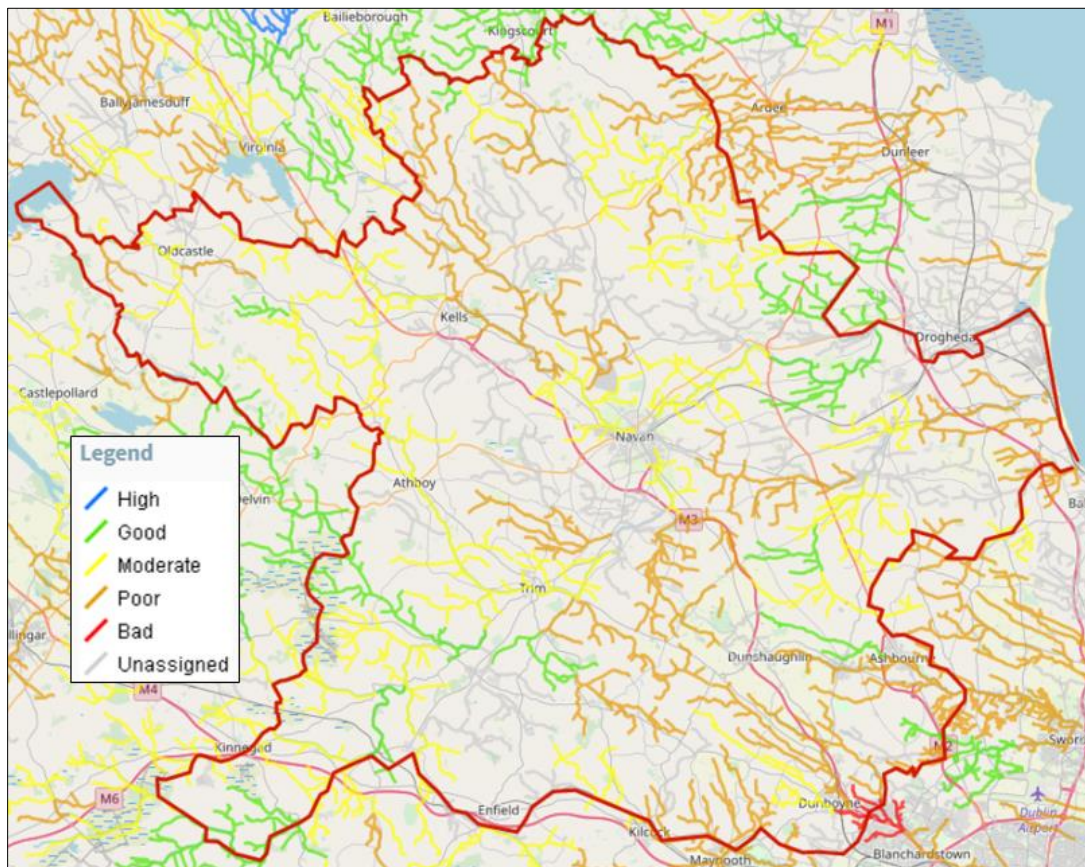
<http://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/water/waterqua/Water%20Quality%20in%202017%20-%20an%20indicators%20report.pdf>

⁴⁰ Catchments.ie, EPA, 2019: <https://www.catchments.ie/maps/>

⁴¹ Catchments.ie, EPA, 2019: <https://www.catchments.ie/maps/>

(IE_EA_010_0100) has a '*moderate*'⁴² status. The WFD water quality status of the river waterbodies in the Meath area is shown in Figure 5.8 below.

Figure 5.8: WFD River Waterbody Status⁴³



5.5.4 Groundwater Quality

The EU Groundwater Directive (2006/118/EC) uses a holistic approach to groundwater by addressing the relationships between groundwater, surface water and ecological receptors. The National Groundwater Monitoring Programme assesses the general state of groundwater quality and groundwater levels and flows⁴⁴.

Groundwater aquifers form important sources of drinking water both locally and regionally, which provides between 20% and 25% of drinking water supplies in County Meath. In rural areas that are not served by public or group water schemes, groundwater is usually the only source of supply. Much of the summer seasonal flow in many rivers is also derived from groundwater sources. To maintain high quality water resources within the County, it is important that development is controlled and managed appropriately, in particular in areas of high groundwater vulnerability to avoid transmission of pollutants into important aquifers.

Groundwater Quality Status between 2013 and 2018 was generally '*good*'⁴⁵, across the 46 no. ground waterbodies in County Meath. The Meath CDP must protect groundwater from deterioration and MCC engages in ongoing consultation with the EPA in this regard.

The groundwater vulnerability of County Meath is a mixture of '*low*' to '*extreme*'. The GSI rates aquifers according to both their productivity and vulnerability to pollution. Aquifer vulnerability is the ease with which

⁴² Catchments.ie, EPA, 2019: <https://www.catchments.ie/maps/>

⁴³ EPA, 2019: <https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/default> (OpenStreet Maps)

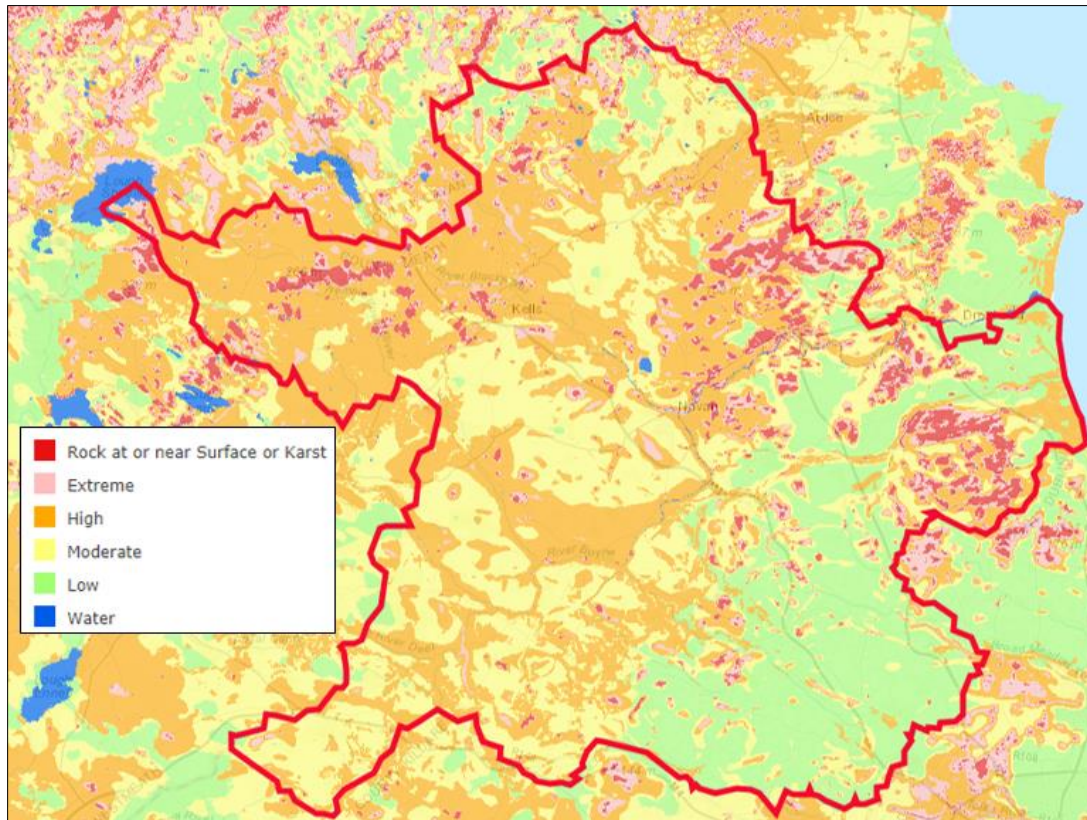
⁴⁴ Water Quality in 2017, An Indicators Report. EPA, 2018:

<http://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/water/waterqua/Water%20Quality%20in%202017%20-%20an%20indicators%20report.pdf>

⁴⁵ Catchments.ie, EPA, 2019: <https://www.catchments.ie/maps/> (2013-2018)

pollutants of various kinds can enter underground water. County Meath is underlain mainly with both a ‘*locally important aquifer - bedrock which is moderately productive only in local zones*’ and with a ‘*poor aquifer - bedrock which is generally unproductive*’. The groundwater vulnerability of County Meath is shown in Figure 5.9 below.

Figure 5.9: Groundwater Vulnerability in County Meath⁴⁶



Issues to consider relating to protection of groundwater include:

- the enforcement of planning conditions related to installation, operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment / networks; and
- the development of a wastewater leak detection programme and the implementation and enforcement of the European Communities (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2009.

5.5.5 Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS)

Surface water on all new development sites should be managed through Sustainable urban Drainage Systems (SuDS). SuDS aims to reduce the rate and quantity of surface water runoff, and improve water quality from the site. On large developments, SuDS may provide an opportunity to enhance biodiversity and amenity.

The objective of SuDS in new developments is to replicate, as closely as possible, the surface water drainage regime to the predevelopment ‘*greenfield*’ situation. This is achieved through the use of surface water source control and site control measures. Source control measures include rainwater harvesting, natural infiltration, infiltration trenches, filter drains, filter strips, swales and permeable paving. Site control measures include attenuation by means of tanks or retention ponds. The surface water runoff rate from the site must be limited to the ‘*greenfield*’ runoff rate to reduce the risk of flooding.

⁴⁶ AIRO Environmental Sensitivity Viewer 2019: <http://airomaps.nuim.ie/id/ESM/?mobileBreakPoint=400/>

5.5.6 Flooding and Flood Risk

The underlying causes of flooding, heavy rain and high sea levels are, essentially uncontrollable. Floods are usually caused by a combination of events including overflowing river banks, heavy rains, coastal storms or blocked or overloaded drainage systems and an increase in development and impermeable surfacing. Numerous severe floods have occurred throughout the County in the last decade causing significant damage to and loss of property.

The Office of Public Works (OPW) is the lead State body for flood risk management. MCC in partnership with Fingal County Council (FCC) and the OPW completed a catchment based flood risk assessment and management study of 19 no. rivers and streams in the Fingal and East Meath area, the *Fingal East Meath Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (FEM-FRAMS)*. The FEM-FRAMS was completed in 2012 and covered the east of the County including inter alia the Broadmeadow, Mosney, Delvin, Mayne and Nanny rivers. In 2018, the OPW launched 'Flood Maps' to provide information on the likelihood of flood risk and the extent of flooding across Ireland.

As part of the preparation of the Draft Meath CDP, and in line with *The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities*⁴⁷, a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) of Meath has been carried out. The SFRA provides an assessment of all types of flood risk within Meath to assist MCC in making an informed strategic land-use planning decisions. The flood risk information enables MCC to apply the Guidelines sequential approach, and where necessary the Justification Test, to appraise sites for development and identify how flood risk can be reduced as part of the Development Plan.

Over the past number of years there have been significant instances where flooding has occurred in areas of the County causing damage to homes and businesses. However, relative to other counties the extent of flooding in the County has been low.

5.5.7 Coastal Waters - Bathing & Designated Shellfish Areas

Coastal Waters are important for tourism, for bathing locations and for supporting marine wildlife. The process for monitoring and assessing bathing water quality is set out in the EU Bathing Water Directive (2006/7/EC) and transposed into Irish Legislation as the Bathing Water Regulations S.I. No. 79 of 2008. The most recent report on bathing water quality '*Bathing Water Quality in Ireland - A Report for the Year 2018*'⁴⁸ sets out the status of Irish Seawater and Freshwater Bathing areas. "*The purpose of the Bathing Water Regulations is the protection of human health*", and the relevant local authorities, where appropriate, "*should ensure that where any bathing water fails the mandatory bathing standards that the public are made aware of this fact by means of information notices posted at the bathing area.*"

Bathing water information is compiled by the EPA from data submitted from local authorities. Bathing water is assessed for compliance with two sets of EU standards, as specified in the Directive (2006/7/EC), minimum quality standards (EU mandatory values) and more stringent quality targets (EU guide values). During the bathing season (1st June to 15th September), water quality at each bathing area must comply with the minimum EU mandatory value and all bathing areas should endeavour to achieve the stricter EU guide values.

The coastal zone of Meath contains important resources that provide economic, recreational, aesthetic and conservation benefits. The coastline of the County is classified as a soft coast and stretches between the Boyne Estuary in the north and the River Delvin in the south. The coastline is home to a variety of natural habitats

⁴⁷ Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government: <https://www.opw.ie/en/media/Planning%20Guidelines%20-%20FRM%20-%20Nov%202009.pdf>

⁴⁸ EPA, 2019: <https://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/water/bathing/Bathing%20Water%20Quality%20in%20Ireland%202018.pdf>

and there are several species of flora and fauna, reflected in the cSAC, pNHA and SPA designations that cover much of the area.

The bathing water quality of the coastal waters adjacent to the Meath CDP are monitored by the EPA at Laytown / Bettytown (PA3_0107)⁴⁹. The latest bathing quality (2018) for these waters is currently ‘good’ and must be protected from pollution.

There is one designated shellfish area off the coast of County Meath, Balbriggan / Skerries (IE_EA_020_0000). Since 2012, Pollution Reduction Programmes (PRPs) have been put in place for shellfish waters, to protect and improve the water quality in these areas. The PRPs are to ensure shellfish waters compliance with the standards and objectives that were established in the Quality of Shellfish Waters Regulations 2006 and the EU Directive 2006/113/EC on the quality required for shellfish waters.

The PRPs report determined that Urban Wastewater Treatment (UWWT) systems (at Balbriggan UWWT Plant) and on-site wastewater treatment systems (septic tanks) were the key pressures for Balbriggan / Skerries.

5.5.8 Seveso Sites

The Seveso III Directive (European Directive 2012/18/EU) and the European Communities (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations, 2000 (S.I. No. 476 of 2000) apply to companies where dangerous substances are present in quantities equal to or above specified thresholds. There are two thresholds, a lower one of 50 tonnes (*‘lower tier sites’*) and a higher one of 200 tonnes (*‘upper tier sites’*). Lower tier sites are required to have a Major Accidents Prevention Policy and a Safe Work Systems Plan. Upper tier sites are required to carry out, in conjunction with the local competent authority (which includes the Health Service Executive (HSE), the Local Authority and An Garda Síochána) a Major Accidents External Emergency Plan.

Emergency plans must take full account of objectives established for nearby waters in river basin plans. The legislation deals with the prevention of major accidents. There are three Seveso sites in County Meath (two lower tier and one upper tier), see Table 5.6 below. There are six Seveso sites neighbouring County Meath (two lower tier and four upper tier) where the *‘Seveso Consultation Distance’* extends into the County or whose consultation distance overlaps with the consultation distance of adjoining sites which extend into the County, see Table 5.6 below.

Table 5.6: Seveso Sites in County Meath and Neighbouring County Meath

Tier	Name and Address	Licence Number
Seveso Sites in County Meath		
Upper Tier	Boliden Tara Mines DAC, Knockumber Road, Navan, County Meath	P0516-04
Lower Tier	Grassland Agro, The Pound Road, Slane, County Meath	
	Xtratherm Ltd., Liscarton Industrial Est., Kells Road, Navan, County Meath	P0583-01
Seveso Sites Neighbouring County Meath		
Upper Tier	Flogas Ire. Ltd., Marsh Road, Drogheda, County Louth	
	Irish Industrial Explosives, Clonadh, Enfield, County Kildare	P0055-01
	Chemco (Ireland) Limited (t/a Chemsources Logistics), Damastown, Mullhuddart, Dublin 15	
	Guerbet Ireland ULC, Damastown, Mullhuddart, Dublin 15	P0050-02

⁴⁹ Protected Area Code, EPA, 2019: <https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/> (OpenStreet Maps)

Tier	Name and Address	Licence Number
Lower Tier	Clarochem Ireland Ltd., Damastown, Mullhuddart, Dublin 15	P0125-02
	Aestellas Ireland Co. Ltd., Damastown, Mullhuddart, Dublin 15	P0007-03

5.5.9 Water Quality Issues

The principal threat to water is pollution which can adversely impact on all parts of the water cycle from groundwater to rivers, lakes estuaries and coastal waters. In simple terms, pollution means the presence of a harmful substance such as a poisonous metal or pesticide, a nutrient or silt. Urban and rural development including wastewater and surface water disposal can have significant impacts on water quality.

The overall quality of surface waters in Ireland has remained unchanged since the previous assessment which covered the period 2007-2009. This indicates that the improvements planned under the first cycle of the WFD have not been achieved. The majority of the river waterbodies in County Meath are classified as having a ‘poor’ or ‘moderate’ status under the WFD, see Figure 5.8 above. Significant work is required if the objectives of the WFD are to be achieved and equally it is important that where water quality is of ‘good’ status, this must be protected.

Any development as part of the Meath CDP has the potential to impact waterbody status, water usage, flood risk and generate wastewater. The CDP must fully meet the requirements of the WFD and the Groundwater Directive and aim to drive improvement to water quality in both the short and long-term.

5.6 Air Quality, Noise & Climate

5.6.1 Air Quality

Air quality legislation in Ireland highlights the need ‘to avoid, prevent or reduce harmful effects on human health and the environment as a whole’. In addition, it requires that Local Authorities where appropriate ‘shall promote the preservation of best ambient air quality compatible with sustainable development’.

EU legislation on air quality requires that Member States divide their territory into zones for the assessment and management of air quality. The EPA manages the national ambient air quality monitoring network and measures the levels of a number of atmospheric pollutants. The current trends in air quality in Ireland are reported in the EPA publication ‘2017 Annual Report on Air Quality in Ireland’⁵⁰ which is currently the most up to date analysis of air quality data for Ireland. Four national air quality zones have been designated in Ireland, these are:

- Zone A is the Dublin conurbation;
- Zone B is the Cork conurbation;
- Zone C comprises of 23 large towns in Ireland with a population of >15,000; and
- Zone D is the remaining area of Ireland.

County Meath is located within Zone D, within the ‘Rural Ireland’ zone and Navan Town is located within Zone C in the ‘other cities and large towns’ zone⁵¹. The designated zones have been defined to meet the criteria for air quality monitoring, assessment and management as defined in the aforementioned regulations.

The air quality index for health (AQIH) regions are calculated on an hourly basis at various locations around Ireland. There are no longer any AQIH monitoring locations in Meath, previously monitoring took place at

⁵⁰ EPA, 2018: Air Quality in Ireland, 2017

⁵¹ EPA, 2019: <https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/default> (OpenStreet Maps)

Navan and Kiltrough⁵². The AQIH is based on measurements of five air pollutants all of which can harm health. The five pollutants are:

- Ozone gas;
- Nitrogen dioxide gas;
- Sulphur dioxide gas;
- PM_{2.5} particles; and
- PM₁₀ particles.

Air Quality Map show whether air quality is 'good', 'fair', 'poor' or 'very poor' in each region. The current air quality across County Meath is 'good'⁵³.

Monitoring is done using continuous monitors for ozone and nitrogen oxides in various locations around Ireland. The pollutants of most concern are those whose main source is traffic such as Particulate Matter (PM) and Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). There are no air quality monitoring sites in Meath, the closest site is at Blanchardstown, County Dublin. The need to protect and improve, (as appropriate), air quality in County Meath, particularly in areas zoned for increased urban and transport related development.

5.6.2 Noise

The objectives of EU and Irish noise legislation is 'to avoid, prevent or reduce harmful effects on human health and the environment as a whole', and this includes noise nuisance. The Noise Directive - Environmental Noise Directive (END) 2002/49/EC relating to the assessment and management of environmental noise - is part of an EU strategy setting out to reduce the number of people affected by noise in the longer term and to provide a framework for developing existing community policy on noise reduction from source. The Directive requires competent authorities in Member States to:

- draw up strategic noise maps for major roads, railways, airports and agglomerations, using harmonised noise indicators and use these maps to assess the number of people which may be impacted upon as a result of excessive noise levels; and
- draw up action plans to reduce noise where necessary and maintain environmental noise quality where it is good; and inform and consult the public about noise exposure, its effects, and the measures considered to address noise.

The Directive does not set any limit value, nor does it prescribe the measures to be used in the action plans, which remain at the discretion of the competent authorities.

In accordance with Environmental Noise Regulations (S.I. No. 140 of 2006), a Noise Action Plan was prepared by MCC. This Noise Action Plan is aimed at managing environmental noise from road, rail and industrial sources within MCC.

As part of this preparatory process, noise maps were prepared for all major roads in the County (*i.e.* roads in excess of 3 million vehicles per annum), see Figures 5.10 and 5.11 below.

Daytime and night-time noise mapping of these roads were prepared using EPA recommended noise limits which identified local 'hot spots' (noise sensitive areas) in terms of population exposure. The identification of noise sensitive areas allows for the application of protective measure or mitigation measures in advance of further development.

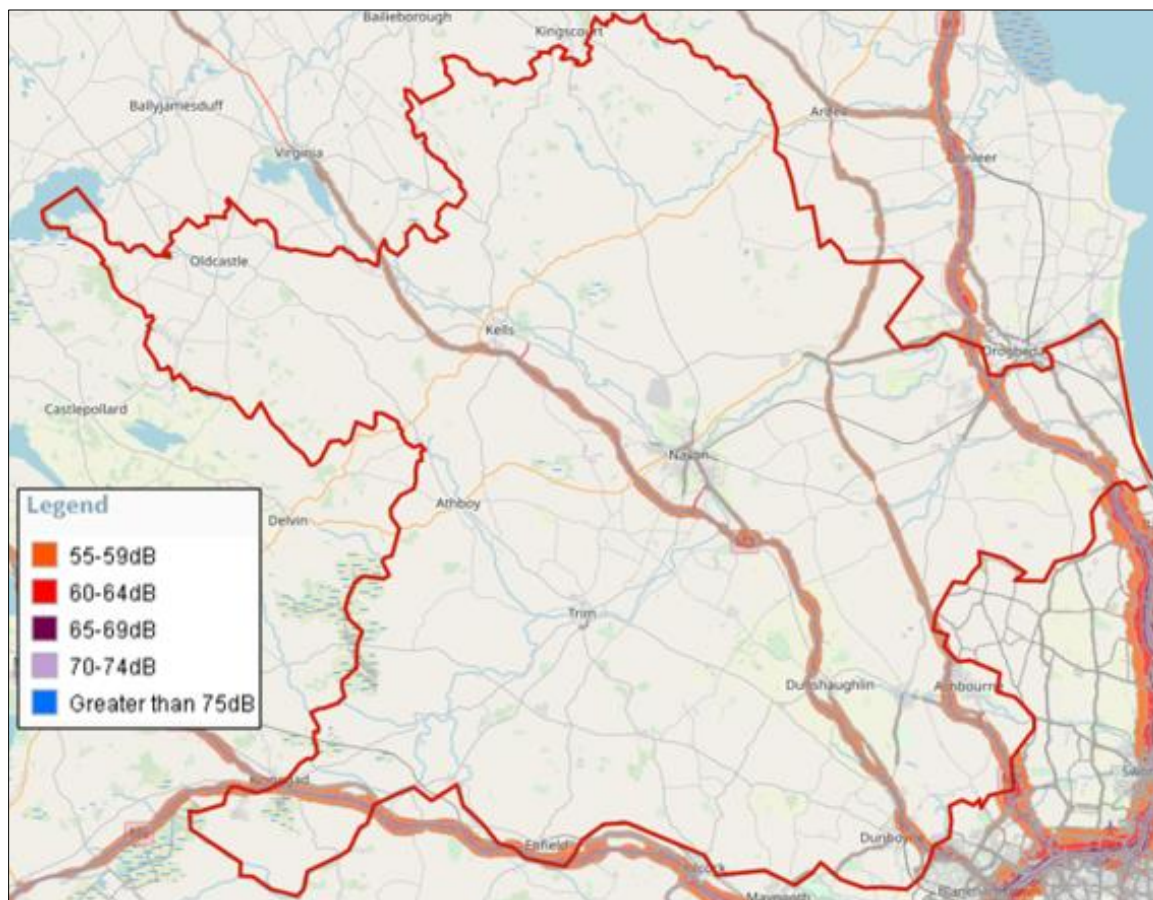
⁵² Close to Drogheda. Co. Louth

⁵³ EPA, 2019: <https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/default> (OpenStreet Maps)

The main priority of the END is to reduce environmental noise exposure in residential areas. To this effect, the CDP should ensure this requirement is complied with and as appropriate, the CDP should promote the implementation of END and associated national regulations.

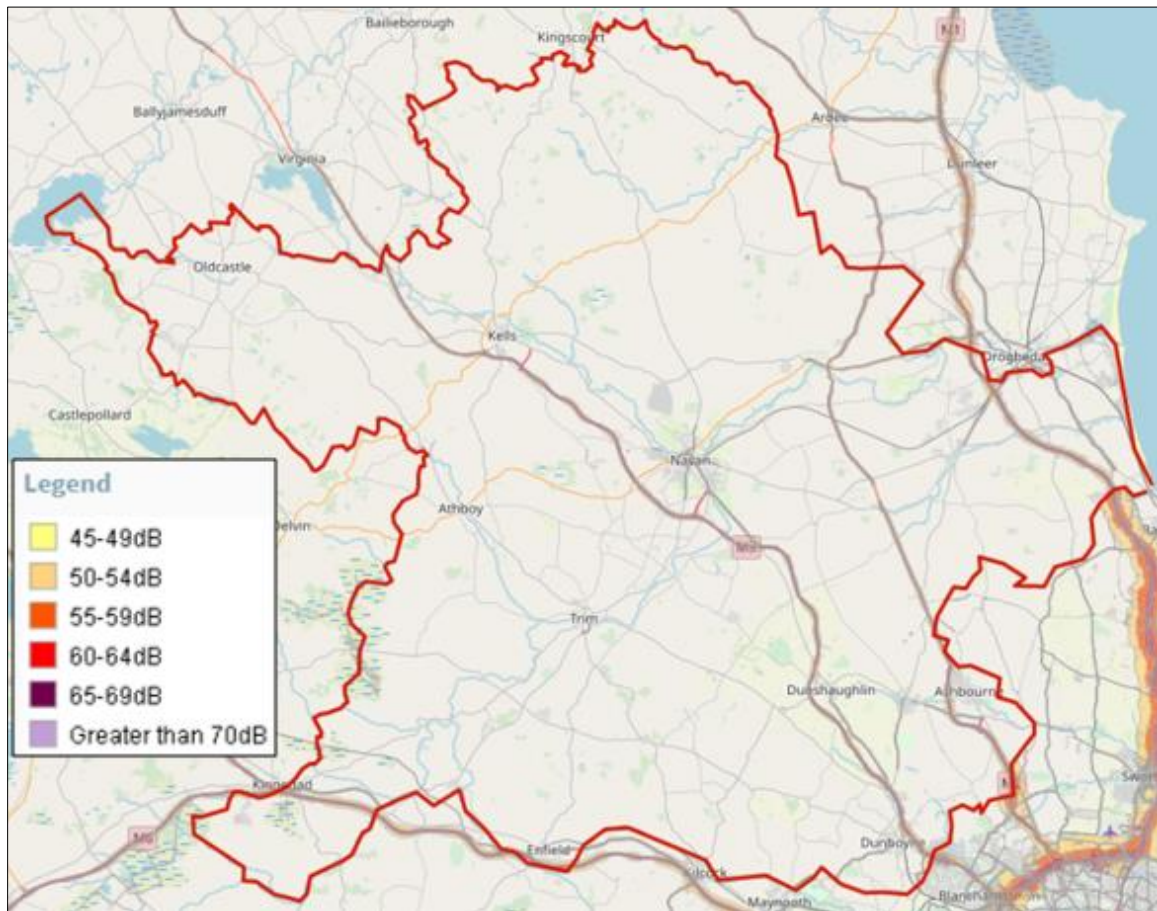
Consideration should also be given to protect, where relevant, any designated quiet areas in open country. In 2003, the EPA commissioned a research project to establish baseline data for the identification of quiet areas in rural locations. Quiet Areas are defined as *'an area in open country, substantially unaffected by anthropogenic noise.'* A range of minimum distance criteria from man-made noise sources such as urban areas, industry and major road sources were defined, and the report includes a number of key recommendations for the identification and control of Quiet Areas.

Figure 5.10: Extract from the EPA Noise Map for the Day, Evening & Night Period (Lden)⁵⁴



⁵⁴ EPA, 2019: <https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/default> (OpenStreet Maps)

Figure 5.11: Extract from the EPA Noise Map for the Night Period (Lnight)⁵⁵



5.6.3 Climate Change

Climate Change is a phenomenon that has widespread economic, health and safety, food production, security, and other dimensions. Climate change refers to a long term, large scale change in global or regional climate patterns. In recent years, global temperatures have been rising. The ever increasing rate of carbon dioxide combustion, and the emission of other greenhouse gases such as methane and nitrous oxide since the industrial revolution, has resulted in the 'greenhouse affect'. Most greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions are related to the energy generation, transport, agriculture, and industry sectors, see Figure 5.12 below.

Ireland's 2020 target is to achieve a 20% reduction of non-Emissions Trading Scheme (non-ETS) sector emissions (*i.e.* agriculture, transport, residential, commercial, non-energy intensive industry, and waste) on 2005 levels with annual binding limits set for each year over the period 2013-2021⁵⁶.

Ireland's provisional GHG emissions are estimated to be 60.51 million tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent (Mt CO₂eq) in 2018, which is 0.2% lower (or 0.14Mt CO₂eq) than emissions in 2017 (60.65Mt CO₂eq) and follows a 1.0% decrease in emissions reported for 2017⁵⁷.

Emissions reductions have been recorded in seven of the last 10 years, however, two of the last three years have seen large increases in emissions. In the last 2 years national total emissions have only decreased by 1.2%

⁵⁵ EPA, 2019: <https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/default> (OpenStreet Maps)

⁵⁶ Greenhouse Gas Emissions Projections to 2020:

http://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/air/airemissions/2020_GHG_Projections_2016_Bulletin.pdf

⁵⁷ EPA, 2019: <http://www.epa.ie/ghg/currentsituation/>

(or 0.74Mt CO₂eq), following very large increases of over 3.5% in both 2015 and 2016. In the last three years national total emissions increased by 6.4% or 3.65Mt CO₂eq⁵⁸.

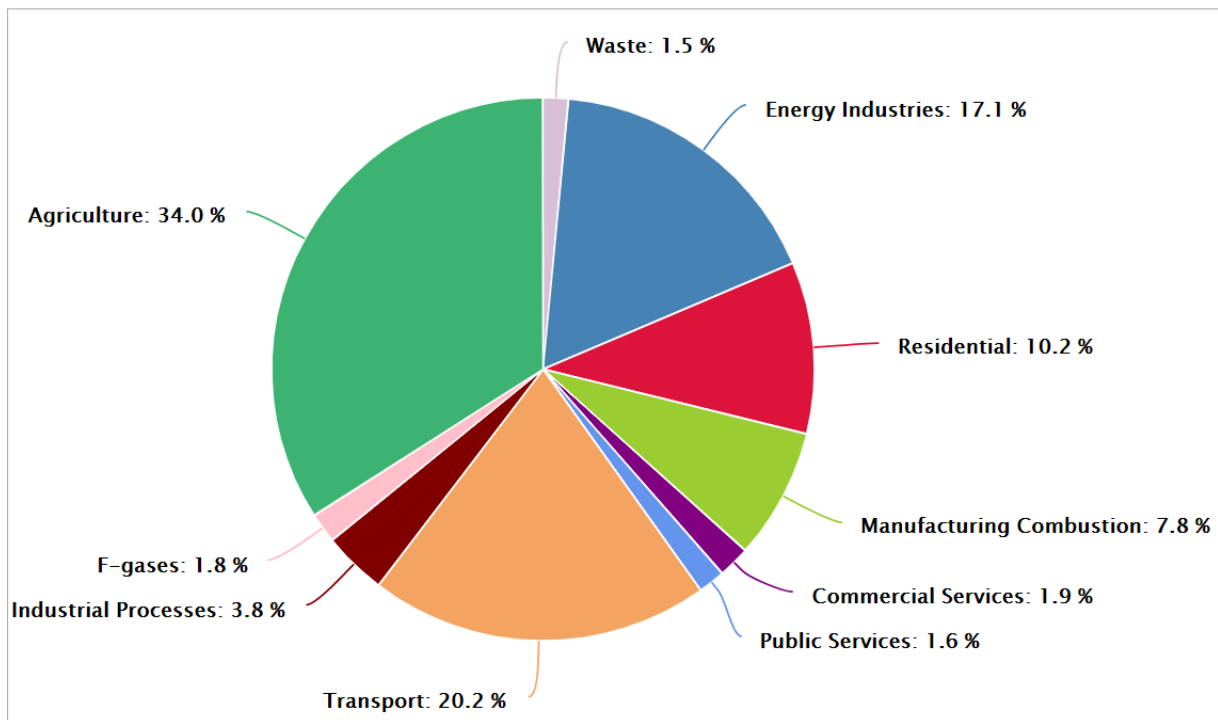
Ireland's GHG emissions decreased by 0.2% (0.14Mt CO₂eq) in 2018 with decreases observed in some the main economic sectors including:

- energy emissions decreased by 11.7%;
- waste emission decreased by 2.85%; and
- f-gases emissions have decreased by 10.2%.

In 2018, emissions trends are increasing, in the sectors below, making achievement of Ireland's long-term decarbonisation goals ever more difficult:

- agriculture with an increase of 1.9%;
- transport with an increase of 1.7%;
- residential with an increase of 7.9%;
- manufacturing combustion up 3.9%;
- industrial processes increased by 2%; and
- commercial and public services both increased by 5.3 and 8.2% respectively.

Figure 5.12: Ireland's GHG Emissions by Sector for 2018⁵⁹



A Strategy towards Climate Change Action Plans for the Dublin Local Authorities has been published in association with CODEMA. This document has seven main focus areas that we will concentrate our efforts on to deliver actions that are under Local Authority remit and can contribute towards Local Authority vision. These are:

- Citizen & Stakeholder Engagement
- Planning
- Energy

⁵⁸ EPA, 2019: <http://www.epa.ie/ghg/currentsituation/>

⁵⁹ EPA, 2019: <http://www.epa.ie/ghg/currentsituation/>

- Transport
- Water
- Waste
- Ecosystems & Biodiversity.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)⁶⁰ reports that there is “unequivocal” evidence that the climate system is warming and furthermore that:

‘Human influence on the climate system is clear, and recent anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases are the highest in history. Recent climate changes have had widespread impacts on human and natural systems.’⁶¹

In Ireland, the expected effects of Climate Change are increased frequency of extreme weather events within the next century. This will include a 20%-30% increase in precipitation, greater rainfall intensity coupled with flash floods and an average annual temperature increase of ~2°C. The potential impacts of Climate Change could have serious consequences for both people and infrastructure along Ireland’s coastal areas as well as its rivers⁶².

The OPW published the ‘Flood Risk Management 2015-2019’ report as part of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment’s (DCCAE) ‘Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan’. In this report the OPW adopted two indicative potential future scenarios, Mid-Range Future Scenarios (MRFS) and High-End Future Scenarios (HEFS), which are based on both average and more extreme Climate Change projections. Under the MRFS a 20% increase in both extreme rainfall depth and peak flood flows are expected, along with a 0.5m increase in sea level. Under the HEFS, the two former parameters are expected to increase by 30%, along with a 1m rise in sea level by 2080⁶³.

The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 seeks to address the issue of climate changes and establishes the national goal to move to a low carbon, climate resilient and environmentally sustainable economy. The Act sets out a roadmap for Ireland’s transition towards a low carbon economy and details mechanisms for the implementation of the ‘National Low Carbon Transition and Mitigation Plan’⁶⁴, to lower Ireland’s level of greenhouse emissions and a ‘National Climate Change Adaptation Framework’⁶⁵. The Act requires public bodies to actively consider mitigation and adaptation efforts, drawing on the objectives set out in the National Low-Carbon Roadmap, national adaptation framework and sectoral adaptation plans

5.6.3.1 Emission Sources in County Meath

In 2017, County Meath completed a Baseline Emissions Inventory, using 2012 as the baseline, to determine the major sources of emissions in the County. A top down approach was used to calculate the energy balance by apportioning the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland’s (SEAI) national statistics to county level, using a number of comparable metrics from Central Statistics Office (CSO) Census data. This generated an indicative picture of Meath’s current and projected energy footprint, which equated to a total of 1, 453 CO₂ equivalent kilotons. The sector split of the total emissions is as follows:

- Transport - 28.8%
- Agriculture - 24.1%

⁶⁰ IPCC, 2014: https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/05/SYR_AR5_FINAL_full_wcover.pdf

⁶¹ IPCC, 2014: https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/02/AR5_SYR_FINAL_SPM.pdf

⁶² OPW Report: <https://opw.ie/en/media/FRM%20CC%20Sectoral%20Adaptation%20Plan%20-%20Dec%202015%20-%20Finalb.pdf>

⁶³ Term 2080s used to describe the period covering 2071-2100. Increases are measured with respect to the period 1961-1990

⁶⁴ National Mitigation Plan, Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, 2017:

<https://www.dccae.gov.ie/documents/National%20Mitigation%20Plan%202017.pdf>

⁶⁵ National Adaptation Framework, Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, 2018:

<https://www.dccae.gov.ie/documents/National%20Adaptation%20Framework.pdf>

- Residential - 23.9%
- Industry - 14.5%
- Services - 7.5%
- Meath County Council - 1.2%

The proportion of emissions split between the different sectors broadly aligns with the results from the National Ireland GHG Emissions Inventory⁶⁶, but with a slightly higher allocation for transport. This is because the number of cars in County Meath is marginally higher than the national average.

5.6.3.2 Meath Climate Action Strategy

In September 2019, MCC launched the *Climate Action Strategy 2019-2024* to respond to climate change challenges. A strong adaptation and mitigation strategy are relevant to Meath for three main reasons

1. Thinking ahead and moving faster than others can deliver competitive advantage for Meath and its businesses.
2. Helping business, residents and our county get ready for the future. Many of the decisions made on new developments and infrastructure will be there for a long time. MCC want to make sure that the decisions made in Meath - by the Council, by officers and by business and residents anticipate this future. A strong adaptation strategy keep the county running in more extreme weather and avoids unforeseen shocks to our services, residents and business.
3. Playing our part. MCC want to play their part in the global challenge of reducing GHG and supporting national programmes to deliver the national commitments made by Ireland to reduce greenhouse gases to 20% below 2005 levels by 2020.

5.6.3.3 MCC Draft Climate Change Adaption Strategy

MCC has prepared a draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy in accordance with the provisions of The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 and the National Adaptation Framework, 2018. The Climate Change Adaptation Strategy takes on the role as the primary instrument at local level to:

1. ensure a proper comprehension of the key risks and vulnerabilities of climate change;
2. bring forward the implementation of climate resilient actions in a planned and proactive manner; and
3. ensure that climate adaptation considerations are mainstreamed into all plans and policies and integrated into all operations and functions of MCC.

5.6.4 Air Quality, Noise & Climate Change Issues

Agriculture, transport and residential emissions are the greatest source of air pollution. In urban areas, concern has clearly shifted to a range of pollutants associated with road traffic which may be considered relatively new in the context of air quality control. The most important of these pollutants are NO₂, particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM₁₀), carbon monoxide (CO) and a wide variety of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), including carcinogens such as benzene. Advances in engine technology and fuel development will, it is predicted, offset rises in tail pipe emissions from increased car usage due to an increased population. The context to the CDP is rural in nature where travel is an essential part of daily life. Therefore, it is important that a good quality road infrastructure is provided and alternatives to the private car are encouraged as much as possible.

The potential effects of Climate Change resulting in an increase in the frequency and severity of flooding events from rainfall must also be considered in the CDP. Severe rainfall events as a result of Climate Change could

⁶⁶ EPA, 2019: https://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/air/airemissions/ghg/nir2019/Ireland%20NIR%202019_Final.pdf

adversely impact upon town's in Meath leading to water shortages, residential flooding and disruption to infrastructure. Towns and villages along the coast will become increasingly vulnerable to rises in the sea level and coastal erosion.

5.7 Material Assets

Material assets are resources that are valued and intrinsic to a development and the surrounding area. Material assets may be of either natural or human origin and the value may arise for economic or cultural reasons. Material assets include water supply, wastewater treatment infrastructure, waste disposal including recycling, transport infrastructure (road, rail, airports and ports), energy and supply networks and telecom services. Material assets also includes economic assets such as coastal and water resources which support fisheries and aquaculture.

5.7.1 Water Supply and Wastewater Services

The sustainable growth of the County is dependent on the provision of services and infrastructure. A Plan led approach, in accordance with the County's Core Settlement and Housing Strategy is required for the delivery of such services in order to ensure there is adequate capacity to support the future development of the County.

There have been significant changes in responsibilities for water supply and wastewater treatment services. As of January 2014 Irish Water replaced local authorities as a single provider of water supply and wastewater services. The future development of County Meath's water supply and wastewater treatment infrastructure is largely dependent on the Irish Water Services Capital Investment Programme (CIP), and the availability of funding therein.

5.7.1.1 Water Services and Water Supply

Irish Water have prepared the Water Services Strategic Plan (WSSP), *'A Plan for the Future of Water Services'* and it provides for the first time at national level an opportunity to consider the way water services are delivered in Ireland. The WSSP sets out strategic objectives for the delivery of water services over the next 25 years up to 2040. The Plan details current and future challenges affecting the provision of water services and identifies priorities to be dealt with over the short to medium term. The Plan is to be reviewed on a five year basis.

In 2018, c. 45 million litres (ML) of potable water was treated and supplied through 64 no. separate public water supply schemes and a watermain distribution network of over 1,800km in County Meath. The 2016 Census indicates that almost 50,000 private households (out of a total of 64,234 private households) in Meath and 6,000 businesses throughout Meath are served by public watermains. The remaining households and business premises are served by either Group Water Schemes or private wells, which do not fall within the remit of Irish Water.

Practical water conservation measures including active leakage detection, demand management and pressure management played and will continue to play a major role in reducing the demand for potable water, thus facilitating additional development and improving the level of service to existing consumers in the County through the existing watermain networks.

Notwithstanding adoption of water conservation measures, existing water supply sources do not have the capacity or resilience to meet likely future demand in Dublin and the Midlands. A preferred scheme has been published which proposes the supply of water from the Parteen Basin on the Lower River Shannon, with water treatment nearby at Birdhill, County Tipperary. Treated water would then be piped 170km to connect to the Greater Dublin network and provide treated water supplies to communities in North Tipperary, Offaly, Laois,

Westmeath, Kildare, Meath and Wicklow. Irish Water intend to seek planning permission for this project in 2019-2020.

Private bored wells used as a source of water supply to single dwellings are the responsibility of the householder, and are therefore not regulated and Irish Water has no regulatory function in this regard.

5.7.1.2 Wastewater Services

The Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (91/271/EEC) (amended by Directive 98/15/EEC) aims to protect the environment from the adverse effects of wastewater discharges by ensuring that wastewater is appropriately treated before it is discharged to the environment. Such treatment is essential in order to meet the requirements of the WFD.

There are c. 40 No. Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs) and more than 1,000km's of sewer network in County Meath, see Figure 5.13 below.

Irish Water currently collects and treats the wastewater from the majority of the counties' urban centres. Wastewater from a number of these centres is discharged to and treated in WWTPs outside the County as follows:

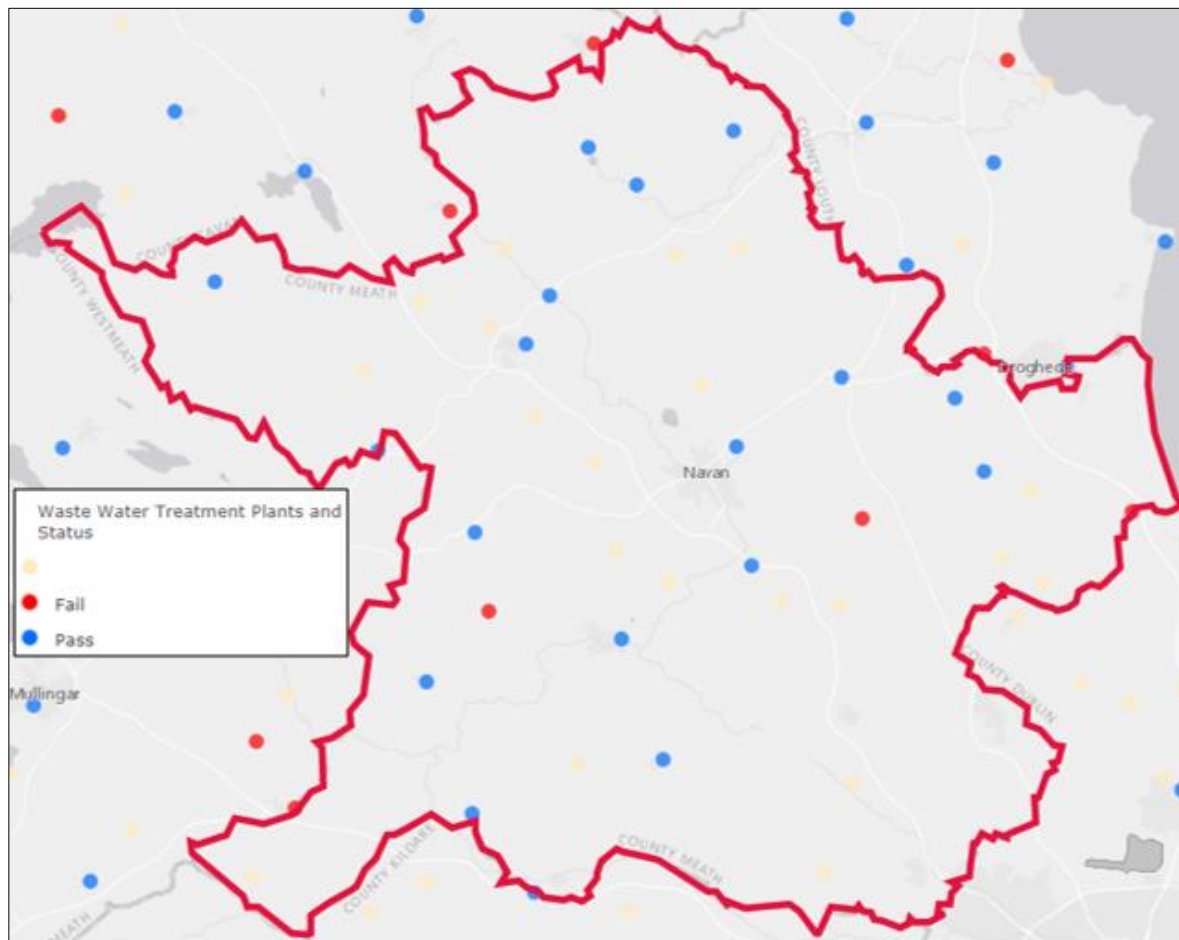
- Wastewater from Ashbourne, Ratoath, Kilbride, Dunboyne and Clonee is discharged into Dublin where it is treated in Ringsend WWTP;
- Wastewater from the Kilcock Environs is discharged into the Leixlip WWTP; and
- Wastewater from the Southern Environs of Drogheda, Bettystown / Laytown / Mornington / Donacarney and Julianstown discharge to the Drogheda WWTP.

MCC will continue to work with Irish Water to advance and realise capital expansions and upgrades of wastewater infrastructure for the continued sustainable growth of the County.

In un-serviced areas and outside the main settlements, the main method of sewage disposal is by means of individual septic tanks and proprietary wastewater treatment systems. The requirements for these systems are set out in the EPA *Code of Practice for Wastewater Treatment Systems and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses*⁶⁷.

⁶⁷ EPA, 2010: <https://www.epa.ie/pubs/advice/water/wastewater/code%20of%20practice%20for%20single%20houses/>

Figure 5.13: Location of the Wastewater Treatment Plants in County Meath⁶⁸



5.7.2 Waste Management

Waste management in Ireland is regulated by the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2011, which require Local Authorities to prepare detailed plans for the management of waste. Under the Waste Management Acts, a Development Plan is deemed to include the objectives of the Waste Management Plan (WMP) for its area.

The Eastern Midlands Region WMP 2015-2021 was adopted in May 2015. The Eastern Midlands Region WMP defines waste as ‘any substance or object which the holder discards, intends to discard or is required to discard, by the Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC)’. The overall vision of the Eastern Midlands Region WMP is to rethink the approach taken towards managing waste and that waste should be seen as a valuable material resource. The CDP also supports a move towards achieving a circular economy which is essential if the region is to make better use of resources and become more resource efficient.

In line with the Eastern Midlands Region WMP, MCC will continue to:

- promote a waste prevention and minimisation programme to target all aspects of waste; and
- promote awareness and an increase in the amount of waste reused and recycled.

Meath is well served with a wide range of waste facilities from:

- waste transfer stations;
- Waste to Energy facility, landfill;

⁶⁸ AIRO Environmental Sensitivity Viewer 2019: <http://airomaps.nuim.ie/id/ESM/?mobileBreakPoint=400/>

- a Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste facility; and
- a network of recycling facilities supported by the MCC.

Recycling is a key component of sustainable waste management. Navan, Trim, Kells and Dunboyne are served by recycling centres. The remainder of the County is served by a network of bring banks which accept a broad diversity of materials. The *Waste Management Plan* notes that finding suitable locations for bring banks is a challenging task for all Local Authorities. The Council will continue to promote awareness of and promote an increase in the amount of waste that is re-used and recycled to reflect the objectives of the waste hierarchy.

The Indaver Waste to Energy (WtE) facility in Duleek is a privately owned **recovery facility** with capacity beyond the lifetime of this Plan. The privately owned Irish Cement Works currently uses solid recovery fuel (SRF – a waste derived fuel material) to offset a proportion of existing fossil use in its cement manufacturing facility at Platin, near Duleek.

The Knockharley **regional landfill**, near Kentstown, accessed off the N2 road is a privately operated landfill facility which has capacity beyond the lifetime of this Plan. It is recognised that a contingency capacity for landfill is required to facilitate emergency situations for example, the management of waste from a foot and mouth disease outbreak.

Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste is generally collected by authorised collectors and often used for backfilling. Since there is a significant move away from landfill, which has been an outlet for C&D Waste, alternative recovery options are required in the future years. The EC (Waste Directive) Regulations 2011, sets a 70% target for the reuse, recycling and recovery of man-made C&D waste in Ireland by 2020. It is imperative that capacity to manage C&D Waste is made available and this is a requisite to facilitate key economic development in the County. In addition an outlet is required for uncontaminated, non-hazardous soils, which are subject to export at present.

5.7.3 Transport

Transport is fundamental to how we live and work. A well performing transport system is essential to the functioning of society and the economy as a whole. The maintenance and delivery of an efficient, integrated and coherent transport network in line with national and regional policy is essential to the future economic, social and physical development of the County. Land-use planning and transport planning are inextricably linked and their proper integration is a key determinant to sustainable development.

‘Smarter Travel: A Sustainable Transport Future’ is a national document which seeks to achieve a shift to more sustainable means of transport by setting Targets for Modal Change. Nationally the target is for modal share of car commuting to drop from 65% to 45% by 2020 and for cycling to reach 10% of journeys made by 2020. Using more sustainable modes of transport is necessary to reduce Ireland’s carbon emissions and reach the Government’s goal of an 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050.

The main objectives are:

1. to encourage smarter travel, *i.e.* to reduce overall travel demand;
2. to maximise the efficiency of the transport network;
3. to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and therefore to reduce transport emissions; and
4. to improve accessibility to transport.

5.7.3.1 Roads

County Meath is strategically placed within the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) between the cities of Dublin and Belfast. As a result the County is well served by a high quality Motorway, National, Regional and local road network. The residents of County Meath rely heavily on the use of private cars for transport and towns nearest

Dublin have the highest number of commuters. A fully operational road network is therefore essential to the efficient functioning of the region.

The Motorways, National primary and secondary roads play a central role in providing ready access to all regions of the Country. They connect the County with the adjoining regions, provide direct access to Dublin City, to Dublin and Belfast International Airports and to the regional rail network and ports.

Meath is serviced by the national road network with the M1 Dublin - Belfast, the N2 Dublin - Derry, M3 Cavan Dublin, and M4 Dublin - Galway, Castlebar and Sligo, all traversing through the County linking the Dublin metropolitan area to the regions. The RSES recognises the importance of maintaining, improving and protecting the strategic function of the key transport corridors including the imperative to improve and protect the strategic function of the Dublin to Belfast International road corridor, which forms part of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) core network. The national secondary roads, N51 and N52, are medium distance through-routes connecting important towns. The N52 is a particularly important infrastructural development and strategic route, linking Dundalk and Mullingar-Athlone-Tullamore. The County is very reliant on its road infrastructure for intra and inter county movement and access.

Although responsibility for National Roads comes under the auspices of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), MCC in conjunction with TII carries out major upgrading and improvements to National Roads in the County. Regional and local roads serve an important economic, social and community function and account for 81% of the Country's roads.

5.7.3.2 Rail

At present, rail services are available at stations located in Dunboyne, Pace (M3 Parkway), Enfield, and a limited service provided from Gormanston Village. There are rail stations located immediately adjoining the County which are also used by Meath residents, these are Maynooth, Kilcock, Clonsilla, Drogheda and Balbriggan.

At present, there is no rail service from Navan to Dublin, putting it at a competitive disadvantage⁶⁹. The delivery of the Navan Rail Line Phase II infrastructure will strengthen the transport links in the County and will significantly improve the County's economic competitiveness as well as having a meaningful improvement on the quality of life of the County's residents. The delivery of the Navan Rail Line is in accordance with the Transport Strategy for the GDA 2016-2035.

MCC is committed to working with Irish Rail to review the operation of the Short Hop Zone (SHZ) rail prices, as currently the pricing discrepancy is having an undesirable impact on user behaviour. It is diverting rail users to a considerable extent to utilise stations outside of the County in order to avail of cheaper fares thereby creating more congestion at certain locations.

5.7.3.3 Bus

Meath has already seen significant improvements to the quality and frequency of bus services to and from the urban centres of the County to Dublin and to other regional centres. Bus Éireann currently operates commuter and / or Expressway services to and from all major employment centres in Meath to Dublin. Bus Éireann also provides public transport services linking population centres in Meath and adjoining counties such as Drogheda to Navan, Navan to Kells and Navan to Trim. There are also a number of private services which serves the population centres in East Meath and play an important role in meeting the overall demand for transport services.

The National Roads Authority (NTA), as part of the transport strategy for the GDA, have identified significant routes that require investment in order to minimise delays. Improvements will include, enhanced bus lane

⁶⁹ Including the completion of Metrolink to Swords.

provision on these corridors, removing current delays on the bus network in the relevant locations and enabling bus services to provide a faster alternative to car traffic along these routes.

As part of the Core Bus Network, three bus corridors pass through County Meath and include;

1. M1, via Dublin Port Tunnel
 - Serves long distance bus routes from Belfast, Dundalk, Derry, Monaghan and Drogheda; and
 - Serves other regional bus routes from Balbriggan, Skerries and East Meath.
2. M2, via Dublin Port Tunnel
 - Serves regional bus routes from Ashbourne and Slane.
3. M3 / N3, via the Navan Road
 - Serves regional bus routes from Cavan, Navan, Trim and Dunshaughlin.

There has also been an increase in the frequency of local bus services largely as a result of the establishment of Flexibus, Meath Accessible Transport Ltd⁷⁰. Flexibus run a daily route between Trim and Navan to assist passengers who wish to access education, training or employment.

5.7.3.4 Park and Ride

Park and Ride (P&R) facilities assist those living in remote locations not well served by public transport to access public transport connections. Importantly, P&R facilities must improve public transport accessibility without unduly intensifying road congestion, or increasing the total distance travelled by car.

The CDP will include a policy to provide P&R schemes which improve public transport accessibility at appropriate locations which will not exacerbate road congestion or increase car travel distances.

5.7.3.5 Cycling & Walking Infrastructure

Cycling and walking is environmentally friendly, fuel-efficient and a healthy mode of transport to work, school, shopping and for recreational purposes. Cycling and walking are considered an efficient, fast and relatively inexpensive form of transport and its promotion is in line with the principles of sustainable development and promotion of healthy lifestyles.

The NTA's strategy for Transport in the GDA emphasises the need for additional walking and cycling infrastructure in the region and outlines a number of improvements required to encourage more people to walk which includes improvements to the existing environment for people with mobility, visual and hearing impairments.

Planning can encourage walking to become the principal method of movement for shorter journeys by utilising good urban design. Providing a network of safe, well-lit and convenient footpaths (both road-side and segregated) within new residential areas with links to schools, local neighbourhood centres, public transport stops and workplaces will encourage people to walk more.

MCC will continue to improve walking facilities in the County in conjunction with the NTA.

5.7.4 Energy

Ireland is committed to a range of renewable energy and efficiency targets. In 2014 the European Council adopted a new framework, the *2030 Climate and Energy Framework*, which includes EU-wide targets and policy objectives for the period from 2021 to 2030. The Key targets for 2030 are:

⁷⁰ Flexibus is one of the projects around the country, which are funded by the Department of Transport under the Rural Transport Initiative. Flexibus carried over 114,144 passengers in 2016 (figures obtained from Flexibus).

- At least 40% cuts in GHG emissions (from 1990 levels).
- At least 32% share for renewable energy.
- At least 32.5% improvement in energy efficiency.

The 2030 framework proposes new targets and measures to make the EU's economy and energy system more competitive, secure and sustainable⁷¹. The 2030 framework aims to help the EU address issues such as:

- taking the next step towards the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80-95% below 1990 level by 2050;
- high energy prices and the EU economy's vulnerability to future price rises, especially for oil and gas;
- the EU's dependence on energy imports, often from politically unstable areas;
- the need to replace and upgrade energy infrastructure and provide a stable regulatory framework for potential investors; and
- agree on a greenhouse gas reduction target for 2030.

MCC has a critical and overarching role in progressing a sustainable energy future for Meath by recognising the central role of land use planning in promoting a low carbon society and mitigating the impacts of Climate Change.

The two main energy sources currently serving the County are electricity and gas. The RSES (Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly) highlights the importance of reducing energy consumption from fossil fuel sources and promotes the use of more sustainable sources (wind, wave solar and biomass), as the overreliance on non-indigenous supplies of energy is still a major issue for the region. The RSES also outlines the need to identify 'Strategic Energy Zones' as areas suitable for larger energy generating projects, the role of community and micro energy production in urban and rural settings and the potential for renewable energy within industrial areas. A regional landscape strategy should be developed to support the delivery of projects within *Strategic Energy Zones*'. Furthermore the use of smart technology systems and the recognition that buildings can act as both generators and consumers of energy and the promotion of electric vehicles will all place greater pressure on the national electricity grid.

Renewable energy potential feasible options, in line with the NPF for Ireland, for Meath include, but are not limited to, a balanced mix of:

- Bioenergy - crops, forestry;
- Biomass - anaerobic digestion, combined heat and power (CHP);
- Geothermal - hot dry rock reservoirs, groundwater aquifers;
- Hydro energy - small and micro hydro systems;
- Solar - passive solar heating, active solar heating;
- Waste - landfill methane gas collection;
- Wave - wave action; and
- Wind - onshore wind, offshore wind (single turbines and groups).

Solar technologies include solar panels, solar farms, solar energy storage facilities all of which contribute to a reduction in energy demand and can be designed into buildings or retrofitted. As of May 2019, 20 no. solar photovoltaic farms have been granted planning permission across Meath but none have commenced development. A number of other solar farm proposals are at the pre-planning stage.

Wind energy has been the most significant source of renewable electricity, across the island of Ireland. However, if Ireland is to reach our 2020 renewable electricity target, the build rate of onshore wind farms must accelerate from an historic average of 180MW per year to at least 250MW per year⁷². MCC will continue

⁷¹ European Council, 2017: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/climate-change/2030-climate-and-energy-framework/>

⁷² DCCAE, 2017

to support and encourage the principle of development of wind energy, in accordance with Government policy and having regard to the provisions of the Landscape Characterisation Assessment of the County and the *Wind Energy Development Guidelines*⁷³.

MCC seeks to ensure that all new developments contribute positively towards reducing energy consumption and the associated carbon footprint. The Council will promote and facilitate new and innovative technologies seeking to provide renewable energies. The Council will also ensure a balance is achieved between the development of renewable energy sources and the protection of the natural heritage, visual amenity, biodiversity and food producing lands.

Local community engagement will form a key part of the Council's future energy strategy, and this engagement could be developed through the Public Participation Network (PPN) which could be used to inform people of the economic, environmental and social benefits of moving away from solid/fossil fuels towards a low carbon economy.

The Council will endeavour:

- to promote the rational uses of energy;
- to promote renewable energy;
- to promote and disseminate energy information;
- to protect the environment;
- to reduce energy waste in all sectors of society; and
- to encourage the replacement of imported fossil fuels with regionally generated renewable energy in an effort to ensure security of energy supply, where it is feasible.

5.7.5 Telecommunications

High-speed broadband and telecommunications is core to competitiveness. Broadband is one of the key drivers in maintaining competitiveness and supporting socio-economic development. The National Broadband Plan⁷⁴ (NBP) sets out the strategy to deliver high speed broadband throughout Ireland. It will ensure that people living and working in rural areas have the same digital opportunities as those in urban areas. The contract for the National Broadband Plan State intervention area was awarded in November 2019.

County Meath has reasonably good access to the broadband network, see Figure 5.14 below. MCC will seek to promote enhancement of broadband delivery in County Meath in the period of the Development Plan in accordance with National policy in order to:

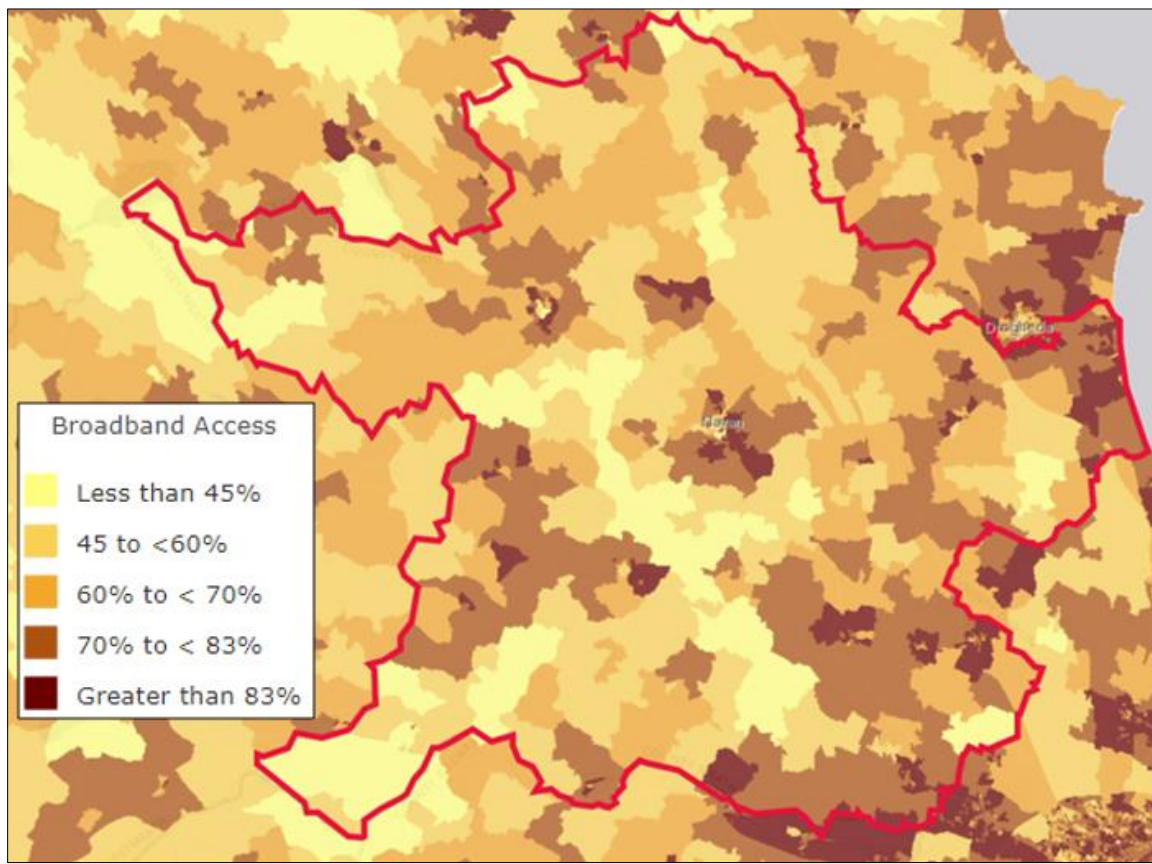
- promote the attractiveness of regional locations outside of the main urban centres for economic development both indigenous and FDI;
- facilitate more flexible working arrangements such as working from home; and
- reduce social isolation.

⁷³ DEHLG, 2006:

<https://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/migrated-files/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/FileDownload%2C1633%2Cen.pdf>

⁷⁴ DCCAE, 2019: <https://www.dccae.gov.ie/documents/Delivering%20the%20National%20Broadband%20Plan.pdf>

Figure 5.14: Broadband Services in County Meath⁷⁵



5.7.6 Material Assets Issues

The development of the Draft Meath CDP will result in increasing demand for water, wastewater treatment, waste management, transport infrastructure / links and energy and telecommunications services.

New developments, (including housing, offices and retail development), will generate pressure on existing water sources to meet demands and provide a suitable, safe and secure quantity and quality of drinking **water supply**. Provision of rural housing development presents challenges in terms of adequate servicing with potable water and wastewater infrastructure, in protection of environmental resources such as biodiversity, landscape, surface water and groundwater, and increasingly in terms of climate change and climate change adaption.

New developments, should only be permitted where there is adequate capacity in the **wastewater** infrastructure in accordance with urban wastewater treatment disposal requirements and standards. Currently, municipal wastewater discharges are creating significant pressure on the receiving waterbody. Similarly, all new development should be drained on separate systems (*i.e.* separate foul and surface water pipes), as this will reduce the likelihood of flooding of foul water pipelines during periods of very heavy rainfall. Inadequate infrastructure, including inadequate capacity, contribute to the contamination of receiving surface water and groundwater waterbodies.

In Ireland in recent years there has been a move away from the disposal of **waste** to landfill. Population growth and development continues to put pressures on the local authorities to provide better waste management

⁷⁵ AIRO Environmental Sensitivity Viewer 2019: <http://airomaps.nuim.ie/id/ESM/?mobileBreakPoint=400/>

and access to waste services. According to CSO figures, some 500,000 homes in Ireland do not implement waste prevention practices⁷⁶.

New developments, will generate waste during both the Construction and Operational Phase of the development. Construction methodologies and choice of sustainable material will be encouraged for new developments, and developers will need to demonstrate that sustainable construction materials used are sourced sustainably. Waste material generated onsite during the Construction Phase must be in accordance with the relevant national waste management legislation.

The movement of people is key to the success of new development and areas, where adequate **transport** infrastructure (*i.e.* road, rail, cycle and pedestrian routes) to these developments and accessibility throughout the development / area (safe footpath and cycle paths) is fundamental to the development of Meath.

The development of **road** infrastructure services, has major implications for biodiversity, landscape and air quality, as it causes habitat and landscape fragmentation and has health and Climate Change implications. In Ireland, the development of the road infrastructure network, has led to an over-reliance on private cars and the road network. There is a need to encourage a shift away from private cars usage and provide more reliable and connected modes of **public transport**. Promoting public transport, cycling and pedestrian activity, through the provision of quality and integrated public transport networks and infrastructure, can ensure traffic volumes and congestion on local road networks are minimised.

Currently 88% of Ireland's **energy** is derived from fossil fuels, which has a negative impact on the environment and on human health⁷⁷. There is a need to phase out the reliance on fossil fuels, with a shift to renewable energy resources, however, renewable energy will require large scale investment (public and private) in energy efficiency and innovative systems. Identifying and enabling indigenous renewable energy will also support Ireland's energy security. New developments and large developments require excellent energy and power services which create direct and indirect emissions, particularly CO₂, methane and dioxins.

The CSO predicts that the average annual population growth rate during the period 2017-2051 will be c. 0.8%⁷⁸. Consequently, it is important to ensure that new developments are offered connection to high speed **broadband** and telecommunication services. The infrastructure requires the need to plan for all these elements to ensure that there is adequate availability to support future development, in a manner that is environmentally appropriate, cost effective and efficient while ensuring the protection of public health.

5.8 Cultural Heritage

The physical traces left in the landscape by previous generations in archaeological monuments and sites and in historic buildings, townscapes and vernacular structures forms part of the tangible cultural heritage linking the past and present. County Meath is intrinsically linked to its cultural heritage, and is central to how individuals, communities and the County see themselves. MCC recognises the importance of identifying, valuing and safeguarding the archaeological and architectural heritage of Meath for future generations which can be achieved through the proper management, sensitive enhancement and / or appropriate development of this resource.

Meath's wealth of archaeological and built heritage makes it exceptional in Ireland. It includes the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne, the seat of the High Kings of Ireland at Tara, the passage tombs of Loughcrew, the largest Anglo-Norman castle in Europe at Trim, the historic towns and villages (Navan, Trim,

⁷⁶ CSO: <https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/ep/p-eii/eii2016/waste/>

⁷⁷ Ireland's Environment 2016: http://www.epa.ie/media/Chapter11_Environment_Energy.pdf

⁷⁸ CSO, Population and Labour Force Projections 2017-2051: <https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/ep/p-plfp/populationandlabourforceprojections2017-2051/populationprojectionsresults/>

Kells and Slane), great country houses, demesne landscapes, and a significant industrial heritage of canals and mills. Meath's natural heritage includes scenic river valleys, rolling farmland, a network of mature hedgerows and diverse coastal habitats.

A positive approach to heritage management enhances quality of life and environmental sustainability and ensures that the cultural and natural heritage is a resource that helps the County to compete as a cultural tourism destination.

MCC has prepared a Heritage Plan 2015-2020 which aims to identify priorities for action, establish a framework for the management of heritage at local level and increase awareness, appreciation and enjoyment of their heritage for all.

5.8.1 Archaeological Heritage

The archaeological heritage of an area includes structures, constructions, groups of buildings, developed sites, moveable objects, monuments of other types as well as their context, whether situated on or under land or water.

The National Monuments Acts 1930-2004 provide for the protection of archaeological heritage. The Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) was established under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994 and structures, features, objects or sites listed in this Record are known as Recorded Monuments.

Nationally there are over 1,000 monuments in State Care. In Meath there are 53 no. archaeological national monuments in guardianship and ownership of the State⁷⁹. The wealth of archaeological sites ranges from passage tombs, churches, enclosures and ringforts to castles and round towers.

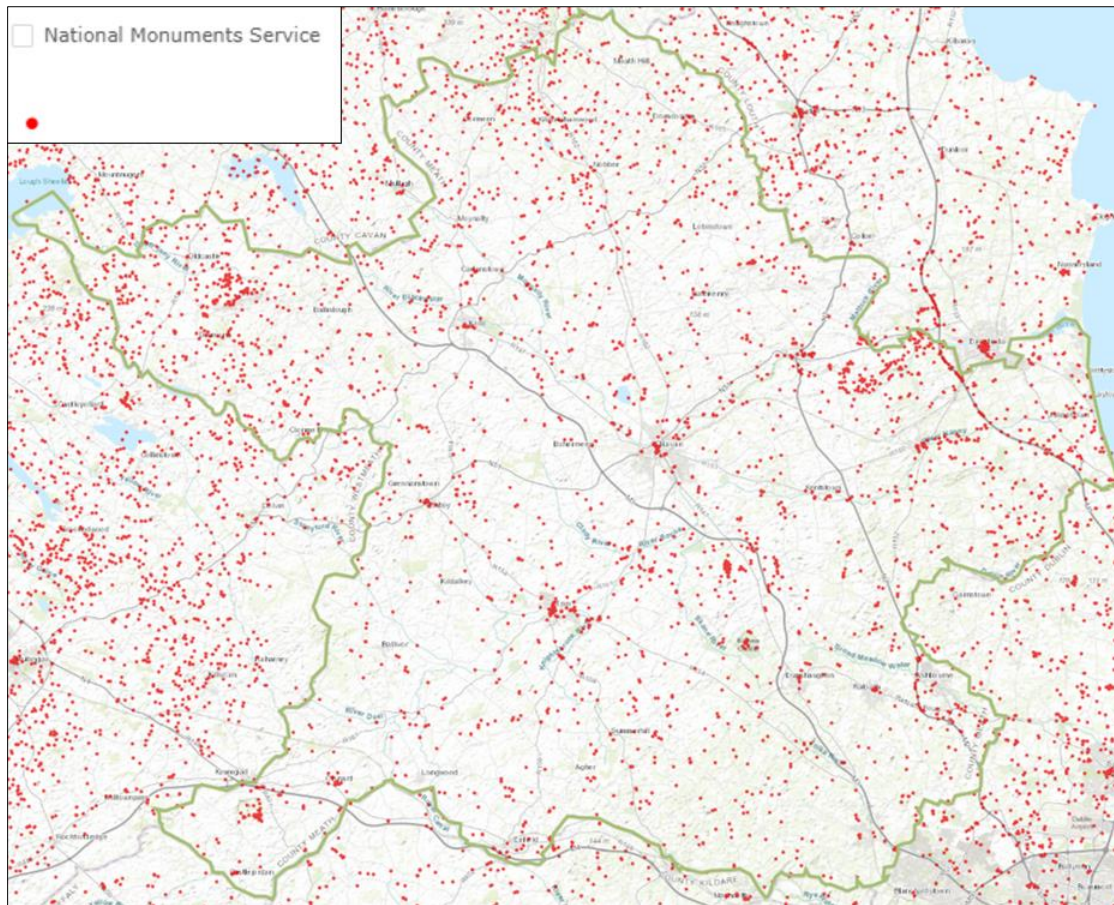
Monuments on the Register of Historic Monuments are established under the Section 5 of the National Monuments (Amendment Act) 1987. Under the provisions of Section 5(8) of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1987, any person who plans to carry work in the vicinity of a monument recorded on the Register of Historic Monuments must give two months' notice to the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Owners of lands on which a monument listed on the Register of Historic Monuments is situated have been notified of the presence of the monument and the legal protection which applies. There are 110 no. historical monuments recorded in Meath, see Figure 5.15 below.

The discovery of unrecorded monuments can often occur during excavations. Section 26 of the National Monuments Act 1930 (as amended) requires that excavations for archaeological purposes must be carried out by archaeologists acting under an excavation licence. The Database of Irish Excavation⁸⁰ contains summary accounts of excavations carried out in Ireland from 1969 to the present year.

⁷⁹ National Monuments in State Care, 2009: <https://www.archaeology.ie/sites/default/files/media/pdf/monuments-in-state-care-meath.pdf>

⁸⁰ Irish Excavation Ireland website: <http://www.excavations.ie/>

Figure 5.15: Map of the Record of Monuments and Places in County Meath⁸¹



5.8.1.1 UNESCO World Heritage Site

The World Heritage Site of the *Archaeological Ensemble of the Bend of the Boyne* is commonly known as Brú na Bóinne, which means the ‘palace’ or the ‘mansion’ of the Boyne. It refers to the area within the bend of the River Boyne around Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth, and is one of the world’s most important archaeological complexes.

In December 1993 the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) inscribed Brú na Bóinne as a World Heritage Site. Brú na Bóinne contains many outstanding archaeological features, including the largest assemblage of megalithic art in Europe, large and varied grouping of monuments, and evidence of continuous settlement and activity in the area for some 7,000 years. The international significance of Brú na Bóinne has gradually been revealed through an ongoing process of discovery and research which began 300 years ago.

MCC is committed to the protection and conservation of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne.

MCC acknowledges the need for additional bed spaces and other tourist facilities to enable the local community to benefit from the area’s World Heritage Site status.

⁸¹ Historic Environment Viewer, 2019: <http://webgis.archaeology.ie/historicenvironment/>

5.8.1.2 World Heritage Tentative List

The protection of the world's cultural and natural heritage is of importance for present and future generations. A Tentative List is an inventory of those properties which a country intends to consider for nomination to the World Heritage List.

Two no. sites in the County have been included on the Tentative List as part of larger assemblies of sites:

- The Tara Complex as part of The Royal Sites of Ireland (Cashel, Dún Ailinne, Hill of Uisneach, Rathcroghan Complex and Tara Complex).
- Kells, as part of the Early Medieval Monastic Sites (Clonmacnoise, Durrow, Glendalough, Inis Cealtra, Kells and Monasterboice).

5.8.2 Architectural Heritage

The architectural heritage of Meath contributes to its unique sense of place. The Council wishes to ensure that those buildings, streetscapes and features which are of merit are protected and managed so that they retain their character and special interest.

5.8.2.1 Record of Protected Structures (RPS)

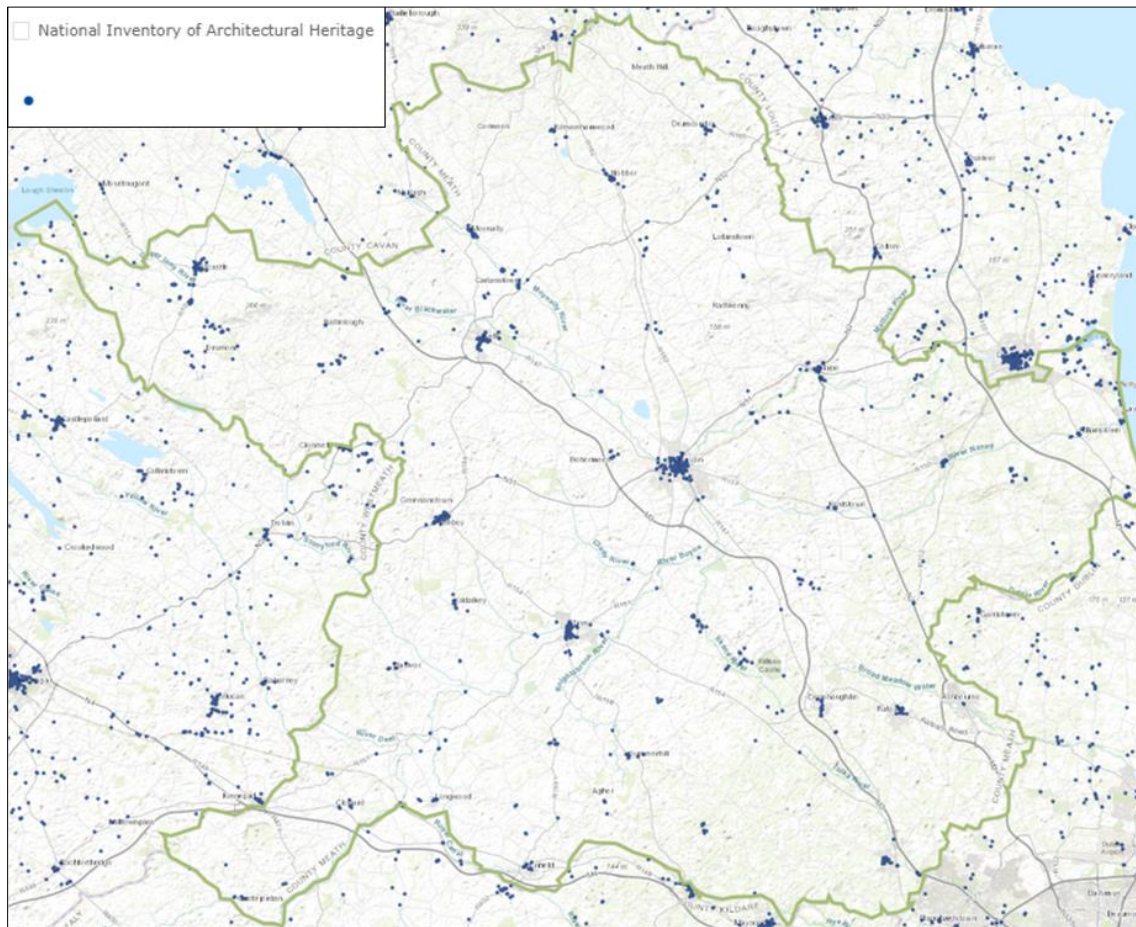
Section 10 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) places an obligation on all Local Authorities to include in their Development Plan objectives for the protection of structures, or parts of structures, which are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest. These buildings and structures are compiled on a register known as the Record of Protected Structures (RPS).

A Protected Structure, unless otherwise stated in the RPS, includes:

- the interior of the structure;
- the land lying within its curtilage;
- any other structures within the curtilage, and their interiors; and
- all fixtures and features which form part of the interior or exterior of any of these structures.

Owners or occupiers of a protected structure may request the Council to issue a declaration as to the type of works, which may or may not be permitted in their structure. The record of protected structures for Meath is contained within Appendix 8 of the CDP, see Figure 5.16 below.

Figure 5.16: Map of the Architectural Heritage Sites in County Meath⁸²



5.8.2.2 Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs)

Section 81 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) places a statutory obligation on planning authorities to ensure that all Development Plans must now include objectives to preserve the character of a place, area, group of structures or townscape that is:

- a) of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest or value, or
- b) contributes to the appreciation of protected structures.

Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) are of great importance for the protection and enjoyment of our heritage. In considering an application for permission for development in relation to land situated in an ACA, a planning authority, or the Board on appeal, must take into account the material effect that a development proposal would be likely to have on the character of the ACA. Planning permission is required to substantially or completely demolish any building within an ACA. Generally, there is a presumption in favour of retaining buildings that make a positive contribution to the character or appearance of an ACA. This does not prevent alterations, extensions or new development within the area but seeks to ensure that any new development is compatible with the special character of the area.

There are 23 no. areas designated as ACAs in Meath which are listed in Table 5.7 below.

⁸² Historic Environment Viewer, 2019: <http://webgis.archaeology.ie/historicenvironment/>

Table 5.7: Architectural Conservation Areas in County Meath

Architectural Conservation Area	Architectural Conservation Area
Ardbraccan Demesne	Navan Historic Core
Athboy	Oldbridge Demesne
Dunboyne	Oldcastle
Dunsany Castle Demesne	Slane
Headfort Demesne	Slane Castle Demesne
Julianstown	Slane Mill Complex
Kells Historic Core	Somerville Demesne
Kells – Headfort Place	Stackallen Demesne
Kilmessan	Summerhill
Laytown – Netterville and Victoria Terrace	Trim Historic Core
Longwood	Trim Porch Fields
Moynalty	

5.8.3 Cultural Heritage Issues

Construction activities have the potential for direct negative impacts on heritage features and their setting. Development of infrastructure, in addition to development resulting from economic growth and increasing population, can potentially impact on the integrity of sites or features of architectural, archaeological or cultural heritage interest. This could directly impact upon the cultural amenity resource and tourism potential of Meath.

Implementation of the CDP also provides the opportunity to potentially uncover new heritage features and enhance public awareness of and access to these sites.

5.9 Landscape & Visual

The concept of landscape encompasses all that can be seen by looking across an area of land, *i.e.* it is the visible environment in its entirety. Landscape is the context in which all change takes place and helps to create a unique sense of place or identity within an area. The landscape supports a wide range of ecological habitats despite growth in its resident population. The interaction of all of these elements influences landscape character for future generations.

A National Landscape Strategy for Ireland 2015-2025⁸³ was published, in line with Ireland's obligations under the European Landscape Convention. The key objectives of this Strategy are the recognition of landscape in law and the provision of a policy framework to put measures in place for the management and protection of landscape, the production of a national Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) through data gathering and an evidence based description of character assessment, raising awareness and public consultation.

5.9.1 Landscape Character Assessment (LCA)

Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) is a process that describes maps and classifies landscapes. Landscape character is defined as '*a distinct, recognisable and consistent pattern of elements in the landscape that makes one landscape different from another, rather than better or worse*'. Defining landscape character enables an

⁸³ National Landscape Strategy: <https://www.chg.gov.ie/app/uploads/2015/07/N-Landscape-Strategy-english-Web.pdf>

understanding to be formed of the inherent value and importance of individual landscape elements and the processes that may alter landscape character in the future. The cultural and ecological aspects of the landscape cannot be divorced from its physical and visual characteristics so all of these elements are considered.

5.9.2 Landscape Character Types

Landscape Character Types (LCT) are distinct types of landscape that are relatively homogenous in character and are generic in nature in that they may occur in different localities throughout the country. Nonetheless, where they do occur, they commonly share similar combinations of geology, topography, land cover and historical land use, *e.g.* Upland Areas.

The LCA contained in the Meath CDP divides the county into four main LCTs, see Table 5.8 below. These LCTs are further sub-divided into 20 no. geographically specific LCAs. The LCA includes recommendations that would, if implemented, to seek to protect and enhance the landscape character, and facilitate and guide sensitively designed development. The location of these areas are shown in Figure 5.17 below.

5.9.3 Landscape Character Sensitivity

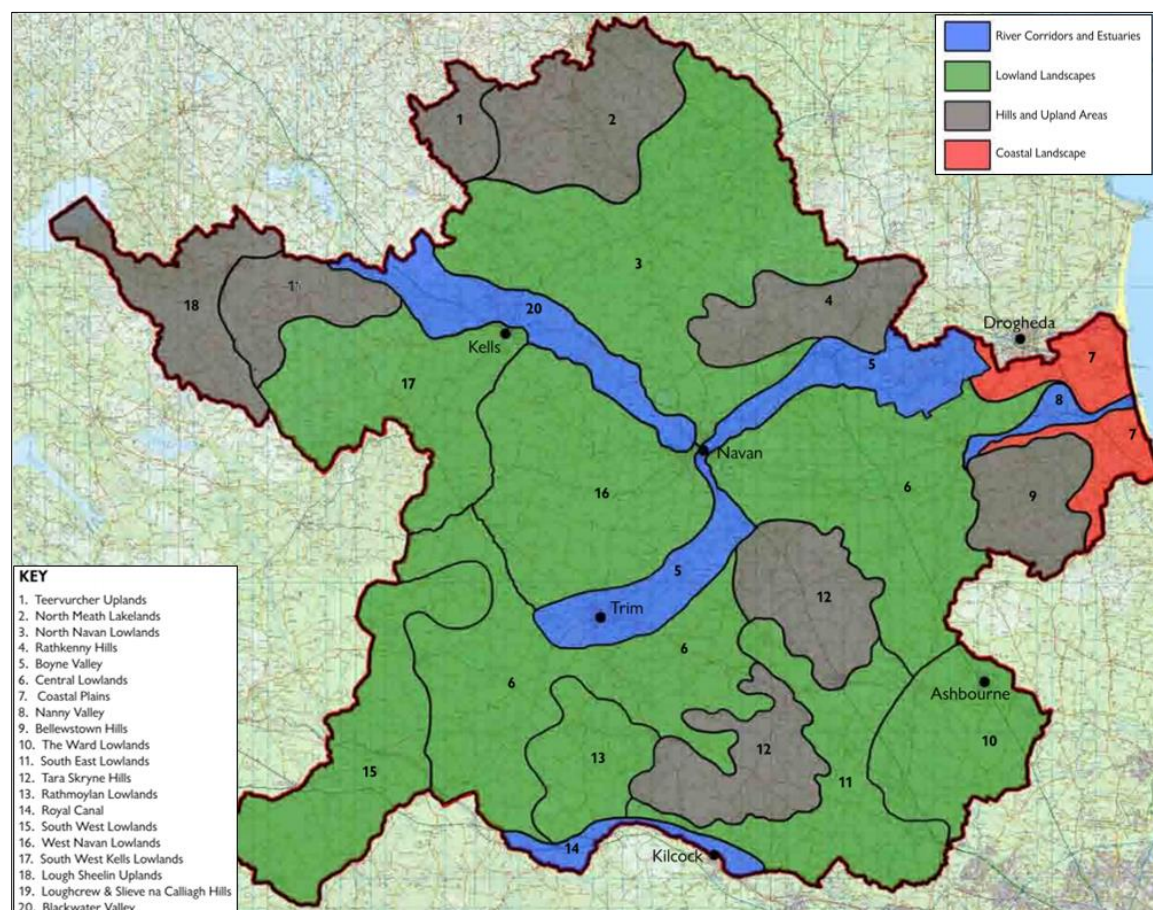
The sensitivity of the Landscape Character Areas is defined as its overall resilience to sustain its character in the face of change and its ability to recover from loss or damage to its components. Sensitivity is evaluated using criteria ranging from 'High' to 'Low' and is based on the interaction of individual components such as landform, amount of evident historical features (time depth) and distribution of viewers. A highly sensitive landscape is likely to be vulnerable, fragile and susceptible to change whereas a landscape with low sensitivity is likely to be more robust and / or tolerant of change.

Table 5.8: Landscape Character Types (LCT) in Meath

Landscape Character Types (LCTs)	Landscape Value	Landscape Sensitivity	Landscape Character Types (LCTs) Sub-division
Hills and Upland Areas	High	Moderate	Teervurcher Uplands
	Moderate	Low	North Meath Lakelands
	Very High	High	Rathkenny Hills
	Very High	Moderate	Bellewstown Hills
	Exceptional	High	Tara Skryne Hills
	High	High	Lough Sheelin Uplands
	Exceptional	High	Loughcrew and Slieve na Calliagh Hills
Lowland Areas	Moderate	Moderate	North Navan Lowlands
	High	Moderate	Central Lowlands
	Low	High	The Ward Lowlands
	Very High	Moderate	South East Lowlands
	High	High	Rathmoylan Lowlands
	High	High	South West Lowlands
	Moderate	Moderate	West Navan Lowlands
	Moderate	Moderate	South West Kells Lowlands
River Corridors and Estuaries	Very High	High	Nanny Valley
	High	Moderate	Royal Canal

Landscape Character Types (LCTs)	Landscape Value	Landscape Sensitivity	Landscape Character Types (LCTs) Sub-division
	Exceptional	High	Boyne Valley
	Very High	High	Blackwater Valley
Coastal Areas	Moderate	High	Coastal Plain

Figure 5.17: Landscape Character Types (LCT) in County Meath⁸⁴



5.9.4 Protected Views & Prospects

The importance of landscape and visual amenity and the role of planning in its protection are recognised in the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), which requires that Development Plans include objectives for the preservation of the character of the landscape, including the preservation of views and prospects and the amenities of places and features of natural beauty or interest. Landscape objectives of the current Development Plan aims to preserve the views and prospects and to protect views from development which would interfere unduly with the visual amenity and character of the landscape, so far as practically possible.

The landscape of the County has many vantage points which offer attractive views from hilltops and upland areas, along river valleys and the coast. Many of these views are associated with heritage and tourism sites and provide vantage points over high quality landscapes. These scenic views are of an amenity and tourism value and contribute to our quality of life.

⁸⁴ Source: Meath CDP 2020-2026 Appendix 7

Within the Meath CDP, over 90 no. views and prospects are protected as shown in Appendix A12 (Protected Views and Prospects) of the CDP and Map 9.5.1 (Volume 3 of the CDP).

5.9.5 Habitats and Landscape Features of Importance for Biodiversity

Many important and significant biodiversity areas occur outside sites that are subject to legal protection under EU and National legislations. There are many habitats and important features that are of particular importance for biodiversity throughout Ireland, including County Meath. Such areas include, hedgerows, woodlands and other field boundary types such as stone walls and ditches, rivers, streams, canals, wetlands, salt marshes and sand dunes. It is important that these areas are protected and enhanced where possible, as these landscape features and habitats cannot be sustained in isolation from one another as they provide ecological 'corridors' that support the movements of species necessary to maintain biodiversity.

5.9.6 Landscape & Visual Issues

Landscape can be considered a dynamic rather than static asset. It is constantly changing, and its changes are driven by nature itself, by direct human intervention, and indirectly through the consequences of human activity, notably Climate Change. All physical development undertaken by human impacts on the landscape. At the same time, human activity, especially farming, does much to maintain the landscape.

The visual impact upon the landscape will be taken into consideration during the development of the CDP. The landscape character of Meath ranges from low to high sensitivity.

Areas of a highly sensitive landscape have a low capacity to absorb new development and this can be a challenge to locate new development in these areas without it becoming unduly obtrusive. Development of the CDP where feasible should seek to conserve and enhance natural habitats and ecosystems to protect and improve biodiversity.

5.10 Interactions and Cumulative Impacts

In accordance with the SEA Directive, the interaction between the SEA environmental topics must be taken into account as part of the assessment process. While all environmental topics interact with each other to some extent, it is considered that the most significant interactions are between:

- human beings and water;
- human beings and air and climate;
- human beings and material assets (transport);
- human beings and landscape and heritage;
- biodiversity, land, soils and water;
- land, soils and water; and
- landscape and heritage.

6 SEA Objectives, Targets & Indicators

The primary objective of the SEA is to provide for a high level of environmental protection and to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of the Meath CDP.

The SEA Directive requires the identification of environmental protection objectives - Strategic Environmental Objectives (SEOs). These SEOs assist in the prediction, description and monitoring of impacts on the environment as a result of the CDP. Indicators allow impacts to be assessed and highlighted in a simple and effective manner. Indicators can also be used to form the basis of a monitoring programme for the Plan, see Chapter 10 (Monitoring Measures), the results of which will inform the next Plan Review and other studies.

Thus to achieve the aim of assessing and improving the environmental performance of the Plan, a number of Environmental Objectives, specific to each environmental topic have been formulated, see Table 6.1 below. These SEOs are a fundamental part of the SEA process. The Objectives are derived through consultation between the Planning Authority, the report authors (guided by SEA guidelines, incorporating where relevant international, national and regional policies which govern environmental protection / conservation) and are based on the overall strategy of the Planning Authority to safeguard the environmental integrity of the Development Plan area and to develop its functional area in a sustainable manner.

SEOs are distinct from the objectives within the Plan, although they will often overlap and are developed from international, national and regional policies which generally govern environmental protection objectives. The SEOs are used to assess the proposed development strategies of the Draft CDP, its policies and objectives, in order to evaluate and identify where conflicts may occur, see Chapter 8 (Strategic Environmental Assessment).

The development of these objectives ensures that the SEA focuses only on those issues that are most relevant and of significance to the Plan.

The SEA objectives are separate to the objectives contained within the CDP. The SEA objectives have been divided into environmental topics, with at least one objective for each topic:

- Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna) (B);
- Population & Human Health (PHH);
- Soils & Geology (SG);
- Water (W);
- Air Quality & Noise (AN);
- Climate Change (CC);
- Material Assets (MA);
- Cultural Heritage (CH); and
- Landscape & Visual (LV).

These SEA objectives are then paired with specific targets. Environmental indicators are used to track the process in achieving the targets. Table 6.1 below sets out the SEA Objectives, Targets and Indicators for the Plan.

Table 6.1: SEA Objectives, Targets and Indicators for the Draft County Development Plan

Theme	Objective	Targets	Indicators
Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna) (B)	(B_1) Preserve, protect, maintain and where appropriate restore the terrestrial, aquatic and soil biodiversity, including internationally, EU and nationally designated sites and protected species.	- Improve / conserve and protect all designated sites and species within and adjacent to the Plan Site. - Promote the maintenance and, as appropriate, achievement of favourable conservation status of habitats and species, in association with the NPWS and other stakeholders. - No deterioration in the quality of protected areas. - Protect SPAs, Annex I bird species, and regularly occurring migratory bird species and their habitats, and avoid pollution or deterioration of important bird habitats outside SPAs. - No loss of protected species. - No fish kills during the lifetime of the plan. - All actions contained within the Biodiversity Plan to be achieved during the lifetime of the County Development Plan. - No net loss of green linkages established under the Green Infrastructure Strategy. - No spread of invasive species within the County.	- Number and extent of Protected Sites. - Number of sites containing rare or threatened species. - Number of rare or threatened species. - Details of major fish kills - Achievement of the Objectives of Biodiversity Plans. - Net area of new green infrastructure established through the development management process. - Numbers of new cases identified.
Population & Human Health (PHH)	(PHH_1) Provide high quality residential, community, working and recreational environments with access to sustainable transport options. (PHH_2) Protect human health and well-being.	- Decrease in journey times to work, education and recreation. - Applications for new developments in excess of fifteen residential units or over 0.02ha to be accompanied by Design Statement. - Rural housing to accord with Rural Housing Design Guidelines. - Minimise population exposure to high levels of noise, vibration and air pollution. - Increase modal shift to public transport.	- Distance and mode of transport to work. - Number of design statements. - Number of planning permissions granted in the countryside. - Census population data. - Rates of Unemployment per area.

Theme	Objective	Targets	Indicators
Soils & Geology (SG)	(SG_1) Safeguard sensitive soil resources.	- Prevent pollution of soil through adoption of appropriate environmental protection procedures during construction and maintenance works on site. - No incidences of soil contamination. - Limited and controlled development of greenfield sites.	- Number / severity of recorded pollution incidences. - Rates of re-use / recycling of construction waste. - Area of land lost through greenfield development as per Development Plan process.
Water (W)	(W_1) Protect and where necessary improve and maintain water quality and the management of watercourses, groundwater and the marine environment, in compliance with the requirements of the WFD objectives and measures.	- Implement fully the recommendations of the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021. - Support the achievement of “good” ecological and chemical status / potential of waterbodies in accordance with the WFD. - Minimise flood risk through appropriate management of flood vulnerable zones. - Comply and implement fully the most recent EPA guidelines on Septic Tank use and siting as well as other on-site treatment facilities. - Maintain and upgrade where necessary all Local Authority operated WWT plants to comply with the relevant legislation. - Improvement in bathing water quality.	- Achievement of the objectives of the River Basin Management Plans. - Percentage increase in the overall quality of surface waters. - Amount of new developments within flood plains. - Annual costs of damage related to flood events. - Number of permissions granted complying with the guidelines. - Compliance with discharge parameters. - Achieve and maintain Green Flag status on all beaches.
Air Quality & Noise (AN)	(AN_1) Minimise emissions of pollutants to air associated with transport. (AN_2) Minimise noise emissions associated with traffic and transport.	- Improvement in the concentrations of measured parameters such as Particulate Matter, Sulphur Dioxide and nitrogen oxides. - Minimise air and noise emissions during construction and operation of new developments.	- Measurable reductions in concentrations. - Traffic, Transport and Vehicular survey data. - National and region specific emission data. - Compliance with national standards.
Climate Change (CC)	(CC_1) Minimise contribution to Climate Change by adopting adaptation and mitigation measures.	- Promote minimisation of greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere. - Increase in permissions granted for residential development within acceptable distance of public transport hubs.	- Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. - Rates of energy / renewable energy consumption. - Percentage of housing developments within specified distance to transport hubs.

Theme	Objective	Targets	Indicators
Material Assets (MA)	(MA_1) Make best use of existing infrastructure and promote the sustainable development of new infrastructure to meet the needs of the county's and Meath's population.	- No loss of prime agricultural land. - Increase re-use of brownfield sites for development in preference to greenfield sites. - Decrease in the percentage of Unaccounted Water Loss. - Improved treatment at established WWT facilities. - Reduction in the tonnage of overall waste produced and an increase in the percentage of waste recycled. - Reduce the generation of waste and adopt a sustainable approach to waste management.	- Total area of prime agricultural land developed as per the Development Plan process. - Ratio of brownfield site development to greenfield sites. - Percentage of unaccounted water. - Compliance with discharge limits. - Tonnage of waste produced and recycled. - Rate of waste disposal to landfill statistics. - Range and extent of recycling facilities and services. - Rates of recycling.
Cultural Heritage (CH)	(CH_1) Protect places, features, buildings and landscapes of cultural, archaeological and / or architectural heritage from impact as a result of development.	- No loss of features of architectural or archaeological importance. - No deterioration in the quality of Architectural Conservation Areas. - No impact on the integrity or setting of monuments contained on the Record of Monuments by development granted planning permission. - No protected structures to be lost through neglect or misuse. - Regeneration of derelict and underutilised heritage sites.	- Number of recorded features lost. - Condition of ACAs. - Number of protected structures impacted by new development. - Number of deletions to the RPS.
Landscape & Visual (LV)	(LV_1) Protect and maintain the special qualities of the landscape character including coastal character within Meath.	- No diminution in the quality of important landscapes. - Implement in full the recommendations of the Landscape Character Assessment for County Meath. - No loss of protected views or prospects.	- Number of developments permitted within landscapes of exceptional value and high sensitivity as per the LCA. - Number of recommendations implemented. - Number of views or prospects impacted.

7 Description of Alternatives

7.1 Introduction

Article 5 of the SEA Directive requires the consideration of reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and the geographical scope of the plan or programme and the significant environmental effects of the alternatives proposed. Therefore, consideration and evaluation of the likely environmental consequences of alternative development plan strategies is an important aspect of the SEA process.

In accordance with SEA guidelines the alternatives put forward should be reasonable, realistic and capable of implementation. They should also be in line with the appropriate strategic level at which the plan will be implemented within the national planning hierarchy. The Draft Meath CDP 2020-2026 is framed within a policy context set by a hierarchy of National and Regional level strategic plans as well as the Irish and European legislative framework. Therefore the options for alternatives are limited by these higher level plans, and a 'do nothing' scenario situation has not been included as it is neither reasonable nor realistic.

The alternatives proposed have been assessed against the established Strategic Environmental Objectives (SEOs), as set out in Chapter 6 above, relating to aspects of the environment likely to be affected by the Plan's implementation. The evaluation process resulted in the identification of potential impacts and informed the selection of the preferred development scenario for the Draft Meath CDP. This evaluation sought to understand whether each alternative was likely to improve, conflict with, or have a neutral interaction with the environment of the County.

The vision for the Core strategy (Chapter 2) of the Draft Meath CDP 2020-2026 is:

To continue to support the creation of socio-economically progressive vibrant, dynamic, and healthy communities throughout the County and ensure that future growth is based on the principles of sustainable development that delivers a high quality living and working environment that meets the needs of all residents, in accordance with National and Regional Guidance

The Draft Plan is based on the principles of proper and sustainable development which means that development will be promoted in accordance with appropriate international, national and regional policy and guidance.

As stated, a number of alternative development scenarios were highlighted based on the current and predicted future needs of the county as well as the statutory and operational requirement of preparing the Plan. In broad terms the scenarios were grouped into three viable but very different approaches. Each scenario has a differing outcome both in planning terms and in terms of the environmental consequences and these are discussed further below.

The alternatives strategies considered are broadly defined as:

Scenario 1: *Demand-led Growth (County-wide - Urban and Rural).*

Scenario 2: *Centred Development Strategy (Settlements).*

Scenario 3: *Structured Development Strategy (Strong Urban Centres with Rural Protection).*

7.2 The Settlements and Core Strategy Growth Pattern

Thirty-eight designated settlements, including the environs of Drogheda, Maynooth and Kilcock, fall within the County boundary. These settlements vary in their size and capacity to absorb future development. The Development Plan includes a settlement hierarchy as set out in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Eastern and Midland Region, see Table 7.1 below.

Table 7.1: Settlement Hierarchy

Type of Settlement	Centres
Dublin City & Metropolitan Area	Dublin City and suburbs: Dunboyne / Dunboyne North / Clonee, Maynooth, Kilcock.
Regional Growth Centres	Drogheda
Key Towns	Navan
Self-Sustaining Growth Towns	Ashbourne, Dunshaughlin, Kells, Trim
Self-Sustaining Towns	Laytown / Bettystown / Mornington / Donacarney, Ratoath, Enfield, Stamullen.
Towns & Villages	Towns: Athboy, Duleek, Oldcastle Villages: Ballivor, Longwood
Rural	Carlanstown, Carnaross, Clonard, Crossakiel, Donore, Drumconrath, Gibbstown, Gormanstown, Julianstown, Kentstown, Kilbride, Kildalkey, Kilmainhamwood, Kilmessan, Moynalty, Nobber, Rathcairn, Rathmolyon, Slane, Summerhill.

As part of the approach of achieving consistency with the NPF and the RSES the objectives of the Core Strategy of the Draft Plan are as follows

- i) To demonstrate how the Meath CDP is consistent with national and regional planning strategies, guidelines and policies including national and regional population targets.
- ii) To provide the policy framework for the settlement strategy and Local Area Plans, particularly in relation to land use zoning and population distribution.
- iii) To ensure the co-ordination of infrastructural investment with settlements identified for future growth.
- iv) To facilitate the population growth of Meath up to a projected population of 227,500 in the plan period and ensure the distribution of this population is targeted towards the growth centres identified in the RSES.

The RSES includes population projections for each Strategic Planning and Local Authority area in the region for 2026 and 2031, see Table 7.2 below. These projections were set out in the Implementation Roadmap for the NPF and were based on a demographic and econometric model developed by the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) as part of the preparation of the NPF. A headroom factor of 25% was also incorporated into the 2026 projections to facilitate the transition towards the implementation of the growth strategy set out in the NPF.

Table 7.2: Population and Projected Population for County Meath 2011 to 2031

County Meath	2011	2016	2026	2031
Population	184,135	195,044	-	-
Projected Population (RSES)	-	-	216,000-221,000	225,500-231,500
Projected Population (Draft Plan)	-	-	221,250-227,500	225,500-231,500

The Local Authority has a duty to plan for this increase in population and to set out how it can be suitably accommodated within the Plan area. Allied to this is the necessity to provide essential services and appropriate infrastructure to facilitate both the existing and future population needs and the need to ensure that employment opportunities exist through economic development or activity. The alternative plan scenarios are explored to determine the most sustainable approach to the required future development.

7.3 Alternative Scenarios

Scenario 1: *Demand-led Growth (County-wide - Urban and Rural).*

Scenario 2: *Centred Development Strategy (Settlements).*

Scenario 3: *Structured Development Strategy (Strong Urban Centres with Rural Protection).*

7.3.1 Alternatives Scenario 1: Demand-led Growth (County-wide - Urban & Rural)

This scenario is one which places limited restrictions on development throughout county. The development of critical mass in certain locations is not taken into consideration and no specific targets or limitations on growth are set in the settlement or core strategies of the Draft Plan. This strategy would still require careful consideration of the environmental impacts of development, either individually or cumulatively.

In order to develop under this scenario, the Planning Authority would allow for development to proceed in a demand-led manner at any given urban or rural location within its functional area. This scenario would likely result in increased development pressure both on the fringes of the towns and settlements as well as in the open countryside. Consequently development pressure could take place in poorly or insufficiently serviced areas, particularly in the areas close to the county border with Dublin.

The environmental consequences of this alternative are potentially severe. Aspects of the environment such as surface water and groundwater quality, ecology, cultural heritage and landscape could be negatively affected. The dispersal of rural housing and other non-agriculture related development in the countryside would lead to a deterioration in ground water quality through the proliferation of septic tanks; surface water quality would be affected through contaminated ground water and its implications on river base flows; habitats and areas of natural interest would be lost or fragmented; archaeology would be impacted through insensitive design and location of development; and finally a deterioration in landscape quality would inevitably ensue especially in the more vulnerable parts of the county.

In summary this 'Dispersed Growth around Existing Settlements' approach would have the following results:

- A demand led highly responsive development approach.
- Domination of market forces resulting in piecemeal development.
- No clearly definable settlement strategy.
- Increased traffic congestion and disruption to existing residents in settlements.
- Increased pressure on infrastructural services.
- A deterioration in the rural landscape and natural environment.
- Challenges for environmental protection, leading to a sub-standard environmental quality.

7.3.2 Alternatives Scenario 2: Centred Development Strategy (Settlements)

The second alternative 'Centred Development Strategy' comprises a strong yet flexible approach to development, with development focused equally on all settlements supported by strongly protected rural areas.

This alternative would be based around the planned growth and a sustainable settlement structure based on the Core Strategy which creates equal development opportunity across all settlements in the county. In this scenario the council would facilitate development equally in all settlements in the county irrespective of their hierarchy or their current absorption capacity. Strong protection would be afforded to the rural environment preventing further rural housing.

This development scenario would have negative impacts on the viability of smaller settlements and rural areas within Meath. Such areas would experience a decline in population and as a consequence rural based enterprise would be affected.

Under this scenario the following results are envisaged:

- Equal growth opportunity across all Settlements.
- Prohibition against further rural development - which could lead to a decline in rural populations.
- Enhanced protection for landscape and cultural heritage (outside of settlements).
- Increased pressure on smaller settlements in terms of provision of adequate social and services infrastructure.
- Increased challenges for sustainable transport.

7.3.3 Alternatives Scenario 3: Structured Development Strategy (Strong Urban Centres with Rural Protection)

The third alternative Structured Development Strategy focuses on a balanced approach to building strong urban centres and generating critical mass in the key settlements. These larger towns would act as focal points for their rural catchments. Development outside of these key centres would be subjected to a balanced growth and a robust rural protection policy.

Under this scenario the following results are envisaged:

- Lead to a balanced approach to future development.
- Consistent with NPF and RSES.
- Key areas for growth are identified and promoted.
- Supports sustainable delivery of services and transport options.
- Provides for a high level of environmental protection across all areas.
- Rural populations would be supported.

7.4 Assessment of Alternative Plan Scenarios (see Table 7.3 below)

Alternative 1 Demand-led Growth which involves minimal intervention would likely result in negative impacts across all environmental receptors throughout the county. The option of developing a pattern of dispersed demand or market-led growth would see development in all areas, presenting significant challenges for provision of required infrastructure, sustainable land use and transport and for environmental protection. This option would not allow for orderly and sustainable development and is therefore not considered as a desirable option for the Draft Development Plan.

Alternative 2 Centred Development Strategy positively promotes development in settlements. However, while this approach would be appropriate in larger settlements, it would present challenges for smaller settlements in meeting the demand for provision of required social and services infrastructure and sustainable transport. Bias against all rural development would also have a negative effect for those who require a rural location (e.g. agriculture) and would have a negative impact on social and economic development generally.

Alternative 3 Structured Development Strategy represents a balanced recognition of established patterns of development in the county but with regard to the requirements of the NPF and RSES. The approach provides the much need rural protection while allowing an appropriate level of growth within settlements. This approach works with existing and planned delivery of services infrastructure and presents the best option towards sustainable transport.

Alternative 3 was the preferred scenario, and as such formed the basis of the preparation of the Draft Meath CDP 2020-2026.

Table 7.3: Assessment Matrix of Alternative Scenarios against Environmental Receptors

Alternative				Water Quality						Material Assets					
	Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna)	Population & Human Health	Soils & Geology	Surface Water	Groundwater	Flooding	Air Quality	Climate Change	Noise	Water Supply	Wastewater Treatment	Waste Management	Transport	Cultural Heritage	Landscape & Visual
Alternative 1: Demand-led Growth															
Alternative 2: Centred Development Strategy															
Alternative 3: Structured Development Strategy															

Key

Positive	
Negative	

8 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

8.1 Introduction

The Introduction Chapter the Draft Meath CDP states:

To improve the quality of life of all citizens in Meath by creating an environment that supports a vibrant growing economy and a well-connected place to live, learn and do business’.

The SEA process ensures that the environment is central to all decisions on the future development of County Meath.

The purpose of this Chapter is to highlight the potential conflicts, if they are present, between the stated policies and objectives contained in the Plan with the SEA SEOs. Furthermore the assessment examines the potential impact arising from the Plan’s implementation of its policies and objectives on sensitive environmental receptors.

The process of SEA and CDP formulation is an iterative one and as such environmental considerations have informed all stages of plan preparation carried out to date in order for the potential for significant adverse effects arising from implementation of the plan to be minimised. Nonetheless, it is possible that some individual plan objectives or policies will create such effects. Where the environmental assessment identifies significant adverse effects, consideration is given in the first instance to preventing such impacts and where this is not possible for stated reasons, to lessen or offset those effects through mitigation measures outlined in Chapter 9 (Mitigation Measures) of this report.

In accordance with SEA guidelines the assessment identifies ‘*impact*’ under three headings. Firstly the quality of impact is addressed using the following terms:

- **Potential Positive Impact** - A change which improves the quality of the environment.
- **Uncertain Impact** - The nature of any impact cannot be ascertained at this stage.
- **Neutral or No Relationship** - A change which does not affect the quality of the environment.
- **Potential Negative Impact** - A change which reduces or lessens the quality of the environment.

In some instances there is little or no relationship between the various Plan policies / objectives and the respective environmental receptor. Where this occurs, the potential impact is regarded as neutral and no further discussion is deemed necessary. This has been determined through an initial Screening of the policies and objectives of the Draft Plan which ascertains if policies are likely to have a **positive, negative or neutral impact** on the environment. This Screening process allows the assessment to focus more efficiently on the pertinent issues.

This initial stage aims to ascertain the quality, if any, of the potential impact. Each of the policies / objectives of the Draft Plan have been screened for their impact and where a *neutral impact* is noted no further discussion is provided within this report. Similarly where a potential conflict exists between a SEO and the policies / objectives this is noted and appropriate mitigation proposed. This format allows for the assessment to focus on the *positive* and *negative impacts* and proceed to a discussion on their significance and duration. Thus it is a more robust, more focused approach to understanding the potential impacts associated with the implementation of the Draft Plan.

8.2 Environmental Assessment

A high level summary assessment of the potential impacts of the Draft Plan on the environment is provided in Table 8.1 below, where the impact may be either potentially **positive (green)**, **neutral (grey)**, **potentially negative (red)**, or **uncertain (light blue)**.

Figure 8.1: Summary Assessment

		Environmental Receptors								
		Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna)	Population & Human Health	Soils & Geology	Water Quality	Air Quality & Noise	Climate Change	Material Assets	Cultural Heritage	Landscape & Visual
1	Introduction									
2	Core Strategy									
3	Settlement & Housing									
4	Economy & Employment									
5	Movement									
6	Infrastructure									
7	Community Building									
8	Heritage									
9	Rural Development									
10	Climate Change									
11	Development Management									
-	Settlements									

Key

Positive		Uncertain	
Neutral		Negative	

A detailed assessment of all of the policies / objectives set out in the Draft Plan is provided in Appendix A8.1. This includes for an assessment of:

- written statement and associated mapping
- village statements and associated mapping
- town statements and associated mapping

Where a *neutral* impact is identified no further discussion is deemed necessary. Where the assessment has been determined that an impact is potentially *uncertain or negative*, the policy / objective is considered against other protective policies or objectives (see Appendix A8.2) and where not adequately mitigated, specific mitigation is proposed to ensure that the *uncertain or negative aspect* is offset, see Chapter 9 (Mitigation Measures).

A full list of protective policies and objectives is provided in Appendix A8.2 and a comprehensive and detailed set of mitigation measures are provided in Chapter 9 (Mitigation Measures), which together effectively reduces or eliminates identified *negative impacts*. Similarly, monitoring the implementation of the Draft Plan, as discussed in Chapter 10 (Monitoring Programme), will ensure that if any *negative impact* becomes a reality it will be identified at an early stage and appropriate actions taken by the relevant authority / agency to remedy the situation.

Appendix A8.3 demonstrates how the Draft CDP addresses the Key Environmental Actions identified in the EPA publication '*State of the Environment Report - Ireland's Environment 2016*'

In overall terms the Draft Plan, in its current form will have a *positive effect* on the environment as a whole.

9 Mitigation Measures

9.1 Introduction

The quality of the environment within the CDP area is an important issue for consideration by MCC. To achieve a sustainable society it must be protected, preserved and enhanced where necessary. Meath contains a rich and varied landscape of international repute, as well as a wealth of natural and man-made heritage assets. These form the basis for a high level of amenity and tourism potential in the area. This has been recognised throughout the SEA and CDP process and the Draft Plan is framed within ideals of sustainability throughout its vibrant communities, dynamic economy and unique cultural and natural heritage.

Article 5 of the *SEA Directive* requires that mitigation measures be proposed for all *significant adverse effects* on the environment as a result of the implementation of the Plan. The SEA is an iterative process prepared in tandem with the formulation of policies and objectives of the CDP. While not always possible to achieve, it is the aim of the process to ensure that sensitive environmental receptors are given adequate and appropriate consideration throughout.

As environmental considerations have informed all stages of the preparation of the CDP, the policies and objectives of the Plan have been framed to ensure that potential adverse impacts are avoided, eliminated or lessened to an acceptable level. As a result of this informed iterative process, it is the finding of the assessment of the Draft CDP as presented in Chapter 8 (Strategic Environmental Assessment) of this SEA Report, that the full implementation of the Plan, will have a *neutral to positive impact* on the environment as a whole.

Given this finding, the requirement for specific mitigation measures is largely unnecessary; and therefore this section of the Environmental Report will instead focus on and discuss how the specific environmental receptors will be protected.

In addition, within the Plan there are numerous references to the requirement for an AA where a proposal for development may impact on the integrity or long-term conservation status of a protected Natura 2000 site. This has been discussed throughout Chapter 8 (Strategic Environmental Assessment) of this SEA Report and is thus not repeated at each occurrence in the following sections.

9.2 Zoning

The CDP is the '*parent*' document guiding development within the County and informing the direction and content of lower level plans. Thus the environmental protection policies and objectives will apply in a 'trickle down' manner to those lower level Plans.

The Draft CDP acknowledges that at a countywide level, there are generally adequate lands, if released and serviced, to cater for the projected growth in households and population for the Plan period. In order to ensure towns and villages grow at a suitable and sustainable scale, appropriate to their position in the settlement hierarchy, measures must be put in place to ensure that the quantum and scale of residential development that will take place in urban centres complies with the Plan.

The Draft CDP identifies the quantum of land required for zoning in order to accommodate the predicted increase in population up to 2026 (and on to 2031) as outlined in the NPF and RSES. The zoned land requirements have been based on land use zoning objectives that relate solely to residential use and on mixed use zoning objectives, which permit residential use.

In order to ensure that growth occurs in line with the household allocations it will be necessary for the Planning Authority to monitor development management decisions on a countywide basis and this will be incorporated into the ongoing management functions of the planning department. It will also be included in the progress report to be prepared two years after the adoption of the Development Plan.

9.3 Planning

MCC in its role as Planning Authority is responsible for the management of development within its functional area. The planning process is the principal mechanism available to the Local Authority to control development, and ultimately, to prevent adverse environment impacts.

Any application for planning permission for a new development, extension to existing development or intensification or change of use will be assessed in terms of its potential impact on existing adjacent developments, existing land uses and / or the surrounding environment / landscape. MCC will operate the statutory planning system in a balanced and fair manner, ensuring that the policies and objectives presented within the Plan are fully adhered to. Proposals for development contravening the Plan will not proceed outside of the material contravention process.

9.4 Enforcement

The primary responsibility for ensuring compliance with the terms of a planning permission rests with the person carrying out the development pursuant to a planning permission. In the normal course of carrying out developments, there will also be parallel requirements to comply with other codes such as the national Building Regulations made under the Building Control Act 1990 or water pollution legislation, to mention but two examples.

The Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (DECLG) has published the Water Services (Amendment) Act 2012 to regulate wastewater discharges from all homes that are not connected to the public sewerage network. It provides for registration and inspection arrangements for on-site septic tank systems or domestic wastewater treatment systems. The Local Authorities are required to establish and maintain a registration system for same.

The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) gives power to the Council to take enforcement action where development proceeds without the necessary consent from the Local Authority, or if conditions attached to a grant of permission are not complied with and when other breaches of planning control have occurred. The Council will take enforcement action whenever it is expedient to do so, having regard to the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and associated guidelines.

9.5 Cooperation with other authorities

The Council will continue to liaise with state agencies / departments whose remit is the protection of the environment or aspects thereof. To this end the Local Authority will continue to work closely with the EPA, The NPWS, the relevant Fisheries Board, surrounding local authorities and others with responsibilities for the various aspects of the environment.

To this end the Council will continue to work with and assist the EPA in carrying out its functions within the Plan area. The Environment Section within MCC monitors and controls industries and waste activities that fall outside the EPA's remit and provide an array of essential environmental services, including:

- water pollution monitoring and control;
- air pollution monitoring and control;
- waste management plan implementation;
- waste management permitting and enforcement;
- control of hazardous waste movements;
- pollution incident response;
- environmental awareness and education;
- burial grounds; and
- animal control, litter control and tidy towns.

These activities will continue throughout the lifetime of this Development Plan and key indicators will be monitored on an ongoing basis.

9.6 Environmental Awareness

There are obvious environmental benefits in creating an awareness of the environment generally and the contributions individuals, as well as sectors / industries, can make to its enhancement. MCC will be proactive in promoting environmental issues and sustainable practices in the various sectors that have potential to cause deterioration in the quality of the natural or built resources within County Meath.

9.7 Green Infrastructure

Green infrastructure refers to strategically planned and interconnected networks of green space and water capable of delivering ecosystem services and quality of life benefits to people. It can include parks, open spaces, rivers, farmland, playing fields, woodlands allotments and private gardens that surround and intersperse our towns and villages. Green infrastructure should be provided as an integral part of sustainable development alongside other infrastructure such as utilities and transport networks if the maximum benefit from natural assets is to be obtained. In this regard MCC has commenced the preparation of a Green Infrastructure Strategy for the county and in so doing recognises its economic, social, environmental and physical value to people of the county.

9.8 Mitigation Measures - Specific Environmental Topics

9.8.1 Biodiversity (Natural Heritage)

9.8.1.1 Designated Areas

Biodiversity (natural heritage) is of central importance to County Meath and in accordance with Article 6(3) of Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (the Habitats Directive) an AA of the effect of the CDP on Natura 2000 sites has been undertaken.

MCC will be proactive in the protection of such sites designated in National and European legislation, and in other relevant International Conventions, Agreements and Processes. MCC will work with the relevant statutory authorities, such as the NPWS to identify, protect and conserve vulnerable, rare and threatened species of wild fauna and flora and their habitats.

Any proposed development not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the Natura 2000 sites and likely to have a significant effect in a Natura 2000 site(s) either individually or in-combination with other plans or projects will require proponents to conduct an AA in accordance with Article 6(3) and 6(4) of the Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC), regarding the potential impact that the proposed development may have on the conservation status of the site. Proposed developments within these areas will be referred to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (DCHG) for review.

If the AA concludes that the project will have a negative impact on the site, it may only proceed, and be carried out, for imperative reasons of overriding public interest (IROPI) as outlined in the Directive and the Member State concerned shall take all necessary compensatory measures to ensure that the overall coherence of the Natura 2000 site is protected. The European Commission must be informed where this occurs.

The AA has issued a list of general biodiversity mitigation measures that apply to the different habitat types in the Plan area.

9.8.1.1.1 General Mitigation Measures

- An AA will be required of any proposed developments likely to have an impact on the Natura 2000 site network.
- The AA and mitigation will ensure that proposed developments will not have an impact and take full account of the habitats and species, water quality, ecology, risk of disturbance and flood risk areas.
- Shall provide for appropriate site-specific sufficient buffer zones along the Natura 2000 site to maintain the integrity of the site and will not encroach onto the Natura 2000 site and associated habitats.
- It is important where feasible to ensure the provision and maintenance of appropriate ecological buffer zones and protect the integrity of the site.

In addition to the above MCC has put in place policies that seek to:

- avoid significant impact on plant animal or bird species protected by law;
- conserve the ecological, archaeological cultural and educational significance of designated peatlands;
- have regard to the geological and geomorphological heritage values of identified geological sites;
- promote the best practice in the control of invasive species; and
- raise public awareness and understanding and to increase public participation in the County's biodiversity and natural heritage.

9.8.2 Woodlands, Hedgerows & Trees

Woodlands and individual trees contribute positively to the biodiversity, landscape character and scenic quality of County Meath. However, with only 3% woodland cover, County Meath is one of the least wooded counties in the country. Woodlands tend to be small and highly fragmented for the most part and improving the connectivity of these woodlands, as well as that of woodlands along other river corridors, through new woodland planting would be likely to yield significant biodiversity benefits at local and county levels.

MCC will encourage and promote the retention of woodlands, hedgerows and trees, together with stone walls or other distinctive boundaries. Replacement with the same type of boundary is required where impact is unavoidable. In addition MCC will promote the preservation and enhancement of native and semi-native woodlands, trees and groups of trees and the use of native species in new plantings.

There will be a presumption against removal of significant hedgerows during the course of developments. Under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000 the cutting of hedges (and uncultivated vegetation) during the bird-nesting season (March 1st to September 1st) is prohibited, except in certain legally defined circumstances.

9.8.3 Soil & Geology

The soil and geological environment plays a significant role in land uses, and its appropriateness for differing activities is not solely confined to agricultural practices. Land use change will have a significant local impact and the Plan outlines the need to reduce the existing level of zoned land for residential purposes. Furthermore, the Plan emphasises the desire to develop brownfield sites in advance of greenfield sites. This will have a positive outcome on land use and the soil environment.

As stated in Section 5.4 above, MCC will have regard to the geological and geomorphological heritage values of identified geological sites in the County and avoid inappropriate development through consultation with Geological Survey Ireland.

9.8.4 Water

The water environment is sensitive to most forms of development. It can be affected both directly, for example through river engineering works and water extraction for consumption, and indirectly, for example through pollution from surface water run-off, and agricultural and industrial processes. MCC is responsible for the protection of all waters in the County and the planning system has a major role to play in ensuring the

protection, maintenance and improvement of water quality through the location and management of development.

The Council is currently implementing the RBMP 2018-2021 and associated programme of measures as detailed within the RBMP. To date, MCC has successfully adhered to the programme as defined by the EU. MCC is committed to reaching the necessary water quality standards as required under the WFD.

Importantly under Section 34(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), when making its decision in relation to an application, Planning Authorities are restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, regard being had to the provisions of the Development Plan as well as other provisions. These other provisions include, where relevant, the policy of the Government, the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, or any other Minister of the Government, etc.

The assessment of site conditions is critical to ensuring that new development does not adversely affect water quality generally and groundwater quality specifically. The Planning Authority uses a standard site characterisation form along the lines of the model included at Annex C in the EPA 'Code of Practice Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (P.E. <10)'⁸⁵, and insist upon the use of such qualified personnel in carrying out site assessments.

9.8.4.1 Surface Waters

A total of 25 no. rivers are sampled by MCC for the purposes of monitoring under the WFD. As outlined in Section 5.5.3, 81% of the monitored river waterbodies in County Meath are less than 'good', and so currently failing the WFD objectives.

Further work is required if the objectives of the WFD are to be achieved within the given timeframes. However, the Plan provides a specific policy framework in relation to the implementation of measures contained within the RBMP and as part of the monitoring process the review of the Plan 2 years after implementation will assess the number of recommendations achieved.

9.8.4.2 Groundwater

As outlined in Section 5.5.4 above the WFD Groundwater Quality Status between 2013 and 2018 was generally 'good'⁸⁶, across the 46 no. ground waterbodies in County Meath. All ground waterbodies of 'good' status are to be protected. Groundwater may be also subject to hydrological pressures and a balance between groundwater abstraction and recharge must be achieved.

It will be the policy of the Council when assessing development proposals to have regard to any significant negative impact caused on groundwater resources within the Plan area, having regard to the EPA guidelines applicable at the time. MCC will use statutory powers under relevant Planning and Environmental legislation to protect groundwater, including Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Integrated Pollution Control and / or Water Pollution legislation in balancing the need to protect the environment with the need for development.

Specifically in relation to the protection of water resources in the Plan area, the following will be undertaken:

- It will be Council policy not to allow any development that would have an unacceptable impact on the water resource of the area, including surface water, groundwater quality and quantity, river corridors and associated wetlands.

⁸⁵ EPA, 2009:

<https://www.epa.ie/pubs/advice/water/wastewater/code%20of%20practice%20for%20single%20houses/Code%20of%20Practice%20Introduction%202010.pdf>

⁸⁶ Catchments.ie, EPA, 2019: <https://www.catchments.ie/maps/> (2013-2018)

- MCC will protect and enhance surface water and groundwater resources which are essential as part of an integrated approach to the management of water resources, necessary to ensure the highest water quality into the future, as set out in the WFD (Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy).
- It will be Council policy to promote the implementation of Water Quality Management Plans for ground, surface, coastal, and estuarine waters in the plan area as part of the implementation of the WFD (European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003).

9.8.4.3 Flooding & Flood Risk

The OPW is responsible for overall implementation of the Floods Directive. The *'Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities'* aim to ensure a rigorous assessment of flood risk at all levels to provide a consistency of approach throughout the country. Development at all levels will be required to comply with the recommendations of these Guidelines. In achieving the aims and objectives of the Guidelines, Planning Authorities must:

- Ensure that development is not permitted in areas of flood risk, particularly floodplains and coastal areas subject to flooding, except where there are no suitable alternative sites available in areas at lower risk that are consistent with the objectives of proper planning and sustainable development.
- Adopt a sequential approach to spatial planning which aims to avoid flood risk, where possible, substitute less vulnerable uses where avoidance is not possible, and mitigate and manage the risk where avoidance and substitution are not possible.
- A precautionary approach should also be applied to flood risk management to reflect uncertainties in flooding datasets and risk assessment techniques and the ability to predict the future climate, the performance of existing flood defences and the extent of future coastal erosion.
- A series of urban detail maps showing lands subject to flood risk is included in the CDP in Appendix 6 and said maps will inform the Local Area Plan review process in due course.

MCC will assess planning applications for development in accordance with the provisions of these Guidelines. It will ensure that only developments consistent with the overall policy and technical approaches of these Guidelines will be approved and permission may be refused where flood issues have not been, or cannot be, addressed successfully and where the presence of unacceptable residual flood risks to the development, its occupants or users and adjoining property remains.

The Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study (GSDS) documents focused on the design approach and criteria for new drainage with the objective of ensuring that any future development did not continue the trend towards increasing flooding and the pollution of rivers. Proposals for significant or large scale development within zoned and serviced areas will be required to apply the principles of the SuDS strategy, including:

- The installation of rainwater retention tanks.
- The use of porous paving to filter water to permeable layers of ground underneath, which will reduce / eliminate the need for piped solutions and also remove pollutants from the water.
- Infiltration trenches / basins to dissipate rainfall into the ground located in landscaped areas.
- Basins / ponds / wetlands to store water temporarily and release the water gradually.

9.8.4.4 Coastal Waters

Section 5.5.7 above outlines the importance of coastal waters for tourism, bathing and supporting marine wildlife. The coastal zone of Meath contains important resources that provide economic, recreational, aesthetic and conservation benefits.

Since 2011, MCC has adopted pollution reduction plans for the purposes of protecting the quality of our shellfish waters, particularly with the view to establishing the potential risk of microbial contamination to the quality of Shellfish Waters from both on site WWT systems and agricultural sources.

9.8.5 Air Quality

Fossil fuels, which affect air quality and contribute to the greenhouse effect, are used in transport and general energy consumption. While considerable advances have been made in engine design and fuel efficiency, MCC will seek to ensure that all potential development will clearly demonstrate that traffic management is a key consideration. This relates particularly to proposed large scale residential, industrial or commercial development.

While public transport is strongly supported by MCC this is not always a viable option for people to access work, education or other facilities. However MCC will require developers to give consideration to the transport implications of any proposed development which the Council as Planning Authority must adjudicate on.

It is the policy of MCC to seek to preserve and maintain air and noise quality in the County in accordance with good practice and relevant legislation and to update Noise Mapping in accordance with revised or updated thresholds for such mapping.

9.8.6 Material Assets

9.8.6.1 Water Supply

Water supply and wastewater services and disposal are critical infrastructural requirements for any development, in particular those of an urban nature. The provision of such services should complement and facilitate the sustainable development of the County in line with the Council's adopted settlement, economic and core strategies.

The delivery of supporting services for development, particularly water services, is critical. MCC has sought to direct growth towards centres where capacity is available and will work with Irish Water to ensure the expansion of services necessary to support the development strategy in this Plan, in accordance with the sustainable management of water resources.

9.8.6.2 Wastewater Treatment

Wastewater treatment is essential to ensure public health and to ensure that the quality of receiving waters, either ground or surface, are not diminished by the discharge. MCC is working with Irish Water to:

- Advance the wastewater collection and treatment infrastructural requirements of the County and to improve these services to serve planned levels of growth.
- Ensure that wastewater treatment plants discharging into the Boyne catchment or to coastal Natura 2000 sites are operated in compliance with their wastewater discharge licenses / certificates of authorisation.
- Work with other local authorities within the Greater Dublin Area to ensure optimum allocation of sanitary and other services for priority investments.

9.8.6.3 Waste Management

MCC will seek to implement the provisions of the Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021, as outlined in Section 5.7.2 above. MCC will continue to promote effective waste management through the avoidance and / or reduction of waste within the Plan area. The main strategies that will be implemented include:

- Waste prevention and minimisation will be a priority and there will be increased focus on the schools, community and business sectors to reduce waste generation.

- The region will deliver an effective system meeting the polluter pays principle that meets high standards of environmental performance and all legislative obligations.
- The region will strive to give access to waste management services across the region, particularly in rural areas.
- The region will strive to improve collection coverage and participation for households and businesses, reducing uncollected waste.
- The region will continue to improve the infrastructure for recycling and recovery of waste.
- The region will maximise positive input of the private sector to help meet plan objectives.
- The North East Local Authorities will if necessary and / or appropriate for environmental or other reasons, direct that certain waste streams must be delivered to a certain tier in the waste hierarchy (*e.g.* reuse, recycling, biological treatment, energy recovery). This will be achieved by means of the Waste Collection Permit system or other appropriate regulatory or enforcement measures.

9.8.6.4 Transport

An efficient transport / access network is essential to the economic performance of the County. It is essential that the road and rail networks in the area are maximised in order to strengthen accessibility both within the Plan area and between the Plan area and the wider region. Strengthening economic activity is of the utmost importance and needs to be supported by a good quality road network.

The Council is committed to the promotion of sustainable means of travel including public transport, walking and cycling, and the encouragement of modal change from private car, where possible. The Council is also committed to reducing the level of commuting in the first instance by promoting the creation of additional jobs within the county for the resident population.

It is a strategic aim of the CDP to co-ordinate transport and land use planning. This places a requirement on both the transport strategy and settlement strategy to be consistent, not only with each other, but with national policy and guidance as per the National Spatial Strategy (NSS), the Smarter Travel policy and the National Transport Authority (NTA's) Transport Strategy. The following mitigation measures are also proposed:

9.8.6.4.1 Transportation General

- MCC will safeguard route corridors as detailed in the Plan, in order to facilitate their delivery in the interests of the long-term sustainable development of the area.
- MCC will implement traffic calming measures, where appropriate, in residential areas, within defined settlement boundaries.
- MCC will during the design and improvement of roads have a primary consideration for the safety of road users, including motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.
- MCC will promote walking as a viable alternative to the car for local, short distance trips through well managed footpaths, clear signage and where appropriate, well maintained crossings.

9.8.6.4.2 Roads

- MCC will seek to promote **road** and **traffic safety** and to improve existing roads where necessary.
- MCC will continue to work closely with the NTA and other local authorities as appropriate in the delivery of **road improvements**, new roads, improved road safety and better road and transport management.

9.8.6.4.3 Public Transport

- MCC will support the improvement of existing **rail** transport infrastructure and promote, facilitate and advance the development of Phase II of the Navan railway line project.

- MCC will work in partnership with **public transport providers** to facilitate the provision of other, more modest, improvements to the public transport system such as the provision of bus lanes, bus bays, shelters and other facilities.
- MCC will seek to secure contributions from developers towards the capital costs of providing and / or upgrading of strategic public transport **infrastructure services**.
- MCC will seek to ensure that new developments higher level settlements are laid out in a manner that facilitates the provision of **local bus services**.

9.8.6.4.4 Walking & Cycling

- MCC will co-operate with the NTA on the development of a **cycle network** and promote, enhance and provide for the development of safe and efficient cycling and walking facilities in the county.
- MCC will seek to prioritise the movement of **pedestrians** and **cyclists** in proximity to public transport nodes, to improve facilities for people with special needs and to require that applications for major developments demonstrate proposals to address accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists.

9.8.7 Cultural Heritage

The safe-guarding of the cultural heritage of Meath is a priority for MCC and it is the intention of the Council to actively support the protection, conservation and enhancement of the cultural heritage to benefit the people of Meath and in order to target cultural tourism as a major economic driver in the county.

The following measures are divided by category and the breadth of measures proposed is reflective of the importance that cultural heritage plays in our modern society.

9.8.7.1 General

- MCC will promote the protection and conservation of **heritage sites, artefacts and monuments**, including underwater archaeology and archaeological landscapes.
- The Council will ensure that development in the vicinity of a **recorded monument** is sensitively sited and designed and that it does not significantly detract from the monument.
- Any proposed development which may impact on the integrity of any monuments, sites, objects or areas of **archaeological, cultural, architectural, historical or heritage** importance under the protection of MCC and / or the DCHG shall be referred to the relevant section of the department for their observation and / or comment prior to a determination of permission.
- In securing the preservation of the **archaeological heritage**, the Planning Authority will have regard to the recommendations of the DCHG, both in respect of whether or not to grant Planning Permission and in respect of the conditions to which permission would, if granted, be subject.

Where necessary, MCC may impose, through the development management process, conditions to ensure that adequate measures are taken to identify and mitigate the archaeological impacts of any development, including where required, the completion of a licensed excavation.

In addition to the above general measures, MCC has also included *positive* objectives or policies:

- To encourage the protection, promotion and enhancement of heritage gardens and parks in the county.
- To encourage the retention, sympathetic maintenance and appropriate re-use of the vernacular heritage of Meath and to ensure that new build and extensions adjoining such heritage buildings are of an appropriate design and do not detract from the buildings character.

9.8.7.2 Archaeology

- There is a rich cultural heritage within County Meath. The council seeks to ensure that the unique cultural heritage of Meath is protected, conserved and sensitively integrated into the sustainable development of the county for the benefit of present and future generations
- The Council also seeks to ensure that features of Meath's natural heritage and green infrastructure that provide ecosystem services are protected; that biodiversity is conserved and where possible enhanced, and; that the character of landscapes are maintained and enriched, and that tourist and recreational uses are facilitated in a sensitive manner
- The Council will seek to safeguard archaeological sites of value and monuments as listed in the Record of Monuments and Places. In assessing proposals for development the Council will have due regard to national policies, guidelines and comments of Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in respect of the preservation of all sites of archaeological value. The Council will seek to ensure that all archaeological monuments in the Plan area will be recorded, surveyed and conserved so that any future development schemes will be designed to minimise their impact upon the archaeological heritage of the area.
- The Council will require that any new development proposals have regard to the archaeological survey and the Record of Monuments and Places published by the National Monuments Service.
- Where significant archaeological remains are found through excavation, the Council will require a plan for their recording and conservation (either in-situ or ex-situ).
- The Council will have regard to the recommendations of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, both in respect of whether or not to grant planning permission and in respect of the conditions to be attached to such permission.

9.8.7.2.1 Brú na Bóinne UNESCO World Heritage Site

MCC is committed to the protection and conservation of the Brú na Bóinne UNESCO World Heritage Site. This protection will also underpin the tourism aspects of the wider Boyne Valley region as a generator of local employment. The protection, conservation and preservation of Brú na Bóinne is provided by a range of international guidelines, national legislation, statutory and non-statutory guidance:

- EU Directives, UNESCO Operational Guidelines, and International Charters, in particular – Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (The World Heritage Convention 1972), and the European Landscape Convention 2000.
- The National Monuments Acts 1930 - 2004 which protect the recorded monuments, and areas of archaeological potential.
- EU Habitats and Birds Directive and The Wildlife Acts 1976 - 2000.
- The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Regulations, National and Regional Planning guidelines, and the provisions of this Development Plan.
- ICOMOS charters and guidelines, in particular - *Guidance on Heritage Impact Assessments for Cultural World Heritage Properties*. 2011.
- UNESCO World Heritage Site Brú na Bóinne Management Plan (2002).

MCC has included policies to facilitate co-operation with relevant agencies / organisations and the public to promote, understand, conserve and sustainably managed Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site. In this regard all planning applications within the World Heritage Site shall be referred to Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for comment and shall be subject to the Development Assessment Criteria set out in Volume 1, Chapter 9, and elsewhere in the CDP.

9.8.7.3 Architectural Heritage - Protected Structures

As part of the CDP, MCC has prepared a record of Protected Structures based on the recommendations of the NIAH for County Meath. The Council will insist on the protection of structures included in the Record of Protected Structures generally and in particular by:

- Controlling development which would alter the character of protected structures and proposed protected structures.
- Require that all planning applications relating to Protected Structures contain the appropriate accompanying documentation in accordance with the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2004).
- Operate a flexible change of use policy through the development management process to ensure preservation through inter alia change of use where appropriate.
- Monitoring the condition of protected structures and proposed protected structures to identify those endangered by neglect, vandalism or unauthorized development and taking appropriate action.
- Promote the preservation and protection of the architectural heritage of Meath.

9.8.7.4 Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs)

- Proposals for developments of a modern design within an ACA will be considered on a case-by-case basis and only designs of the highest quality will be accepted.
- Development proposals for sites immediately adjacent to ACAs will only be acceptable when it can be clearly demonstrated that the development will not adversely affect the character or integrity or setting of the area.
- Proposals for the demolition of a structure that positively contributes to the character of an ACA, will not be acceptable except in exceptional circumstances.
- Artificial or inappropriate materials will not normally be permitted for use on traditional buildings within an ACA.
- The refurbishment and re-use of derelict and under used buildings and sites within ACAs will be encouraged.

9.8.8 Landscape & Visual

The purpose of strategic landscape mitigation measures are to ensure that adverse visual impacts of any proposed development are mitigated against and that a better fit of development is achieved within the landscape. For any development of significant scale, visual impacts are inevitable. However with high quality building and landscape design, these impacts can be minimised.

It is the policy of MCC to protect the landscape character, quality and local distinctiveness of the county. The Meath Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) provides for a detailed understanding of the landscapes of County Meath and provides guidance for the protection of visually sensitive areas, landscapes of intrinsic value and those unique to the County in general. In addition, the assessment sets out guidance and recommendations to assist the development of related planning policies, development of strategies and development management in County Meath.

It is the policy of MCC to protect the archaeological heritage, rural character, setting and amenity of particular areas of the County. In this regard it is an objective of the Council to progress the national pilot study towards the designation of a Landscape Conservation Area for the Tara / Skyrne Landscape in conjunction with the Heritage Council and the DCHLG. MCC will further explore the designation of a Landscape Conservation Area for the Loughcrew and Slieve na Callaigh Hills. MCC will also preserve views and prospects that are of great natural beauty.

In addition to the above, MCC will implement the following measures in order to protect the landscape and visual quality of County Meath:

- To support and implement the provisions of the National Landscape Strategy.
- To seek to preserve the uniqueness of the Meath's landscape character and to maintain the visual integrity of areas of exceptional value and high sensitivity.
- The Meath Landscape Character Assessment identifies areas of the County that are sensitive to wind energy developments. All applications for wind energy developments with Natura 2000 sites will require an Appropriate Assessment.
- The Council is committed to assessing the existing public open spaces in the settlements of the plan area. Any deficiencies in public open space and areas where this deficiency may be addressed, will be identified at the Plan stage and provision facilitated through the zoning and development management process.
- Developers of residential schemes may be required, as a condition on any grant of Planning Permission, to locate open spaces in such a way as to provide links to or consolidation of, areas of public open space within a settlement. This requirement may be over and above the minimum required open space provision as set out in the Plan.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Table 9.1: Mitigation Measures

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
Chapter 2 – Core Strategy				
CS POL 1	To promote and facilitate the development of sustainable communities in the County by managing the level of growth in each settlement to ensure future growth is in accordance with the Core Strategy and County Settlement Hierarchy in order to deliver compact urban areas and sustainable rural communities.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 1	To secure the implementation of the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy, in so far as practicable, by directing growth towards designated settlements, subject to the availability of infrastructure and services.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 2	To ensure that sufficient zoned lands are available to satisfy the housing requirements of the County over the lifetime of the Plan.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
				(CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 3	To ensure the implementation of the population and housing growth household allocation set out in the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy, in so far as practicable.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 4	To achieve more compact growth by promoting the development of infill and brownfield / regeneration sites and the redevelopment of underutilised land within and close to the existing built up footprint of existing settlements in preference to edge of centre locations.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 5	To deliver at least 30% of all new homes in urban areas within or close to the existing built up footprint of settlements.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
				(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 6	To strengthen the social and economic structure of rural towns and villages by supporting the re-use of existing buildings and the regeneration of under-utilised buildings and lands.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 7	To operate an Order of Priority for the release and development of residential lands with any lands identified as being 'Post 2026' not available for development until after 2026 in settlements where 'Post 2026' lands have been identified.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
CS OBJ 8	The existing Southern Environs of Drogheda Local Area Plan 2009 (The LAP) shall remain the statutory plan for the Southern Environs of Drogheda until such a time as it is replaced with a Joint Urban Plan for Drogheda in conjunction with Louth County Council having regard to the requirements of the Report of the Drogheda Boundary Review Committee (February 2017), the National Planning Framework, and the Eastern and Midland Region Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. This plan shall be read together with the County Development Plan 2020-2026. The County Development Plan 2020-2026 shall take precedence if a conflict arises between the Plans and the conflicting provision of the LAP shall cease to have effect.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 9	To prepare new local area plans for the following settlements within the lifetime of this Plan: Navan, Dunboyne, Ashbourne, Trim, Kells, Dunshaughlin, Ratoath, Bettystown-Laytown-Mornington East-Donacarney, Duleek, Enfield, and Stamullen.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 10	To prepare a Joint Vision and Urban Area Plan for Drogheda in partnership with Louth County Council within the lifetime of this Plan in accordance with the requirements of Regional		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	Policy Objective 4.8 of the RSES for the Eastern and Midland Region and the recommendations set out in the Report of the Drogheda Boundary Review Committee published in February 2017.			(SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 11	To prepare a Joint Vision and Local Area Plan for Maynooth in partnership with Kildare County Council within the lifetime of this Plan in accordance with the requirements of Regional Policy Objective 4.35 of the RSES for the Eastern and Midland Region.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 12	To ensure that all settlements, in as far as practicable, develop in a self-sufficient manner with population growth occurring in tandem with the provision of physical and social infrastructure.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
				(LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 14	To support the economic growth of Meath as set out in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and the Economic Development Strategy for County Meath 2014-2022.		(CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 15	To continue to promote economic development along the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
CS OBJ 16	To support the creation of live work communities, in which employment and residential accommodation are located in close proximity to each other and strategic multi-modal transport corridors, and to reduce long distance commuter trends and congestion.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
CS OBJ 17	To work closely with government departments and agencies to assist in the delivery of critical infrastructure that would facilitate the economic growth of the county with particular reference to the development of the rail to Navan.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
Chapter 3 - Settlement & Housing				
SH POL 1	To ensure that all settlements, in as far as practicable, develop in a self-sufficient manner with population growth occurring in tandem with the provision of physical and social infrastructure.		(LV_1)	(LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH POL 2	To promote the consolidation of existing settlements and the creation of compact urban forms through the utilisation of infill and brownfield lands in preference to edge of centre locations.		(AN_1) (AN_2) (MA_1) (LV_1)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 1	To secure the implementation of the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy, in so far as practicable, by directing growth towards designated settlements, subject to the availability of infrastructure and services.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
				(CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 2	To ensure that sufficient zoned lands are available to satisfy the housing requirements of the County over the lifetime of the Plan.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 3	To ensure the implementation of the population and housing growth targets set out in the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 4	To operate an Order of Priority for the release and development of residential lands with any lands identified as being 'Post 2026' not available for development until after 2026		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
				(CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 5	To prepare new local area plans for the following settlements within the lifetime of this Plan: Navan, Dunboyne / Dunboyne North / Clonee, Ashbourne, Kells, Trim, Dunshaughlin, Ratoath, Bettystown – Laytown - Mornington East-Donacorney-Mornington, Oldcastle, Athboy, Duleek, and Stamullen.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 6	The existing Southern Environs of Drogheda Local Area Plan 2009 (The LAP) shall remain the statutory plan for the Southern Environs of Drogheda until such a time as it is replaced with a Joint Urban Plan for Drogheda in conjunction with Louth County Council having regard to the requirements of the Report of the Drogheda Boundary Review Committee (February 2017), the National Planning Framework, and the Eastern and Midland Region Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. This plan shall be read together with the County Development Plan 2020-2026. The County Development Plan 2020-		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	2026 shall take precedence if a conflict arises between the Plans and the conflicting provision of the LAP shall cease to have effect.			(LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 7	To prepare a Joint Vision and Urban Area Plan for Drogheda in partnership with Louth County Council within the lifetime of this Plan in accordance with the requirements of Regional Policy Objective 4.11 of the RSES for the Eastern and Midland Region.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 8	To prepare a Joint Vision and Local Area Plan for Maynooth in partnership with Kildare County Council within the lifetime of this Plan in accordance with the requirements of Regional Policy Objective 4.35 of the RSES for the Eastern and Midland Region.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 9	To develop Navan and the Southern Environs of Drogheda as the primary development centres in Meath and to continue to promote Dunboyne as		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	a key settlement in the Metropolitan Area of Dublin. The long term growth of these settlements shall be based on principles of balanced and sustainable development that support a compact urban form and the integration of land use and transport.		(CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 10	To ensure that in Villages no single application on a defined parcel of land shall increase the existing housing stock by more than 15%.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 11	To continue to support the transition of Ashbourne towards a Metropolitan Settlement by supporting its development as an enterprise and employment hub and by strengthening links and connectivity between Ashbourne and Dublin Airport and City Centre and the wider Metropolitan Area.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
				(CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 14	To support the delivery of social housing in Meath in accordance with the Council's Social Housing Delivery Programme and Government Policy as set out in Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 15	To apply a 10% social housing requirement, pursuant to Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to land zoned for residential use, or for a mixture of residential and other uses, except where the development would be exempted from this requirement.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
SH OBJ 16	To address the identified need to increase the supply of social housing in Trim, Ashbourne, Ratoath, Dunboyne, Dunshaughlin by seeking the provision of social housing additional to that required by way of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, subject to funding.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 19	To support the provision of accommodation that would satisfy the requirements of people with a disability and the implementation of the 'Strategic Plan for Housing Persons with Disabilities 2016-2019' and any subsequent Plan adopted during the lifetime of the Development Plan.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SH OBJ 21	To promote the development of vacant residential and regeneration sites in all development centres in the County, as appropriate, in accordance with the requirements of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
SH POL 7	To encourage and foster the creation of attractive, mixed use, sustainable communities that include a suitable mix of housing types and tenures with supporting facilities, amenities, and services that meet the needs of the entire community and accord with the principles of universal design, in so far as practicable.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25.
SH POL 8	To support the creation of attractive residential developments with a range of housing options and appropriate provision of functional public and private open space that is consistent with the standards and principles set out in the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas and the associated Urban Design Manual – A Best Practice Guide, DEHLG (2009) and any subsequent Guidelines.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
SH POL 9	To promote higher residential densities in appropriate locations and in particular close to town centres and along public transport corridors, in accordance with the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas, DEHLG (2009).		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25.
Chapter 4 - Economy & Employment				
ED POL 6	To ensure that people intensive developments are located close to strategic public transport networks.		(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
ED POL 12	To support appropriately considered events on the County's beaches which do not impact on sensitive coastal environments (e.g. dune systems, coastal wetlands and estuaries) and are compliant with the requirements of the Habitats Directive and other environmental considerations.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED OBJ 6	To acquire suitable land (subject to the availability of funding), including where appropriate, disused sites in State ownership, for creative and innovative entrepreneurial		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	initiatives and the provision of clustered incubator units.			(CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED OBJ 8	Encourage mixed use settlement forms and sustainable centres, in which employment, residency, education and local services / amenities are located in close proximity to each other.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.
ED OBJ 14	It is a priority for the Council to deliver on the significant potential of the lands in the Maynooth Environs, a designated strategic employment site to create a unique employment hub centred on a high tech/bio tech campus within the lands, supported by a 'live work' community with a mixture of employment, residential, community and tourism uses to be progressed following the preparation of Master Plans. Said Master Plans shall be agreed in writing with the Executive of Meath County Council in advance of the lodgment any planning application. This area can accommodate increased building height which shall be addressed as part of the Master Plans. (Please refer to Volume Maynooth Environs Written Statement for detailed requirements in respect of the Master Plan).		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED OBJ 16	To continue to support and promote the inherent economic potential of the M1 corridor, building upon existing strengths. There will be a focus on developing the corridor as a distinct spatial area with international visibility.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
ED OBJ 24	To implement the extension of the Dunboyne/M3 Parkway rail line to Navan during the Midterm review of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, in accordance with Table 8.2 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.		(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
ED OBJ 26	In accordance with RPO 4.42 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, to support the delivery of road infrastructure to release strategic residential and employment lands for sustainable development and to improve connectivity and the efficient movement of people and services in Navan.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
ED OBJ 39	To explore in conjunction with Irish Rail and other stakeholders the feasibility of a future rail spur off the Navan-Dublin Rail line from Dunshaughlin to serve Ashbourne and Ratoath.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.
ED OBJ 42	To promote the further development of the Kells Business Park which is identified as one of the five key strategic sites for economic investment in the County in the Economic Development Strategy for County Meath 2014-2022.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED OBJ 43	To promote and support the development of the strategic site located on the southern side of the strategically important R147 (Navan Road) in Kells where lands with an E1/E3 land use zoning objective have been identified. These lands will		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	provide for high end technology / manufacturing and major campus style office based employment as well as providing for potential logistics, warehousing, distribution and supply chain management uses.			(CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED OBJ 44	To continue to support and promote existing industries and enterprises in Kells and build upon the status of Kells as part of an EU designated Regional Aid area and to explore funding streams such as the REDZ initiative to support enterprise within the County.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED OBJ 45	To further develop the indigenous enterprise, logistics, manufacturing and retail base in Kells.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
ED OBJ 46	To encourage and facilitate the successful development of the Oaktree and Scurlockstown Business Parks.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED OBJ 48	To provide for the development of high-end Business and/or Corporate Headquarters including FDI, at Navan Road, Trim		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED OBJ 52	To support the development of industrial, manufacturing, distribution, warehousing, technology and campus style office based employment on the strategic employment lands to the northern side of the R150, immediately west of Laytown rail station. Enterprise and employment proposals shall be developed in tandem with park and ride facilities and enhanced pedestrian connectivity between the rail station and the residential development		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	further north in Laytown all to facilitate the development of a sustainable live work community in order to address outbound commuting from the Laytown / Bettystown area.			(CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED OBJ 53	To continue to support the delivery of the North-South Spine Road linking Bettystown and Laytown.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED OBJ 65	To facilitate development of employment lands at the City North Business Park in tandem with the development of the necessary link road from these lands to the Gormanstown Road.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED OBJ 68	To promote and support the development of lands within the Metropolitan Area for the provision of a data centre and ICT related development.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
ED POL 14	To ensure that there is sufficient land zoned within the County for economic activity in line with the requirements of the Economic Strategy 2014-2022 and any replacement / updated strategy. Such land will be protected from inappropriate development that would prejudice its long term development for employment and economic activity.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25.
ED POL 16	To support the location of a once off medium to large scale rural enterprise only in instances where it is demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Council, that the enterprise can be more readily accommodated in a rural setting than in a designated settlement centre and subject to standard development management considerations being applied.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 17	To support in conjunction with Meath LEO and other agencies the development of indigenous industry and business start-ups in rural employment centres (villages and settlements) in the County, subject to compliance with siting, design and environmental considerations.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 18	To support rural entrepreneurship and the development of micro businesses (generally less than 10 no. employees) in rural areas where environmental and landscape impact is minimal and such developments do not generate		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	significant or undue traffic. This policy shall not apply to sites accessed from National Road Network.			(MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 39	To facilitate the development of tourism infrastructure such as accommodation, restaurants, car and coach parking and toilet facilities in the designated hubs throughout the County.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 42	To encourage new and high quality investment in the tourism industry in the County with specific reference to leisure activities (including walking, cycling, angling, equestrian and family focused activities) and accommodation in terms of choice, location and quality of product.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.
ED OBJ 73	To support the development of sustainable tourism and encourage the provision of a comprehensive range of tourism facilities, subject to satisfactory location, siting and design criteria, the protection of environmentally sensitive areas and areas identified as sensitive landscapes in the Landscape Character Assessment for the County. (Refer to Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage, Natural Heritage, Landscape and Green Infrastructure and Appendix 5 Landscape Character Assessment).		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 49	To facilitate and support the development of the Boyne Valley Food Series and associated development in the county at appropriate		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (MA_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	locations and to encourage co-location of enterprises at suitable sites.			(MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 50	To support and promote existing festivals and sporting events to increase the cultural, heritage and lifestyle profile of the county, and where appropriate to promote and facilitate the development of new events and venues to host these events.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62.
ED OBJ 74	To support and promote existing festivals and sporting events to increase the cultural, heritage and lifestyle profile of the County, subject to the satisfactory location, access, parking provision and protection of the surrounding environment.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62.
ED POL 52	To promote Tayto Park in Curragha as a flagship family visitor attraction in the County, subject to the normal development management standards. The Council will support and encourage further appropriate sustainable development of the integrated tourism product at Tayto Park subject to the provision or upgrade of the requisite physical infrastructure.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 53	To promote Slane Castle as a multi experience tourism destination and attraction in the County, subject to the normal development management standards. The Council will support and encourage further appropriate development of the integrated tourism product at Slane Castle subject to the provision or upgrade of the requisite physical infrastructure and the protection of the integrity of the projected structure and its surrounds, including the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC and SPA.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
ED POL 54	To promote Causey Farm as a rural multi-experience tourism attraction in the County. The Council will support further appropriate development at Causey Farm subject to the provision of adequate infrastructure and compliance with normal planning considerations.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 55	To promote the Irish Military War Museum as a rural multi-experience tourism attraction in the County. The Council will support further appropriate development at the Irish Military War Museum, subject to the provision of adequate infrastructure and compliance with normal planning considerations.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 56	To support the development and improvement of tourist facilities at historical sites in the County only in instances where the development does not damage the resource or prejudice its future tourist value in any way, particularly in and proximate to the Brú na Bóinne and Hill of Tara areas.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 57	To work with the National Transport Authority (in conjunction with relevant objectives in the Movement Chapter of this Development Plan), Boyne Valley Tourism, Fáilte Ireland, Waterways Ireland and all stakeholders to develop a co-ordinated approach to the selection, delivery and servicing of future greenways, blueways, trails and routes throughout the county.		(AN_1) (AN_2)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62.
ED POL 58	To support developments which will enable and encourage countryside recreation and an increased appreciation of the natural environment, through facilitating the		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	development of community walks, off road trails / rural trail developments, parks and other outdoor amenities and recreational infrastructure. All proposals will require screening to determine if a full Appropriate Assessment of the likely significant effects on Natura 2000 sites, is required.			(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 59	To encourage and support sensitive development which provides for the appreciation, interpretation, upgrade and provision of access to natural habitats, scenic vistas and heritage features for the benefit of rural tourism subject to normal planning and nature conservation considerations.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED OBJ 75	a) To promote and develop the upgrade of the towpaths along the Ramparts at Navan to Stackallen. b) To deliver the Boyne Greenway from Oldbridge to Navan via Slane in conjunction with the NTA, Fáilte Ireland and all relevant stakeholders and subject to obtaining all relevant assessments and consents. c) To deliver the Royal Canal Greenway as part of the Dublin to Galway Greenway project in co-operation with Waterways Ireland, and neighbouring Local Authorities and all relevant stakeholders, and subject to obtaining all relevant assessments and consents. d) To deliver the Lakelands Greenway (Navan-Kingscourt–Monaghan) in co-operation with Irish Rail and neighbouring Local Authorities and subject to obtaining all relevant assessments and consents		(B_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	The delivery of these Greenways and the upgrade of these will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where adverse effects on European Sites are identified, alternative locations and/or designs will be developed to ensure that the upgrades will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Sites, either alone or in-combination with any other plans or projects. Considering the general location provided for these upgrades, and the ecological information and assessment required to be carried out to inform their design, it is reasonable to assume that at the detailed design stage any potential for a project element to impact on the European Site could, and will, be resolved through the exploration of alternative locations or designs. If, despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will adversely affect the integrity of the European site, the project will not be progressed unless an alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/ reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is (are) unaffected			
ED POL 60	To facilitate the development of a variety of quality tourist accommodation types, at suitable locations, throughout the County.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
				(LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 61	To positively consider the development of new hotels in existing settlements, with particular preference for locations in larger settlements such as Navan. In rural locations (i.e. villages / rural nodes), it must be demonstrated that: (i) the area proposed to be served by the new development has high visitor nos associated with an existing attraction / facility; (ii) a need for new / additional hotel type accommodation for these visitors has been identified having regard to the profile of the visitor and the availability and proximity of existing hotels in the area; and (iii) The distance of the location from a significant settlement is such that visitors to the area/attraction are unlikely to avail of existing hotel facilities.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 62	To positively consider the development of a new hotel at an appropriate location in Navan, subject to the provision of required infrastructure and compliance with Development Management Standards.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
ED POL 63	To encourage touring caravan / holiday vehicles, and camping sites to locate adjacent to or within existing settlements or established tourism facilities, having due regard to surrounding land		(B_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	uses and proper planning and development of the area.			
Chapter 5 - Movement				
MOV POL 1	To support and facilitate the integration of land use with transportation infrastructure, through the development of sustainable compact settlements which are well served by public transport.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV POL 3	To promote sustainable land use planning measures which facilitate transportation efficiency, economic returns on transport investment, minimisation of environmental impacts and a general shift towards the greater use of public transportation throughout the County.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV POL 4	To promote higher residential development densities in settlement centres along public transport corridors, that are not located in areas sensitive to flooding, or will increase temperatures of urban areas.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
MOV OBJ 1	To prepare and commence implementation of, Local Transport Plans (LTP), in conjunction with the NTA and relevant stakeholders, Drogheda (in conjunction with Louth County Council as part of the Joint Urban Plan), Ashbourne, Navan, Ratoath, other settlements where appropriate.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV POL 5	To actively pursue in conjunction with Irish Rail the implementation of the extension of the Dunboyne/M3 Parkway line to Navan during the Mid Term Review of the GDA Transport Strategy in accordance with the precepts of the RSES.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV POL 6	To promote, facilitate and advance the delivery of Phase II of the Navan railway line project and associated rail services in cooperation with other relevant agencies.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV POL 7	To support the Dart expansion Programme including new infrastructure and electrification of existing lines, including provision of electrified		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	services to Drogheda, Maynooth and M3 Parkway on the Maynooth / Sligo Line and on the Dublin-Belfast/Northern Rail Line.		(CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 2	To improve, in conjunction with the NTA and Irish Rail, facilities at existing stations.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 3	(a) To protect and safeguard the detailed designed alignment of Phase II of the Navan rail route and surrounding lands (including identified station locations), as illustrated on Map Series No. 5.1 in Volume 4, free from development and any encroachment by inappropriate uses which could compromise its future development as a rail facility. (b) To explore in conjunction with Irish Rail and other stakeholders the feasibility of a future rail spur off the Navan-Dublin Rail line from Dunshaughlin to serve Ashbourne and Ratoath.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 4	To facilitate and encourage the upgrading of existing railway stations, and protect, as required, lands necessary for the upgrading of		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	existing railway lines or stations or the provision of new railway stations throughout the County.			(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 5	To facilitate the provision of a train station at Bettystown (in addition to the existing station at Laytown) as part of the DART expansion works to Drogheda through the planned electrification of the Northern rail line by Irish Rail.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 7	To support the delivery of an additional train station in the Northern Environs of Drogheda as part of the future Joint Urban Plan.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 8	To explore the feasibility of a train station in conjunction with Irish Rail and Louth County Council as part of the Joint Urban Area Plan.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
				(CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV POL 8	To cooperate with the NTA and other relevant agencies to have ongoing reviews of the network of bus routes in Meath, and to support and encourage public transport operators to provide improved bus services in, and through, the County.		(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
MOV OBJ 9	To provide bus priority measures on existing and planned road infrastructure, where appropriate, in collaboration with the NTA, Bus Éireann and TII (where relevant).		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 13	To work with the NTA and relevant stakeholders to provide bus services in rural communities in the County.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
MOV POL 13	To promote and support the provision of Park-and-Ride facilities which improve public transport accessibility without exacerbating road congestion, or which cause increased car travel distances, at appropriate locations within the County.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV POL 14	To support the NTA in the extension of the bus route to the M3 Parkway Train Station in order to deliver a strategic multi modal park and ride facility at this location.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 16	To identify and develop suitable lands to provide for Park and Ride facilities at appropriate locations in the County.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
MOV OBJ 17	To identify and develop suitable lands to provide for additional Park and Ride facilities at appropriate location in Navan.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 18	To support the delivery of a new car parking facility at Laytown Train Station in conjunction with the NTA and Irish Rail.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 19	To facilitate the provision of a new car parking facility at Enfield Train Station in conjunction with the NTA and Irish Rail.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
MOV POL 15	To support and facilitate the provision of an accessible taxi and hackney service in the County particularly in the main urban centres.		(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
MOV OBJ 21	To provide public transport interchange facilities, including facilities for taxis, at appropriate points on the public transport network particularly in the main urban centres in cooperation with the NTA.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 22	To facilitate the development of properly designated taxi ranks in order to improve public transport infrastructure and services at suitable locations such as retail development and leisure facilities in conjunction with the NTA		(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
MOV OBJ 31	To engage in the Compulsory Purchase Order process when required in order to facilitate the timely delivery of the Greenway programme within the County.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
MOV OBJ 32	To identify the provision of a trail head/public car park at the Hill of Down Rural Node proximate to the Greenway, to facilitate the re-opening of the rail station, subject to feasibility.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
MOV OBJ 33	To support and facilitate the delivery of the bypassing of Slane, which is considered to comprise essential infrastructural development and to construct same subject to obtaining the relevant development consents required and to reserve and protect route option corridors from development which would interfere with the provision of the project. Development of the project will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where adverse effects on European site integrity are identified, alternative routes or designs will be developed to ensure that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), the project will not be progressed unless and alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is (are) unaffected.	(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV POL 23	To support the reservation of the indicative route of the Leinster Outer Orbital Route, which is considered to comprise important infrastructural development, free of developments which could interfere with the provision of the project.	(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 34	To reserve the indicative route of the Leinster Outer Orbital Route free of developments which could interfere with the provision of the project.	(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
				(CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 35	To continue to support and facilitate TII, Fingal County Council, Louth County Council and Monaghan County Council in the planning and delivery of upgrades to the N2, as appropriate.	(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV POL 24	To safeguard the capacity and safety of the National road network by applying the provisions of the Department of Environment Community and Local Governments - 'Spatial Planning and National Roads-Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2012'.	(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)		(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
MOV POL 26	To provide for and carry out improvements to sections of national, regional and county roads that are deficient in terms of alignment, structural condition or capacity, where resources permit, and to seek to maintain that standard thereafter. To ensure that, where possible, any maintenance and improvement strategies have regard to future climates.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
MOV OBJ 36	To facilitate the delivery of all of the roads projects outlined in the National Development Plan 2018-2027 and National Transport Authority's Transport Strategy for the GDA 2016-2035, in conjunction with the NTA, TII, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and other stakeholders. Development of these road projects will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where adverse effects on European site integrity are identified, alternative routes or designs will be developed to ensure that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), either alone or in combination with any other projects. If despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), the project will not be progressed unless and alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is (are) unaffected.	(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 39	To develop and implement, in consultation with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport a programme for the upgrading, improvement and maintenance of the non-national road network in the County.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
MOV OBJ 43	To support essential public road infrastructure including, bypasses of local towns and villages and proposed national road schemes and where necessary reserve the corridors of any such proposed routes free of development, which would interfere with the provision of such	(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	proposals. Such road schemes include those specified in the non-exhaustive list in Table 5.1: Each of these projects will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where adverse effects on European site integrity are identified, alternative routes or designs will be developed to ensure that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), either alone or in combination with any other projects. If despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), the project will not be progressed unless and alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is (are) unaffected.			(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
MOV OBJ 44	To continue to deliver targeted capacity road upgrades within the County to eliminate congestion blackspots.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 45	To support the delivery of two new signalised junctions to facilitate access to Dunboyne North for all modes of transport from a high quality regional road.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
				(CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 46	To continue to support the delivery of key strategic roads within Dunboyne to include an eastern distributor road to facilitate rail-focused development, new bus routes and reduce traffic levels in the town.	(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV OBJ 47	To promote the delivery of key strategic roads in the Key Town of Navan to include but not limited to: 1) link road from Dublin road to Trim road, 2) distributor road from R153 at Farganstown and future bridge across the River Boyne to N51 and North Navan 3) link road from Rathaldron road to R147 inclusive of bridge across the Blackwater 4) Trim Road to N3 Kilcarn Road, 5) Commons Road to N51 Athboy Road, (6) N51 Athboy Road to Rathaldron Road. Each of these projects will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where adverse effects on European site integrity are identified, alternative routes or designs will be developed to ensure that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), either alone or in combination with any other projects. If despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will	(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), the project will not be progressed unless an alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is (are) unaffected. In relation to proposals involving the construction of new bridge crossings across the River Boyne and River Blackwater, where adverse effects on the integrity of the Boyne and River Blackwater SAC and SPA are identified, alternative locations and/or designs will be developed to ensure the bridge structures will not adversely affect the integrity of the European Site(s) either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. It is reasonable to assume that at the detailed design stage any potential for a project element to impact on European sites could, and will, be resolved through the exploration of alternative locations or designs while still fulfilling their function/role in supporting the overarching vision, guiding principles and strategic objectives/aim of the CDP.			
MOV OBJ 48	To work in conjunction with Kildare County Council to deliver the section of the Maynooth Outer Relief Road located within the administrative area of Meath County Council.	(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
MOV OBJ 49	To promote the delivery of the following key strategic roads included but not limited to: Ratoath Outer Relief Road, Bryanstown Link Road (Drogheda), Navan Road – Dublin Road Link Trim, M3 Junction 6/R125 to R147 distributor road. Each of these projects will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where adverse effects on European site integrity are identified, alternative routes or designs will be developed to ensure that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), either alone or in combination with any other projects. If despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), the project will not be progressed unless and alternative solution can be implemented which avoids / reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is (are) unaffected.	(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV POL 33	To avoid the creation of any additional access point from new development / intensification of traffic from existing entrance onto national roads outside the 60kph speed limit, except at the following locations: 1. N52 south of Balrath Cross to facilitate bioenergy manufacturing plant and CHP plant 2. Navan North (Junction 9) to Mullaghboy Roundabout on N51 (New Junction Only) 3. Navan South (Junction 8) to Kilcarn Roundabout on R147 (New Junction Only)		(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	4. N2 at Slane in the vicinity of the existing Grasslands Fertilizers facility (Seveso Site) 5. N51 at Slane Distillery and Castle 6. N2 at Knockharley in the vicinity of existing regional landfill facility; and 7. N2 at Rath Roundabout to junction of Curragha Road. Each of these projects will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where adverse effects on European site integrity are identified, alternative routes or designs will be developed to ensure that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), either alone or in combination with any other projects. If despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), the project will not be progressed unless and alternative solution can be implemented which avoids / reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is (are) unaffected.			
MOV POL 34	To review, as part of the Local Area Plan process, land at strategic locations adjoining urban related motorway junctions which has previously been identified for employment generating uses, subject to compliance with the Spatial Planning and National Roads – Guidelines for Planning Authorities. In this regard, the following junctions will be examined: ■ M1 Motorway Junction 7 (Julianstown) ■ Junction 8 (Duleek)		(SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	- Junction 9 (Drogheda) - M3 Motorway Junction 4 (Clonee) - Junction 5 (Dunboyne) - Junction 8 Navan South - Junction 9 Navan (North) - N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon The Planning Authority will continue to support development proposals in such circumstances where all of the criteria specified in Section 2.7 of the “Spatial Planning & National Roads Guidelines” are adhered to.			
MOV POL 35	To co-operate with and support the NTA and TII (where appropriate) on measures designed to improve freight transport in and throughout the County.		(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
MOV POL 36	To support the preparation of a regional strategy for freight transport in collaboration with the relevant transport agencies and the other Regional Assemblies.		(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
MOV OBJ 57	To identify appropriate locations for freight intensive developments, and require the preparation of Distribution and Servicing Plans for such developments as part of the planning process.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
MOV OBJ 59	To require the provision of HGV parking facilities at on-line motorway service areas, petrol filling stations and other appropriate locations within the County in accordance with relevant planning guidelines and government policy.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV POL 37	To support aviation policy as set out in 'A National Aviation Policy for Ireland 2015'. In particular, through supporting the role of Dublin Airport as a key tourism and business gateway to the County and the wider Eastern and Midland Region.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
MOV POL 38	To promote appropriate land use patterns in the vicinity of the flight paths serving Dublin Airport, having regard to the precautionary principle, based on existing and anticipated environmental and safety impacts of aircraft movements.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
Chapter 6 - Infrastructure				
INF OBJ 67	To support the development of infrastructure necessary to meet the objectives of the Meath's		(PHH_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	Sludge Management Plan having regard to the Waste Facility Siting Guidelines (when adopted).			(CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
Chapter 7 - Community Building				
SOC POL 1	To promote and facilitate the delivery of the objectives and actions set out in the Meath Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021. (or any subsequent replacement).		(CC_1)	(CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
SOC OBJ 1	To assist in the provision of community and resource centres and youth clubs / cafes and other facilities for younger people by the identification and reservation of suitably located sites, including sites within the landbanks of the Local Authorities and by assisting in the provision of finance, where possible.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SOC POL 15	To facilitate the development of preschool, primary, post primary, third level, outreach, research, adult and further educational facilities to meet the educational needs of the citizens of the County.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 32, MOV OBJ 34, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SOC POL 26	To ensure that adequate lands and services are available for the improvement, establishment and expansion of health services.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
				(W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 32, MOV OBJ 34, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SOC OBJ 6	To facilitate and support the Health Service Executive and the Department of Health in the provision of a Regional Hospital in Navan on a site identified at Nevinstown, or Balreask Old and Limekilnhill (part). The availability of adequate capacity in piped water services and roads infrastructure will be taken into account in the final site selection process as will environmental sensitivities including likely significant effects on European sites (SACs and SPAs).		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CC_1) (MA_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 32, MOV OBJ 34, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
SOC OBJ 8	To investigate in conjunction with the OPW the feasibility of the provision of a playground at the Battle of the Boyne Site.		(CH_1)	(CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
Chapter 9 - Rural Strategy				
RUR OBJ 3	To identify and protect, known or potential aggregate resources, where feasible, from development which would prejudice their sustainable future usage.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
RUR OBJ 6	To prioritise the regeneration of rural towns and villages through identification of significant regeneration projects for rural villages and rural		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	areas which could harness untapped assets with community and wider private and public sector support and investment including the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.			(W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
RUR OBJ 7	To explore mechanisms for the emergence of a diversified sectoral mix in rural areas. This includes the identification of appropriate locations to drive regeneration of rural towns and villages for example by the provision of serviced sites for housing and co-working/incubator space.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.
RUR OBJ 8	To identify and provide policies that recognise the contribution that small towns, villages and rural areas contribute to social and economic wellbeing. As part of this policy provision that seeks to support and protect existing rural economies such as valuable agricultural lands to ensure sustainable food supply, to protect the value and character of open countryside and to support the diversification of rural economies to create additional jobs and maximise opportunities in emerging sectors, such as agri-business, renewable energy, tourism and forestry enterprise.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.
RUR OBJ 13	To support the development of a “New Homes in Small Towns and villages” initiative which would augment the delivery of actions by Local Authorities, Irish Water, communities and other stakeholders in the provision of services and serviced sites to create “build your own home” opportunities within the existing footprint of rural settlements to provide new homes to meet housing demand		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
RUR POL 2	(i) To manage residential development in Rural Areas under Strong Urban Influence by ensuring that in these areas the provision of single houses in the open countryside facilitates farm families to continue to live and/or work within their own communities. (ii) To manage residential development in Strong Rural Areas by ensuring that in these areas the provision of single houses in the open countryside facilitates farm families and those with demonstrable intrinsic links to the rural area to continue to live and/ or work within their own communities..		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
RUR POL 11	To recognise that exceptional health circumstances, certified by relevant documents, from a registered specialist medical practitioner and a disability, may require a person to live in a particular environment. Housing in such circumstances should be facilitated close to existing services and facilities in Rural Nodes within 12 km radius of their existing dwelling. All planning permissions for such housing shall be subject to a seven year occupancy clause. In all cases the Planning Authority reserves the right to request such additional certification considered necessary to establish the bona fides of the applicant's unambiguous compliance with the requirements of this policy.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.
RUR POL 12	To recognise that unavoidable financial circumstances, certified by relevant documents including in all such cases a letter from the relevant financial institution confirming the requirement to sell an existing rural home, may occur. Housing in such circumstances will		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. .

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	generally be encouraged in areas close to existing services and facilities in Rural Settlements. All planning permissions for such housing granted in rural areas shall be subject to a seven year occupancy condition. In all cases the Planning Authority reserves the right to request such additional certification considered necessary to establish the bona fides of the applicant's unambiguous compliance with the requirements of this policy.			
RUR POL 13	To recognise that unacceptable housing scenerios, certified by relevant documentation, may occur. This policy is applicable to persons who have grown up and spent substantial periods of their lives (10 years) living in the rural area of Meath as members of the rural community. Housing in such circumstances shall be facilitated close to existing services and facilities in Rural Settlements. All planning permissions for such housing granted in rural areas shall be subject to a seven year occupancy condition. All planning permissions for such housing shall be subject to a seven year occupancy clause. In all cases the Planning Authority reserves the right to request such additional certification considered necessary to establish the bona fides of the applicant's unambiguous compliance with the requirements of this policy.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.
RUR POL 15	To ensure that the provision of housing in all rural nodes shall be reserved for persons who are an intrinsic part of the rural community. In all cases applicants shall certify to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority that they have been a		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	rural resident for a minimum of 5 years. The node shall be within 12 km of their current place of residence. Detailed documentary evidence shall be submitted to support the foregoing applications as follows: - Completed Local Housing Needs Assessment Form; - Details of all places of residence of the applicant over the previous 5 years; - Documentary evidence of the applicants Intrinsic Links to the area which shall include, where applicable, Copy of applicant entry on Electoral Register, Evidence of attendance at Local School confirmed in writing by the School, Evidence of Membership of local community / sports groups; letter from a Financial Institution confirming address, Utility bills confirming address. - Health / Financial / Unacceptable accommodation circumstances (Refer to RUR Pol 11- 13.). The Planning Authority may seek additional information to that set out above if considered necessary.			(CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
RUR OBJ 14	To support Rural Nodes located across the County in offering attractive housing options to meet the needs of the established rural communities and to support existing local community facilities such as schools, post offices, recreational facilities and childcare facilities etc.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
RUR OBJ 15	To seek to ensure that new residential development in Rural Nodes is in accordance with 'the Meath Rural Design Guide' and is of a design and layout compatible with the character of its setting and to promote the development of central brownfield sites, if existing, as appropriate. Suburban type developments or multiple housing developments will not be permitted.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
RUR OBJ 16	To promote the development of central brownfield sites in rural nodes, if existing, as appropriate. Suburban type developments or multiple housing developments will not be permitted.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.
RUR OBJ 19	To promote the provision of childcare facilities within rural nodes to meet local demand and encourage the location of such facilities near schools where possible.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (MA_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
RUR OBJ 27	To require the provision of footpaths and public lighting as part of residential development in rural nodes, as appropriate.		(B_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116.
RUR POL 26	To support the development of appropriately located allotments, in areas which have good access to and are proximate to built-up and residential areas.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.
RUR OBJ 37	Facilitate the development of allotments of an appropriate scale and in accordance with current guidelines, which meet the following criteria: (i) The lands are situated within or immediately		(SG_1) (W_1)	(SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	adjacent to the edge of towns / villages or are easily accessible to the residents of a particular town or village; and (ii) Adequate water supply and adequate parking facilities can be provided.			
RUR POL 27	To encourage the development of forestry to a scale and in a manner which maximises its contribution to the economic and social wellbeing of the County on a sustainable basis and which is compatible with the protection of the environment including the avoidance of likely significant effects on European sites (SACs and SPAs).		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
RUR POL 28	To encourage sustainable forestry development, which is planted, managed and harvested in accordance with the Forest Service Guidelines for Landscape, Forest Harvesting and Environmental, Archaeology, Biodiversity and Water Quality.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
RUR POL 37	To facilitate adequate supplies of aggregate resources to meet the future growth needs of the County and the wider region while addressing key environmental, traffic and social impacts and details of rehabilitation.		(B_1) (PHH_2) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (PHH_2) CS OBJ 2, SH POL 1, SH OBJ 13, SOC POL 2, SH POL 7, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 60, SOC POL 26, SOC POL 36, DM POL 5. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
RUR POL 42	To ensure that the extractive industry and associated development minimises adverse		(B_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	impacts on the road network in the area and that the full cost of road improvements, including during operations and at time of closure, which are necessary to facilitate those industries are borne by the industry itself.			
RUR POL 57	To develop and maximise the opportunities of the county's national primary and secondary roads as key strategic infrastructure vital to the county's continued economic development and to protect this strategically important infrastructure from unplanned ribbon development or random one-off housing development.		(CC_1)	(CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
Chapter 11 - Development Management Guidelines and Land Use Zoning Objectives				
DM POL 27	Proposals for petrol filling stations in close proximity to the National Road Network shall have regard to the "Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities", Department of Environment Community and Local Government, 2012 and the Dangerous Substances (Retail and Private Petroleum Stores) Regulations 1979 to 2010 (or any such other relevant standards and legislation that may be enacted).		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
DM POL 28	Proposals for new and extended service stations will be carefully considered and will not generally be encouraged within the core retail area of urban centres or in rural areas outside of villages and rural nodes and shall be located in all cases within the speed limit restriction zones.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
DM OBJ 145	All proposals for allotment development of shall be assessed against the following criteria;		(AN_1) (AN_2)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	- Site location - the suitability of the site comparable to the location of the population served; sites in or at the edge of the settlements are more preferable; - The adequacy of the public road network serving the site and car parking provision; and, - The adequacy of water supplies.			
DM OBJ 146	In the assessment of individual energy development proposals, the Council will take the following criteria into account: - The proper planning and sustainable development of the area; - The environmental and social impacts of the proposed development; - Traffic impacts including details of haul routes; - Impact of the development on the landscape, (please refer to Appendix 5 Landscape Character Assessment) ; - Impact on protected Views and Prospects, (please refer to Appendix 10 Protected Views and Prospects); - Impact on public rights of way and walking routes, (please refer to Appendix 12 Public Rights of Way) ; - Connection to the National Grid (where applicable); - Mitigation features, where impacts are inevitable; - Protected of designated areas - NHAs, SPAs and SACs, areas of archaeological potential		(AN_1) (AN_2)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
	and scenic importance, proximity to structures that are listed for protection, national monuments, etc. (Please refer to Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage, Natural Heritage, Landscape and Green Infrastructure and Appendices 6-9 inclusive for further details); Cumulative Impact of proposal.			
DM OBJ 155	Encourage the location of telecommunications structures at appropriate locations within the County, subject to environmental considerations.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
DM OBJ 161	Car parking shall be provided in accordance with Table 11.2 and associated guidance notes.		(AN_1) (AN_2)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62.
B2	To provide for the development of a retail warehouse park.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
C1	To provide for and facilitate mixed residential and employment generating uses.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
				(CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
D1	To provide for appropriate and sustainable visitor and tourist facilities and associated uses.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
E1	To facilitate opportunities for high end technology / manufacturing and major campus style office based employment within high quality and accessible locations.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
E2	To provide for the creation of enterprise and facilitate opportunities for employment through industrial, manufacturing, distribution, warehousing and other general employment / enterprise uses in a good quality physical environment.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Specific Policies and Objectives of the Draft Plan		Potential Negative Impact	Potentially Uncertain Impact	Protective Policies and Objectives Comments
				(LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
E3	To facilitate logistics, warehousing, distribution and supply chain management inclusive of related industry facilities which require food access to the major road network.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (MA_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (MA_1) INF POL 2, INF POL 8, INF OBJ 11, INF POL 61, INF POL 65, INF OBJ 58, MOV OBJ 36, MOV OBJ 38, MOV POL 32, INF POL 54, INF OBJ 52, INF OBJ 39, DM OBJ 155. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.
R1	To provide for a strategic rail corridor and associated physical infrastructure.		(AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1)	(AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166.
TU	To provide for necessary transportation facilities and utilities.		(B_1) (SG_1) (W_1) (AN_1) (AN_2) (CC_1) (CH_1) (LV_1)	(B_1) SOC POL 39, HER POL 27, HER POL 29, HER POL 33, HER OBJ 32, HER OBJ 33, HER POL 35, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 43, DM OBJ 116. (SG_1) RUR OBJ 30, RUR POL 44, HER POL 46, DM POL 45. (W_1) INF OBJ 7, INF OBJ 8, HER POL 47, INF POL 31, INF OBJ 14, INF OBJ 22, INF OBJ 23. (AN_1) (AN_2) INF OBJ 72, INF OBJ 73, INF OBJ 74, MOV OBJ 62. (CC_1) CS OBJ 13, MOV POL 1, MOV POL 10, MOV OBJ 25, INF POL 20, INF POL 34, INF POL 36, INF OBJ 40, HER OBJ 43, DM POL 37, DM OBJ 166. (CH_1) HER POL 1, HER POL 2, HER OBJ 2, HER POL 6, HER POL 12, HER POL 14, HER POL 16, HER POL 19, HER POL 26, RUR POL 25. (LV_1) HER OBJ 47, HER POL 53, HER POL 54, HER OBJ 55, HER POL 55, INF OBJ 33, HER OBJ 34, HER POL 49, HER OBJ 41, DM OBJ 124.

10 Monitoring Programme

10.1 Introduction

The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires that the Chief Executive of the local authority prepares a progress report on the implementation of the Plan. Given the environment is a significant consideration then the progress report will include the key findings of the environmental monitoring programme as outlined in this chapter of the SEA Environmental Report.

Monitoring of the Draft CDP and its implications on the environment is paramount to ensure that the environment is not adversely affected through the implementation of the Plan. In accordance with Article 10 of the SEA Directive, monitoring must be carried out of the significant environmental effects directly related to the implementation of the Plan *“in order to, inter alia, identify at an early stage unforeseen adverse effects and to be able to undertake appropriate remedial action.”* Departmental Guidelines on SEA⁸⁷ recommends that monitoring does not necessarily require new research activity, but that existing sources of information can be used and the task of data collection can be shared.

While considerable environmental data is directly available to the Council such as water quality, recycling rates *etc.*, other sources of information will be accessed to provide a comprehensive view of the impact of the implementation of the Plan. In this regard the Local Authority will work with other agencies with environmental mandates to gather data for the purposes of monitoring the Plan. Therefore, while monitoring specific elements of the environment is not strictly the preserve of the Council, MCC will continue to liaise and work with the EPA, the NPWS, IFI as well as others in the pursuit of environmental conservation and protection through existing environmental monitoring procedures.

10.2 Monitoring Indicators

It is proposed to base monitoring on a series of indicators which measure changes in the environment, especially changes which are critical in terms of environmental quality, for example water or air pollution levels. The indicators aim to simplify complex interrelationships and provide information about environmental issues which is easy to understand. A list of environmental indicators is provided in Table 10.1. The indicators are based on the SEOs presented in Chapter 6 (SEA Objectives, Targets & Indicators) have been derived from knowledge of the existing environmental issues within the Plan area and also from legislation, guidelines and higher level Plans.

Furthermore it is proposed to use a Geographical Information System (GIS) based monitoring system to monitor and assess the implementation of the Plan. This GIS based system will attempt to overcome any limitations in spatial analysis, to achieve an improved and better informed decision-making process, and provide data for future Development Plan reviews and the associated SEA process requirements.

Environmental indicator assessment during monitoring can show *positive / neutral impacts* or negative impacts on the environment. Where an indicator value highlights a *positive / neutral impact* on the environment, it is likely that the policies and objectives of the Plan are well defined with regard to the environment. Conversely where the objectives of the Plan have a negative impact on the environment, it may be necessary to review the objectives of the Plan or to take some other form of intervention. For example, if an objective or policy is having a significant adverse impact, a variation may be considered during the lifetime of the Plan.

⁸⁷ Implementation of SEA Directive (2001/42/EC): Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment Guidelines for Regional Authorities and Planning Authorities, 2004.

Table 10.1: Environmental Monitoring Programme

Environmental	Targets	Selected Indicators	Data Sources, Responsibility and Frequency (subject to available resources)
Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna) (B)	Improve / conserve and protect all designated sites and species within and adjacent to the Plan Site.	Number and extent of Protected Sites.	MCC / NPWS / Fisheries Board (depending on available information from relevant statutory authorities).
	Promote the maintenance and, as appropriate, achievement of favourable conservation status of habitats and species, in association with the NPWS and other stakeholders. No deterioration in the quality of protected areas.	Number of sites containing rare or threatened species.	Initial monitoring to commence within two years of adoption as part of the Chief Executive's Report on progress (subject to available resources).
	Protect SPAs, Annex I bird species, and regularly occurring migratory bird species and their habitats, and avoid pollution or deterioration of important bird habitats outside SPAs. No loss of protected species.	Number of rare or threatened species.	
	No fish kills during the lifetime of the plan.	Details of major fish kills	
	All actions contained within the Biodiversity Plan to be achieved during the lifetime of the County Development Plan.	Achievement of the Objectives of Biodiversity Plans.	
	No net loss of green linkages established under the Green Infrastructure Strategy.	Net area of new green infrastructure established through the development management process.	
	No spread of invasive species within the County.	Numbers of new cases identified.	Establish baseline, location and extent of invasive species in the county, to commence within two years of adoption as part of the Chief Executive's Report on progress (subject to available resources).
Population & Human Health (PHH)	Decrease in journey times to work, education and recreation.	Distance and mode of transport to work.	MCC - Housing, Planning and Roads sections.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Environmental	Targets	Selected Indicators	Data Sources, Responsibility and Frequency (subject to available resources)
	Applications for new developments in excess of fifteen residential units or over 0.02ha to be accompanied by Design Statement.	Number of design statements.	Initial monitoring to commence within two years of adoption as part of the Chief Executive's Report on progress (subject to available resources).
	Rural housing to accord with Rural Housing Design Guidelines	Number of planning permissions granted in the countryside.	
	Minimise population exposure to high levels of noise, vibration and air pollution.	Increase modal shift to public transport.	
	Increase modal shift to public transport.	Census population data.	
Soils & Geology (SG)	Prevent pollution of soil through adoption of appropriate environmental protection procedures during construction and maintenance works on site. No incidences of soil contamination.	Number / severity of recorded pollution incidences. Rates of re-use / recycling of construction waste.	MCC and the EPA.
	Limited and controlled development of greenfield sites.	Area of land lost through greenfield development as per Development Plan process.	Initial monitoring to commence within two years of adoption as part of the Chief Executive's Report on progress (subject to available resources).
Water (W)	Implement fully the recommendations of the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021.	Achievement of the objectives of the River Basin Management Plans.	MCC - Planning Department, Water Services Department and the EPA.
	Support the achievement of "good" ecological and chemical status / potential of waterbodies in accordance with the WFD.	Percentage increase in the overall quality of surface waters.	Initial monitoring to commence within two years of adoption as part of the Chief Executive's Report on progress (subject to available resources).
	Minimise flood risk through appropriate management of flood vulnerable zones.	Amount of new developments within flood plains. Annual costs of damage related to flood events.	
	Comply and implement fully the most recent EPA guidelines on Septic Tank use and siting as well as other on-site treatment facilities.	Number of permissions granted complying with the guidelines.	
	Maintain and upgrade where necessary all Local Authority operated WWT plants to comply with the relevant legislation.	Compliance with discharge parameters.	

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Environmental	Targets	Selected Indicators	Data Sources, Responsibility and Frequency (subject to available resources)
	Improvement in bathing water quality.	Achieve and maintain Green Flag status on all beaches.	
Air Quality & Noise (AN)	Improvement in the concentrations of measured parameters such as Particulate Matter, Sulphur Dioxide and nitrogen oxides.	Measurable reductions in concentrations. Traffic, Transport and Vehicular survey data.	The EPA Review of EPA standards and data to commence within two years of adoption as part of the Chief Executive's Report on progress (subject to available resources).
	Minimise air and noise emissions during construction and operation of new developments.	National and region specific emission data. Compliance with national standards.	
Climate Change (CC)	Promote minimisation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to the atmosphere.	Reduction in GHG emissions. Rates of energy / renewable energy consumption.	Initial monitoring to commence within two years of adoption as part of the Chief Executive's Report on progress (subject to available resources).
	Increase in permissions granted for residential development within acceptable distance of public transport hubs.	Percentage of housing developments within specified distance to transport hubs.	
Material Assets (MA)	No loss of prime agricultural land.	Total area of prime agricultural land developed as per the Development Plan process.	MCC; the EPA; Teagasc Corine Land Cover Project.
	Increase re-use of brownfield sites for development in preference to greenfield sites.	Ratio of brownfield site development to greenfield sites.	Initial monitoring to commence within two years of adoption as part of the Chief Executive's Report on progress (subject to available resources).
	Decrease in the percentage of Unaccounted Water Loss.	Percentage of unaccounted water.	
	Improved treatment at established WWT facilities.	Compliance with discharge limits.	
	Reduction in the tonnage of overall waste produced and an increase in the percentage of waste recycled.	Tonnage of waste produced and recycled.	
	Reduce the generation of waste and adopt a sustainable approach to waste management.	Rate of waste disposal to landfill statistics. Range and extent of recycling facilities and services. Rates of recycling.	
Cultural Heritage (CH)	No loss of features of architectural or archaeological importance.	Number of recorded features lost.	MCC, The Archaeological Survey monitoring programme, Ireland; Buildings at Risk Register - Heritage Council Ireland.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (Draft CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report

Environmental	Targets	Selected Indicators	Data Sources, Responsibility and Frequency (subject to available resources)
	No deterioration in the quality of Architectural Conservation Areas.	Condition of ACAs.	Initial monitoring to commence within two years of adoption as part of the Chief Executive's Report on progress (subject to available resources).
	No impact on the integrity or setting of monuments contained on the Record of Monuments by development granted planning permission.	Number of protected structures impacted by new development.	
	No protected structures to be lost through neglect or misuse. Regeneration of derelict and underutilised heritage sites.	Number of deletions to the RPS.	
Landscape & Visual (LV)	No diminution in the quality of important landscapes.	Number of developments permitted within landscapes of exceptional value and high sensitivity as per the LCA.	MCC
	Implement in full the recommendations of the Landscape Character Assessment for County Meath.	Number of recommendations implemented.	Initial monitoring to commence within two years of adoption as part of the Chief Executive's Report on progress (subject to available resources).
	No loss of protected views or prospects.	Number of views or prospects impacted.	

11 Conclusion

The Draft CDP 2020-2026 for County Meath, with its policies and supporting objectives are key to the future sustainable development of the County. The Draft Plan aims to balance the needs of the future population with the preservation and conservation of environment. The Plan has a strong focus towards sustainability.

The SEA process has been carried out in conjunction with the Appropriate Assessment (AA) of the Draft Plan and the preparation of the Plan itself. This allows for an early indication of the potential environmental effects likely to occur as a result of the implementation of the Plan. As a result changes or alterations to the Draft Plan are made throughout the course of its preparation. Through this process of assessment and re-assessment, it was identified that particular objectives or policies could potentially have a negative environmental impact on particular environmental receptors or on a number of them simultaneously. The benefit therefore of preparing the Draft Plan, the AA, and the Environment Report ensures that these issues are highlighted at an early stage in the process. This allows the potential negative impacts of the Draft Plan to be addressed early on and effectively eliminated and for drafting and inclusion of objectives and policies that are specific to the protection of the environment.

The chosen development strategy as set out in the Draft Plan and summarised in Chapter 1 (Non-Technical Summary), has been assessed in terms of its overall sustainability and its potential to impact on the environment. The policies / objectives contained within the Draft Plan were assessed against the SEOs and indicate that the full implementation of the Plan will not result in a significant negative or adverse impact on the environmental resources within the county. Where potential for negative impacts on the environment was identified, mitigation as well as enhancement measures have been proposed. It has been shown in this report that the policies and objectives of the Draft Plan are generally consistent with this summary and as a result the Draft Plan will have a neutral to positive impact on the environment as a whole.

In addition the AA of the Draft Meath CDP was prepared to give information on and assess the potential of the Plan to impact on sites of European-scale ecological importance. The AA has concluded that assuming the successful implementation of the policies and objectives of the Draft Plan in its current state, there will be no likely significant effects on Natura 2000 sites in County Meath and its environs, either by the Plan in isolation or in combination with other Plans and Projects pertaining to the area.

Finally at the outset of the assessment process, a number of environmental issues were identified. While these are and remain the key environmental challenges facing the Council over the lifetime of the Plan, they also have complex interrelationships with other environmental receptors. Therefore, the imperative is to promote a holistic, all-inclusive response towards the protection of the natural assets within the Plan area. For example groundwater for human consumption can be improved if restrictions on inappropriate land uses and surface based activities are applied. Subsequently, efforts made to improve water quality also have beneficial impacts on soil quality, habitat conservation, landscape and visual quality *etc.* The potential synergies at play, if appropriately addressed, will lead to an improvement in the quality of life for the residents of the plan area.

In summary, the assessment of the Draft Plan has concluded that its policies and objectives are acceptable and represent a balanced and fair approach to the sustainable development of the County. Monitoring of the Plan throughout its lifetime will ensure that any potential adverse environmental impacts, unforeseen at this stage will be identified early, so as to prevent any deterioration of the environment. This Draft Plan, as currently presented, balances growth with environmental protection and can deliver a sustainable future for the inhabitants of the area.

APPENDIX A8.1 TABLE 1: COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ASSESSMENT

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

[illegible]

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Objectives - Economic Areas - Metropolitan Area: Dublin	SH OBJ 28	To seek that all new residential developments on zoned lands in excess of 20 residential units provide for a minimum of 5% universally designed units in accordance with the requirements of the ‘Building for Everyone: A Universal Design’ developed by the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design (National Disability Authority).	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SH OBJ 29	To require that all new residential development applications of 50 units or more are accompanied by a Social Infrastructure Assessment (SIA) to determine if social and community facilities in the area are sufficient to provide for the needs of the future residents in accordance with the requirements of policy SOC POL 6 in the ‘Community Building Strategy’ (Chapter 7).	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Economy and Employment - 4													
Policy - Vision	ED POL 1	To facilitate and support the continued growth of the economy in the County in a sustainable manner and in accordance with the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES).	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy - Development Plan Economic & Employment Strategy	ED POL 2	To support and facilitate the economic development of the county in accordance with the Economic Strategy 2014-2022 or its replacement. There will be a general presumption against development that would prejudice the implementation of the Economic Strategy.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 3	To encourage the provision of ‘live work’ communities, in which employment, residency and sustainable transport facilities are located in close proximity to each other, to reduce long distance commuter trends and congestion.	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 4	To identify and promote a range of locations within the County for different types of enterprise activity including international business and technology parks, small and medium enterprises (SME) and micro enterprise centres.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 5	To co-operate with local and national development agencies and engage with existing and future employers in order to maximise job opportunities in the County.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 6	To ensure that people intensive developments are located close to strategic public transport networks.	0	+	0	0	0	?	?	?	0	0	0
	ED POL 7	To support start-up businesses and small scale industrial enterprises throughout the County	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 8	To encourage and facilitate small indigenous industries, at appropriate locations with good communication infrastructure, in recognition of their increasing importance in providing local employment and helping to stimulate economic activity within small communities.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 9	To support the use of town centre locations for new service focused enterprises.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 10	To ensure that zoning for employment uses will be carried out in a manner which protects investment in the national road network, in accordance with Chapter 2 of the DECLG guidelines on ‘Spatial Planning and National Roads.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 11	To require that all new developments with over 100 employees shall have a mobility management Plan, (Refer to Chapter 11 Development Management Standards and Land Use Zoning Objectives).	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0
	ED POL 12	To support appropriately considered events on the County’s beaches which do not impact on sensitive coastal environments (e.g. dune systems, coastal wetlands and estuaries) and are compliant with the requirements of the Habitats Directive and other environmental considerations.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Objectives - Economic Areas - Metropolitan Area: Dublin	ED OBJ 1	To address the rate of out bound commuting, the highest of any County in the State, with the provision of ‘live work’ communities in strategic settlements served by sustainable transport, thereby improving quality of life, encouraging volunteerism and community engagement.	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 2	To continue to promote Meath as a strategically located economic and employment hub within the Greater Dublin Area.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 3	To continue to work with key state agencies and other stakeholders to develop opportunities for employment creation in the county.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 4	To identify suitable locations and support the provision of co-working facilities, digital hubs/eHubs and eWorking centres throughout the County that function as outreach hubs for city-based employers and promote flexible working arrangements.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 5	To work with Irish Water and other infrastructure providers, to support the provision of services and facilities to accommodate the future economic growth of the County and to seek to reserve infrastructure capacity for employment generating uses.	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
	ED OBJ 6	To acquire suitable land (subject to the availability of funding), including where appropriate, disused sites in State ownership, for creative and innovative entrepreneurial initiatives and the provision of clustered incubator units.	?	+	0	?	?	0	0	0	0	?	?
Objectives - Economic Areas - Metropolitan Area: Dunboyne	ED OBJ 7	To promote an educational partnership with accessible third level institutions such as NUI Maynooth, UCD, Trinity, Blanchardstown DIT and Dunboyne College of Further Education and existing and future businesses and the Council. To promote Dunboyne as an employment base with direct access to a pool of skilled graduates and encourage the location of start up businesses in the area.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 8	Encourage mixed use settlement forms and sustainable centres, in which employment, residency, education and local services / amenities are located in close proximity to each other.	?	+	0	?	?	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 9	To encourage the development of synergies between Dunboyne North and Maynooth Environs in relation to complementary Life Science / SMART Park campuses in partnership and collaboration with established third level institutions.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objectives - Economic Areas: Maynooth	ED OBJ 10	In accordance with RPO 4.33 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, to support the continued development of Maynooth, co-ordinated with the delivery of strategic infrastructure including pedestrian and cycle linkages within the town and to the Royal Canal Greenway, DART expansion and road linkages forming part of the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route in a manner which supports future development and population growth and builds on synergies with Maynooth University promoting a knowledge-based economy.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 11	To further key linkages and partnerships with Maynooth University including the branding of the area as a centre of excellence in the knowledge based economy.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 12	To work with Kildare County Council to further develop the area as an attractor for Life Sciences, High Tech, Bio Tech, ICT, Research & Development employment. The council in conjunction with Kildare County Council will work with Irish Water and other agencies to ensure the delivery of key infrastructure to facilitate future development.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 13	To promote the development of high quality tourism, leisure and complementary activities that can build on and complement the existing attractions in the area which include Carton House and Demense, the town of Maynooth and Maynooth University to provide a destination venue of national significance.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 14	It is a priority for the Council to deliver on the significant potential of the lands in the Maynooth Environs, a designated strategic employment site to create a unique employment hub centred on a high tech/bio tech campus within the lands, supported by a ‘live work’ community with a mixture of employment, residential, community and tourism uses to be progressed following the preparation of Master Plans. Said Master Plans shall be agreed in writing with the Executive of Meath County Council in advance of the lodgement any planning application. This area can accommodate increased building height which shall be addressed as part of the Master Plans. (Please refer to Volume Maynooth Environs Written Statement for detailed requirements in respect of the Master Plan).	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	0	0	?	?
Objectives - Growth	ED OBJ 15	To develop in conjunction with Louth County Council and other stakeholders a strategy for the expansion and economic development of Drogheda as part of a joint vision and Urban Plan for Drogheda.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 16	To continue to support and promote the inherent economic potential of the M1 corridor, building upon existing strengths. There will be a focus on developing the corridor as a distinct spatial area with international visibility.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	0	0	?

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Objectives	ED OBJ 48	To provide for the development of high-end Business and/or Corporate Headquarters including FDI, at Navan Road, Trim	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	ED OBJ 49	To work with and support the Office of Public Works, Fáilte Ireland and other relevant stakeholders in facilitating the development of visitor centre services at the Market House premises on Castle Street for the promotion and development of visitor facilities in Trim and the wider Boyne Valley region including the Trim Castle attraction.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	ED OBJ 50	To seek funding for underused areas, through the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, for the town of Trim.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objectives - Self-Sustaining Towns: Laytown / Bettystown	ED OBJ 51	To promote East Meath as an employment base and encourage the location of start up businesses in the area.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 52	To support the development of industrial, manufacturing, distribution, warehousing, technology and campus style office based employment on the strategic employment lands to the northern side of the R150, immediately west of Laytown rail station. Enterprise and employment proposals shall be developed in tandem with park and ride facilities and enhanced pedestrian connectivity between the rail station and the residential development further north in Laytown all to facilitate the development of a sustainable live work community in order to address outbound commuting from the Laytown/Bettystown area.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	ED OBJ 53	To continue to support the delivery of the North-South Spine Road linking Bettystown and Laytown.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	ED OBJ 54	To implement of the Public Realm Strategy for Bettystown and Laytown.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 55	To facilitate the provision of a new Park and Ride Facility at Laytown Train Station in conjunction with the National Transport Authority and Irish Rail.	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 56	To support the design and construction of a Beach Facilities building of high architectural quality at the entrance to Bettystown beach that will improve the provision of amenities and services available at the beach.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
Ratoath	ED OBJ 57	To seek to develop Ratoath as an employment hub in recognition of its highly skilled and educated workforce.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 58	To support the development of an equestrian hub at Ratoath that maximises the internationally recognised equine facilities at Tattersalls and Fairyhouse and ensures the County continues to be a leader in the Irish and International sport horse industry, including breeding, racing, competing, and training.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 59	To promote and, support the development of strategic employment lands between Ratoath and the National and International equine hub at Fairyhouse.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objectives - Self-Sustaining Towns: Enfield	ED OBJ 60	To encourage the development of Knowledge orientated enterprise, High Tech, Bio Tech, ICT, Research & Development synergies with third level institutions which may include Maynooth University (MU), and major employers already established in the sub region (Intel, Hewlett Packard)	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 61	To further key linkages and partnerships with Maynooth University including the branding of the area as a centre of excellence in the knowledge based economy.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 62	To facilitate the location of emerging employment sectors including (but not limited to) industrial, Engineering, ICT, Science, Data Analytics, Data Centre and Business and Financial Service, and other Foreign Direct Investment on the strategic employment lands zoned E1/E3 to the east of the town.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 63	To work with Eirgrid as far as practicable, to ensure power infrastructure is available for the development zoned of employment lands within the M4 corridor.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	ED OBJ 64	To promote, encourage and facilitate economic development and diversification of Enfield and to support the development of the Royal Canal Greenway and the potential spin off enterprises generated from this facility.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objectives - Stamullen	ED OBJ 65	To facilitate development of employment lands at the City North Business Park in tandem with the development of the necessary link road from these lands to the Gormanstown Road.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	ED OBJ 66	To continue to support and promote the inherent economic potential of the M1 corridor, building upon existing strengths. There will be a focus on developing the corridor as a distinct spatial area with international visibility.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Centres	ED POL 13	To support and facilitate the development of data centres on suitable sites with supporting infrastructure subject to obtaining the relevant consents.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Centres	ED OBJ 67	To continue to identify suitable sites for the development of data centres and ICT related development within the County	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 68	To promote and support the development of lands within the Metropolitan Area for the provision of a data centre and ICT related development.	?	+	0	?	?	0	0	0	0	?	0
Economic Development Strategy	ED POL 14	To ensure that there is sufficient land zoned within the County for economic activity in line with the requirements of the Economic Strategy 2014-2022 and any replacement / updated strategy. Such land will be protected from inappropriate development that would prejudice its long term development for employment and economic activity.	?	+	0	?	?	0	0	0	0	?	0
Green Economy	ED POL 15	To seek to support and facilitate both existing and new businesses who seek to maximise the re-use and recycling of resources, create new business models and promote innovation and efficiency.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Economy	ED OBJ 69	To work in partnership with relevant stakeholders to ensure that a sustainable approach is taken to enterprise development and employment creation across all sectors of the Meath economy in accordance with the Green Economy national frameworks relevant to each sector	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 70	Engage with all relevant government stakeholders, enterprise agencies and sectoral representatives in pursuing ‘green’ approaches to economic development, and actively collaborate with key industry and educational bodies to promote Meath based initiatives across the economic sectors.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy - Rural Economy: Rural Enterprise	ED POL 16	To support the location of a once off medium to large scale rural enterprise only in instances where it is demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Council, that the enterprise can be more readily accommodated in a rural setting than in a designated settlement centre and subject to standard development management considerations being applied.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	0	?	?	?
	ED POL 17	To support in conjunction with Meath LEO and other agencies the development of indigenous industry and business start-ups in rural employment centres (villages and settlements) in the County, subject to compliance with siting, design and environmental considerations.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	0	?	?	?
	ED POL 18	To support rural entrepreneurship and the development of micro businesses (generally less than 10 no. employees) in rural areas where environmental and landscape impact is minimal and such developments do not generate significant or undue traffic. This policy shall not apply to sites accessed from National Road Network.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	0	?	?	?
	ED POL 19	To support and facilitate sustainable agriculture, agri-food, horticulture, forestry, renewable energy and other rural enterprises at suitable locations in the County.	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 20	To support the implementation of the new LEADER Rural Development Strategy 2014-2020 and any subsequent amended / updated Strategy for the County.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 21	To support the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in the identification of other potential REDZ zones across the county and assist local communities to prepare for future funding opportunities.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 22	To support all relevant stakeholders in the development of a programme of Agri-Innovation/ Agri-Tech, Agri-Green, Food Innovation, and Niche Food for consumers.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 23	To support the development of activity tourism facilities, in appropriate locations, within the County subject to standard development management considerations being applied.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 24	To consider, on their individual merits, the reuse of redundant agricultural buildings and the development of new buildings to accommodate farm diversification / enterprise within an overall farmyard complex.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 25	To support and promote the equine industry in the County as an economic and employment provider.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Policy - Retail: Shop Fronts	ED POL 26	To support the racecourses and associated facilities at Fairyhouse, Navan, Bellewstown and race event at Laytown to ensure that these centres remain viable for long-term development for employment and economic activity.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 27	To implement the Meath County Retail Strategy 2020-2026.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 28	To have regard to the policies and objectives of the Retail Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2008-2016 and any replacement document.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 29	To promote and encourage Navan to sustain its competitiveness and importance as a Level 2 County Town Centre in the Eastern and Midland Region.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 30	To support the vitality and viability of existing designated centres and to work in conjunction with Retail Excellence Ireland, DJEI and all relevant stakeholders to facilitate a competitive and healthy environment for the retailing industry into the future.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 31	To ensure that future growth in retail floorspace responds to the identified retail settlement hierarchy.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 32	To support the development of Core Retail Areas in each of the retail settlement areas as identified within the County Meath Retail Strategy and reinforce the role and function of the Core Retail Areas.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 33	To adhere to the Sequential Approach principle in the consideration of retail applications located outside of core retail areas.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 34	To facilitate the development of key opportunity sites as identified in all existing retail centres by the County Meath Retail Strategy 2020-2026.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 35	To promote the reuse or reactivation of vacant and under-utilised properties / shop units in order to assist within the regeneration of streets and settlements in the County.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 36	To encourage a healthy diversity of retail types and scales, as well as uses that are complementary to retail, in particular leisure uses, within all Core Retail Areas.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 37	To facilitate LEO in supporting all existing retail business with an on-street presence in all Core Retail Areas to establish an online sales platform.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retail: Shop Fronts	ED OBJ 71	To continue to implement and facilitate environmental, amenity and recreational improvements to the public realm, including the restriction where appropriate of vehicle use in all existing Core Retail Areas.	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0
	ED OBJ 72	To promote and facilitate on-street activities including festivals, events, street markets and farmers / country markets in all existing retail centres.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tourism	ED POL 38	To co-operate with Fáilte Ireland, Tourism Ireland, Boyne Valley Tourism, Louth County Council, and any other relevant bodies in the implementation of the Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy 2016-2020 and Ireland’s Ancient East Programme.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Policy - Tourist Infrastructure	ED POL 39	To facilitate the development of tourism infrastructure such as accommodation, restaurants, car and coach parking and toilet facilities in the designated hubs throughout the County.	?	0	0	?	?	?	?	0	0	0	?
	ED POL 40	To promote the development of sustainable tourism and encourage the provision of a comprehensive range of tourism facilities, subject to satisfactory location, siting and design criteria, the protection of environmentally sensitive areas and areas identified as sensitive landscapes in the Landscape Character Assessment for the County. (Refer to Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage, Natural Heritage, Landscape and Green Infrastructure and Appendix 5 Landscape Character Assessment).	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+
	ED POL 41	To support the development of new tourist facilities or upgrading/ extension of existing tourist facilities at tourist sites within the County such as the Hill of Tara, Loughcrew and Trim Castle in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development principles. These facilities should avail of shared infrastructure and services where possible, and will be designed to the highest architectural and design standards.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+
	ED POL 42	To encourage new and high quality investment in the tourism industry in the County with specific reference to leisure activities (including walking, cycling, angling, equestrian and family focused activities) and accommodation in terms of choice, location and quality of product.	?	+	+	?	?	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 43	To work with all relevant stakeholders and Fáilte Ireland to facilitate the erection of standardised signage for tourism facilities and tourist attractions as part of National and Regional initiatives.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 44	To encourage the clustering of tourism products and services within identified hubs and nodes to facilitate the sharing of infrastructure and services where possible, to increase linkages within and reduce leakage from the local economy.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 45	To support the use of the Kells Court House building for tourism and arts related activities.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	ED POL 46	To encourage and support the development of the Boyne Valley Food Series, Kells Cultural Quarter and Kells Arts Collective.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	ED POL 47	To encourage and support the development of the former Town Hall to use as a Visitors Centre for Trim Castle.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	ED POL 48	To support and seek to secure additional funding for the restoration of the Former St Patrick’s Classical School for use as a County Archive, genealogy research centre and performance and study space.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Tourist Infrastructure	ED OBJ 73	To support the development of sustainable tourism and encourage the provision of a comprehensive range of tourism facilities, subject to satisfactory location, siting and design criteria, the protection of environmentally sensitive areas and areas identified as sensitive landscapes in the Landscape Character Assessment for the County. (Refer to Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage, Natural Heritage, Landscape and Green Infrastructure and Appendix 5 Landscape Character Assessment).	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	0	0	+	?
Agri-Food	ED POL 49	To facilitate and support the development of the Boyne Valley Food Series and associated development in the county at appropriate locations and to encourage co-location of enterprises at suitable sites.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	0	?	+	?
Festivals / Events	ED POL 50	To support and promote existing festivals and sporting events to increase the cultural, heritage and lifestyle profile of the county, and where appropriate to promote and facilitate the development of new events and venues to host these events.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	0	0	+	0
Festivals / Events	ED OBJ 74	To support and promote existing festivals and sporting events to increase the cultural, heritage and lifestyle profile of the County, subject to the satisfactory location, access, parking provision and protection of the surrounding environment.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	0	0	+	0
Integrated Rural Tourism Complexes	ED POL 51	To enable, facilitate and encourage the growth and sustainability of the tourism sector through the provision of tourism enterprise developments in rural areas including open farm and integrated rural developments subject to the provision of adequate infrastructure and compliance with normal planning considerations. (Refer to Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage, Natural Heritage, Landscape and Green Infrastructure and Appendix 5 Landscape Character Assessment).	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ED POL 52	To promote Tayto Park in Curragha as a flagship family visitor attraction in the County, subject to the normal development management standards. The Council will support and encourage further appropriate sustainable development of the integrated tourism product at Tayto Park subject to the provision or upgrade of the requisite physical infrastructure.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	0	0	0	?
	ED POL 53	To promote Slane Castle as a multi experience tourism destination and attraction in the County, subject to the normal development management standards. The Council will support and encourage further appropriate development of the integrated tourism product at Slane Castle subject to the provision or upgrade of the requisite physical infrastructure and the protection of the integrity of the projected structure and its surrounds, including the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC and SPA.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	0	0	+	?
	ED POL 54	To promote Causey Farm as a rural multi-experience tourism attraction in the County. The Council will support further appropriate development at Causey Farm subject to the provision of adequate infrastructure and compliance with normal planning considerations.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	0	0	+	?
	ED POL 55	To promote the Irish Military War Museum as a rural multi-experience tourism attraction in the County. The Council will support further appropriate development at the Irish Military War Museum, subject to the provision of adequate infrastructure and compliance with normal planning considerations.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	0	0	+	?

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Policies - Movement	MOV POL 3	To promote sustainable land use planning measures which facilitate transportation efficiency, economic returns on transport investment, minimisation of environmental impacts and a general shift towards the greater use of public transportation throughout the County.	?	+	O	?	?	+	+	+	+	?	?
	MOV POL 4	To promote higher residential development densities in settlement centres along public transport corridors, that are not located in areas sensitive to flooding, or will increase temperatures of urban areas.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
Movement	MOV OBJ 1	To prepare and commence implementation of, Local Transport Plans (LTP), in conjunction with the NTA and relevant stakeholders, Drogheda (in conjunction with Louth County Council as part of the Joint Urban Plan), Ashbourne, Navan, Ratoath, other settlements where appropriate.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
Policies - Rail	MOV POL 5	To actively pursue in conjunction with Irish Rail the implementation of the extension of the Dunboyne/M3 Parkway line to Navan during the Mid Term Review of the GDA Transport Strategy in accordance with the precepts of the RSES.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	MOV POL 6	To promote, facilitate and advance the delivery of Phase II of the Navan railway line project and associated rail services in cooperation with other relevant agencies.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	MOV POL 7	To support the Dart expansion Programme including new infrastructure and electrification of existing lines, including provision of electrified services to Drogheda, Maynooth and M3 Parkway on the Maynooth / Sligo Line and on the Dublin-Belfast/Northern Rail Line.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
Objectives - Rail	MOV OBJ 2	To improve, in conjunction with the NTA and Irish Rail, facilities at existing stations.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	MOV OBJ 3	(a) To protect and safeguard the detailed designed alignment of Phase II of the Navan rail route and surrounding lands (including identified station locations), as illustrated on Map Series No. 5.1 in Volume 4, free from development and any encroachment by inappropriate uses which could compromise its future development as a rail facility. (b) To explore in conjunction with Irish Rail and other stakeholders the feasibility of a future rail spur off the Navan-Dublin Rail line from Dunshaughlin to serve Ashbourne and Ratoath.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	MOV OBJ 4	To facilitate and encourage the upgrading of existing railway stations, and protect, as required, lands necessary for the upgrading of existing railway lines or stations or the provision of new railway stations throughout the County.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	MOV OBJ 5	To facilitate the provision of a train station at Bettystown (in addition to the existing station at Laytown) as part of the DART expansion works to Drogheda through the planned electrification of the Northern rail line by Irish Rail.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	MOV OBJ 6	To encourage, support and work in conjunction with Irish Rail to review the operation of the Short Hop Zone (SHZ) rail prices with an extension to stations in Laytown, Gormanston, Enfield and Drogheda.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	MOV OBJ 7	To support the delivery of an additional train station in the Northern Environs of Drogheda as part of the future Joint Urban Plan.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	MOV OBJ 8	To explore the feasibility of a train station in conjunction with Irish Rail and Louth County Council as part of the Joint Urban Area Plan.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
Policy - Bus	MOV POL 8	To cooperate with the NTA and other relevant agencies to have ongoing reviews of the network of bus routes in Meath, and to support and encourage public transport operators to provide improved bus services in, and through, the County.	O	+	+	O	O	?	?	?	+	O	O
	MOV POL 9	To ensure that the design and planning of transport infrastructure and services accords with the principles of sustainable safety, in order that the widest spectrum of needs, including pedestrians, cyclists, the ageing population and those with mobility impairments are taken into account.	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
	MOV POL 10	To ensure that new developments in Regional Growth Centres, Key Towns, Self-Sustaining Growth Towns and Self-Sustaining Towns are laid out so as to facilitate the provision of local bus services and the provision of Park and Ride facilities as appropriate.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
	MOV POL 11	To facilitate in conjunction with relevant statutory agencies alternative transport modes to the private car, including enhanced delivery of public transport services along regional corridors (as defined in the NTA’s Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035); frequent local bus services linking residential areas to District Centres and Town Centres, and which also serve shopping areas, employment areas and other activity centres, and connecting to key transport interchange points.	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
	MOV POL 12	To support the implementation of recommendations presented in the NTA’s Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035 and any subsequent reviews thereof.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
Objectives - Bus	MOV OBJ 9	To provide bus priority measures on existing and planned road infrastructure, where appropriate, in collaboration with the NTA, Bus Éireann and TII (where relevant).	?	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	MOV OBJ 9	To identify deficits in bus infrastructure and develop a priority list as a basis to secure funding for improvement works, including the provision of bus shelters, bus stops and travel information at stops.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
	MOV OBJ 10	To ensure that the design and planning of transport infrastructure and services accords with the principles of sustainable safety, in order that the widest spectrum of needs, including pedestrians, cyclists, the ageing population and those with mobility impairments are taken into account.	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
	MOV OBJ 11	To deliver, in conjunction with the NTA and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport a Public Transportation Hub in Navan to accommodate national, commuter, regional and local bus services.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
	MOV OBJ 12	To work with the NTA and Bus Eireann to make all existing public transport services throughout the county more accessible for wheelchair users and those with disabilities.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	MOV OBJ 13	To work with the NTA and relevant stakeholders to provide bus services in rural communities in the County.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
Policy - Park & Ride	MOV POL 13	To promote and support the provision of Park-and-Ride facilities which improve public transport accessibility without exacerbating road congestion, or which cause increased car travel distances, at appropriate locations within the County.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	MOV POL 14	To support the NTA in the extension of the bus route to the M3 Parkway Train Station in order to deliver a strategic multi modal park and ride facility at this location.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
Objectives - Park & Ride	MOV OBJ 15	To assess and determine the potential for bus-based Park and Ride facilities, in particular, close to high quality road corridors leading from settlements in the Core Area, with good bus priority to commuter destinations in the Dublin Metropolitan area.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
	MOV OBJ 16	To identify and develop suitable lands to provide for Park and Ride facilities at appropriate locations in the County.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	MOV OBJ 17	To identify and develop suitable lands to provide for additional Park and Ride facilities at appropriate location in Navan.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	MOV OBJ 18	To support the delivery of a new car parking facility at Laytown Train Station in conjunction with the NTA and Irish Rail	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Policy - Exceptional Circumstances	MOV POL 33	To avoid the creation of any additional access point from new development / intensification of traffic from existing entrance onto national roads outside the 60kph speed limit, except at the following locations: 1. N52 south of Balrath Cross to facilitate bioenergy manufacturing plant and CHP plant(Map 5.3.1); 2. Navan North (Junction 9) to Mullaghboy Roundabout on N51 (New Junction Only) (Map 5.3.2); 3. Navan South (Junction 8) to Kilcarn Roundabout on R147 (New Junction Only) (Map 5.3.3); 4. N2 at Slane in the vicinity of the existing Grasslands Fertilizers facility (Seveso Site) (Map 5.3.4); 5. N51 at Slane Distillery and Castle (Map 5.3.5); 6. N2 at Knockharley in the vicinity of existing regional landfill facility (Map 5.3.6); and 7. N2 at Rath Roundabout to junction of Curragha Road (Map 5.3.7). Each of these projects will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where adverse effects on European site integrity are identified, alternative routes or designs will be developed to ensure that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), either alone or in combination with any other projects. If despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), the project will not be progressed unless and alternative solution can be implemented which avoids / reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is (are) unaffected.	O	+	O	O	O	?	?	?	+	O	O
	MOV POL 34	To review, as part of the Local Area Plan process, land at strategic locations adjoining urban related motorway junctions which has previously been identified for employment generating uses, subject to compliance with the Spatial Planning and National Roads – Guidelines for Planning Authorities. In this regard, the following junctions will be examined: M1 Motorway Junction 7 (Julianstown) Junction 8 (Duleek) Junction 9 (Drogheda) M3 Motorway Junction 4 (Clonee) Junction 5 (Dunboyne) M3 Motorway Junction 6 (Dunshaughlin) Junction 8 Navan South Junction 9 Navan (North) N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon The Planning Authority will continue to support development proposals in such circumstances where all of the criteria specified in Section 2.7 of the “Spatial Planning & National Roads Guidelines” are adhered to.	O	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
Objective Climate Change	MOV OBJ 55	To undertake a risk assessment of County Meath transport infrastructure to identify areas at high risk of climate change impacts (e.g. flooding), over the life of the Development Plan.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	+	+	O	O
	MOV OBJ 56	To ensure that any transport maintenance and improvement strategies ensure future climates are considered, to allow appropriate selection of materials and prioritisation of road for repair.	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	+	O	O
Policy - Freight	MOV POL 35	To co-operate with and support the NTA and TII (where appropriate) on measures designed to improve freight transport in and throughout the County.	O	+	O	O	O	?	?	?	+	O	O
	MOV POL 36	To support the preparation of a regional strategy for freight transport in collaboration with the relevant transport agencies and the other Regional Assemblies.	O	+	O	O	O	?	?	?	+	O	O
Objectives - Freight	MOV OBJ 57	To identify appropriate locations for freight intensive developments, and require the preparation of Distribution and Servicing Plans for such developments as part of the planning process.	?	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	MOV OBJ 58	To assess the potential for, and, if appropriate, introduce, HGV management measures in town centres.	O	+	+	O	O	+	+	+	+	O	O
	MOV OBJ 59	To require the provision of HGV parking facilities at on-line motorway service areas, petrol filling stations and other appropriate locations within the County in accordance with relevant planning guidelines and government policy.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
Policy - Aviation	MOV POL 37	To support aviation policy as set out in ‘A National Aviation Policy for Ireland 2015’. In particular, through supporting the role of Dublin Airport as a key tourism and business gateway to the County and the wider Eastern and Midland Region.	?	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	MOV POL 38	To promote appropriate land use patterns in the vicinity of the flight paths serving Dublin Airport, having regard to the precautionary principle, based on existing and anticipated environmental and safety impacts of aircraft movements.	?	+	?	O	O	?	?	?	+	O	O
	MOV POL 39	To implement the policies to be determined by the Government in relation to Public Safety Zones for Dublin Airport.	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
	MOV POL 40	To take account of the advice of the IAA with regard to the effects of any development proposals on the safety of aircraft or the safe and efficient navigation thereof.	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
	MOV POL 41	To refer all planning applications for Solar PV arrays located within a 15km radius of Dublin Airport to the IAA.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
Objectives - Aviation	MOV OBJ 60	1) To strictly control inappropriate development and require noise insulation where appropriate within the Outer Noise Zone, and actively resist new provision for residential development and other noise sensitive uses within the Inner Noise Zone, as shown on Map 5.4.1 and 5.4.2. 2) To ensure that under no circumstances shall any dwelling be permitted within the predicted 69dB LAeq 16 hours noise contour. 3) To require that comprehensive noise insulation is installed for any house permitted. Any planning application shall be accompanied by a noise impact assessment report produced by a specialist in noise assessment which shall specify all proposed noise mitigation measures together with a declaration of acceptance of the applicant with regard to the result of the noise assessment impact report	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
	MOV OBJ 61	To ensure that development which would give rise to conflicts with aircraft movements on environmental or safety grounds on lands in the vicinity of Dublin Airport and on the main flight paths serving Dublin Airport is restricted.	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
	MOV OBJ 62	To ensure that residential development in areas likely to be affected by levels of noise inappropriate to residential use is avoided.	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
	MOV OBJ 63	1) To require that planning applications within a 15km radius of airports for Solar PV arrays shall be accompanied by a Glint and Glare Assessment. 2) These assessments shall consider potential Glint and Glare towards existing and planned aviation receptors, in particular (i) Glare towards the 2 mile (3.2) km approach path for runways and (ii) Glare towards Air traffic control towers.	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
Infrastructure - 6													
	INF POL 1	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water in the development and upgrade of water supply systems to ensure that the County has an adequate, sustainable and economic supply of suitable quality piped water for all users.	O	O	+	+	+	O	O	+	+	O	O

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Policy - Water	INF POL 2	To utilise the existing water supply in an efficient and equitable manner and in the best interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the County.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	+	+	O	O
	INF POL 3	To seek to secure water resources for the County in conjunction with Irish Water from any project supplying water to the Greater Dublin Area from the River Shannon or any other water source.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF POL 4	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water during the lifetime of the Plan to seek to secure investment in the provision, extension and upgrading of the piped water distribution network across the County to serve existing and future populations and facilitate the sustainable economic growth of the County, in accordance with the requirements of the Core and Settlement Strategies.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF POL 5	To require that in the case of all developments where public watermains are available or likely to be available and have sufficient capacity, that such development shall connect to them.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF POL 6	To advise and assist in the upgrade /provision of group-water schemes in the County.	+	O	+	+	+	O	O	+	+	O	O
	INF POL 7	To continue to support Irish Water’s Water Conservation Programme.	+	O	+	+	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF POL 8	To continue to work with Irish Water to ensure the protection of public health through the ongoing provision of high quality drinking water in compliance with drinking water standards.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF POL 9	To consider the potential for the provision of temporary water treatment facilities for new developments but only where a permanent solution has already been identified and committed to by Irish Water but has not yet been implemented. The provision of such temporary facilities shall only be considered where the solution is environmentally sustainable and would not affect the quality status of water sources. Adequate provision shall be made by the developer for the operation and maintenance of the proposed temporary facility for the duration of its required existence and thereafter for its decommissioning and removal from site.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF POL 10	To liaise and work in conjunction with relevant stakeholders, to ensure a co-ordinated approach to the protection and improvement of the County’s water resources.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
Objectives - Water	INF OBJ 1	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water to promote the sustainable development of water supply and drainage infrastructure in the county and the region, in accordance with the objectives and recommendations set out in the Greater Dublin Drainage Study and Irish Water’s Water Services Strategic Plan.	O	O	+	+	+	O	O	+	+	O	O
	INF OBJ 2	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water to ensure that an adequate supply of drinking water for domestic, commercial, industrial and other uses is available for the sustainable development of the County.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF OBJ 3	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water during the lifetime of the Plan to develop and identify an additional sustainable water source serving the Eastern and Midlands Region while also facilitating the sustainable development of the County, in accordance with the requirements of the Core and Settlement Strategies.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF OBJ 4	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water in the delivery of the Capital Investment Plan 2017-2021 and any subsequent Capital Investment Plans.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF OBJ 5	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water to realise the Navan and Mid-Meath / East Meath Water Supply Scheme. Each of these projects will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where adverse effects on European site integrity are identified, alternative routes or designs will be developed to ensure that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), either alone or in combination with any other projects. If despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), the project will not be progressed unless and alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is (are) unaffected.	+	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF POL 6	To advise and assist in the upgrade / provision of group-water schemes in the County.	+	O	+	+	+	O	O	+	+	O	O
	INF OBJ 7	To promote the sustainable use of water and water conservation in existing and new development within the County and encourage demand management measures among all water users.	+	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF OBJ 8	To protect both ground and surface water resources and work with Irish Water to develop and implement Water Safety Plans to protect sources of public water supply and their contributing catchment.	+	O	+	+	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF OBJ 9	To proactively implement the Rural Water Programme.	+	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF OBJ 10	To provide guidance and advice regarding the protection of water supply to private wells with the overall responsibility remaining with the householder.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
Policy - Wastewater	INF POL 11	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water during the lifetime of the Plan in the provision, upgrading or extension of wastewater collection and treatment systems in the County to serve existing and planned future populations and enterprise in accordance with the requirements of the Core and Settlement Strategies.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF POL 12	To require that in the case of all developments where the public foul sewer network is available or likely to be available and has sufficient capacity, that development shall be connected to it.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF POL 13	To consider the potential for the provision of temporary wastewater treatment facilities for new developments but only where a permanent solution has already been identified and committed to by Irish Water but has not yet been implemented. The provision of such temporary facilities shall only be considered where the solution is environmentally sustainable and would not affect the quality status of receiving waters. Adequate provision shall be made by the developer for the operation and maintenance of the proposed temporary facility for the duration of its required existence and thereafter for its decommissioning and removal from site.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
Objectives- Wastewater	INF OBJ 11	To ensure that all development shall connect to the public foul sewer network where available within the County subject to sufficient capacity being available in the relevant wastewater treatment plant.	+	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF OBJ 12	The Planning Authority shall consider the provision of temporary wastewater treatment facilities for new developments only in circumstances where a permanent solution is identified and committed to by Irish Water. The temporary solution shall only be considered where it is deemed to be environmentally sustainable and would not affect the water quality status of receiving waters. Adequate provision shall be made by the developer for the operation and maintenance of the temporary facility for the duration of the operation of the required infrastructure.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF OBJ 13	To ensure that septic tanks, proprietary effluent treatment systems and percolation areas are located and constructed in accordance with the recommendations and guidelines of the EPA and the Council in order to minimise the impact on surface water of discharges.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
Policy - SuDs	INF POL 14	To co-operate with the EPA and other authorities in the continued implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive.	+	O	+	+	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF POL 15	To continue efforts to improve water quality under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977, as amended and by implementing the measures outlined under the Nitrates Directive (91/676/EEC) and complying with the requirements of the European Communities Environment Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009 and other relevant regulations.	+	O	+	+	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF POL 16	To ensure that all planning applications for new development have regard to the surface water management policies provided for in the GSDSDS.	+	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF POL 17	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water in the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for surface water drainage and flood management, including the separation of foul and surface water drainage networks where feasible and undertake drainage network upgrades to help remove surface water misconnection and infiltration.	+	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
Policy - SuDs	INF OBJ 14	To require the use of SuDS within Local Authority Developments and other infrastructural projects in accordance with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF OBJ 15	To require the use of SuDS in accordance with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works for new developments (including extensions).	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O
	INF OBJ 16	To ensure that all new developments comply with Section 3.12 of the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works V6 which sets out the requirements for new developments to allow for Climate Change.	O	O	+	O	+	O	O	O	+	O	O

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Objectiv	INF OBJ 17	To ensure that all new commercial developments provide on-site petrol / oil interceptors and silt traps as per Section 20 of the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works V6.	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 18	To ensure that new developments provide for the separation of foul and surface water drainage networks within application site boundaries.	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 19	To ensure that developments permitted by the Council which involve discharge of wastewater to surface waters or groundwaters comply with the requirements of the EU Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations and EU Environmental Objectives (Groundwater) Regulations.	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
Policy - Flooding	INF POL 18	To implement the “Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities” (DoEHLG / OPW, 2009) through the use of the sequential approach and application of Justification Tests for Development Management and Development Plans, during the period of this Plan.	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF POL 19	To implement the findings and recommendations of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment prepared in conjunction with the County Development Plan review, ensuring climate change is taken into account.	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF POL 20	To require that a Flood Risk Assessment is carried out for any development proposal, where flood risk may be an issue in accordance with the “Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities” (DoECLG / OPW, 2009). This assessment shall be appropriate to the scale and nature of risk to and from the potential development and shall consider the impact of climate change	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF POL 21	To consult with the Office of Public Works in relation to proposed developments in the vicinity of drainage channels and rivers for which the OPW are responsible.	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 22	To retain a strip of 10 metres on either side of all channels / flood defence embankments where required, to facilitate access thereto.	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF POL 23	To consult, where necessary, with Inland Fisheries Ireland, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and other relevant agencies in the provision of flood alleviation measures in the County.	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 24	To ensure that flood risk management is incorporated into the preparation of Local Area Plans in accordance with 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009)'.	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF POL 25	To have regard to the recommendations of the Fingal East Meath Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (FEMFRAMS) and the Eastern Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAMS).	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 26	To undertake a review of the ‘Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for County Meath’ in light of the completed flood mapping which has been developed as part of the Eastern Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study.	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 27	To liaise with the Office of Public Works in relation to proposed developments in the vicinity of drainage channels and rivers for which the OPW are responsible, prior to the making of determinations / assumptions on surface water management proposals.	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 28	To consult with the Office of Public Works in relation to proposed developments which include the construction, replacement or alteration of a bridge or culvert and to require that the developers obtain consent from the OPW under Section 50 of the EU (Assessment and Management of Flood Risks) Regulations 2010 and Section 50 of the Arterial Drainage Act 1945, where appropriate	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 29	To facilitate the provision of new, or the reinforcement of existing flood defences and protection measures where necessary and in particular to support the implementation of flood schemes being progressed through the planning process during the lifetime of the Plan. The provision of flood defences will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. If adverse effects on European Site integrity are identified, alternative locations and/designs will be developed to ensure that flood defence structures will not adversely affect the integrity of European Sites, either alone or in combination with any other plans or projects. If, despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will adversely affect the integrity of the European Sites, the project will not be progressed unless an alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is(are)_unaffected. It is reasonable to assume that at the detailed design stage any potential for a project to impact on European Sites could, and will, be resolved through the exploration of alternatives locations or designs while still fulfilling their function/role.	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
Objectives - Flooding	INF OBJ 20	To implement the Planning System and Flood Risk Management-Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoEHLG/OPW 2009) or any updated guidelines. A site-specific Flood Risk Assessment should be submitted where appropriate.	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 21	To restrict new development within floodplains other than development which satisfies the Justification Test, as outlined in the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines 2009 for Planning Authorities (or any updated guidelines).	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 22	To ensure flood relief measures are suitably designed to protect the conservation objectives of Natura 2000 sites, and to avoid direct or indirect impacts upon qualifying interests or Natura 2000 sites that would result in adverse effects on site integrity.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 23	To protect and enhance the County’s floodplains, wetlands and coastal areas subject to flooding as “green infrastructure” which provide space for storage and conveyance of floodwater, and ensure that development does not impact on important wetland sites within river / stream catchments	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 24	To identify existing surface water drainage systems vulnerable to flooding and develop proposals to alleviate flooding in the areas served by these systems in conjunction with the Office of Public Works. The delivery of such proposals will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. If adverse effects on European Site integrity are identified, alternative locations and/designs will be developed to ensure that flood defence structures will not adversely affect the integrity of European Sites, either alone or in combination with any other plans or projects. If, despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will adversely affect the integrity of the European Sites, the project will not be progressed unless an alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is(are)_unaffected. It is reasonable to assume that at the detailed design stage any potential for a project to impact on European Sites could, and will, be resolved through the exploration of alternatives locations or designs while still fulfilling their function/role.	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 25	To require the use of SuDS to minimise and limit the extent of hard surfacing and paving and require the use of sustainable drainage techniques where appropriate, for new development or for extensions to existing developments, in order to reduce the potential impact of existing and predicted flooding risks.	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 26	To discourage the use of hard non-porous surfacing and pavements within the boundaries of rural housing sites	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 27	To encourage the use of Green Roof technology particularly on apartment, commercial, leisure and educational buildings	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+
	INF OBJ 28	To ensure that proposals for the development of solar farms are not located within areas identified as being within Flood zones A or B as per the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines 2009 for Planning Authorities (or any updated guidelines).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0
Policy - Maritime	INF POL 30	To implement the policies and objectives as set out within the National Maritime Spatial Plan to realise the full benefits of our ocean wealth in a managed and sustainable way ensuring climate change is taken into account.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
water	INF POL 31	To protect and develop, in a sustainable manner, the existing groundwater sources and aquifers in the County and to manage development in a manner consistent with the protection of these resources.	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Policy - Groundwater	INF POL 32	To ensure, through the implementation of the River Basin Management Plan(s) and the associated Programmes of Measures and any other associated legislation or revised plans with all relevant stakeholders, the protection and improvement of all drinking water, surface water and ground waters throughout the County.	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF POL 33	To protect recognised salmonid water courses (in conjunction with Inland Fisheries Ireland) such as the Boyne and Blackwater catchments, which are recognised to be exceptional in supporting salmonid fish species.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objectives - Groundwater	INF OBJ 29	To strive to achieve ‘good status’ in all waterbodies in compliance with the Water Framework Directive and to cooperate with the implementation of the National River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 30	To ensure the County’s natural coastal defences, such as beaches, sand dunes, salt marshes and estuary lands, are protected and are not compromised by inappropriate works or forms of development.	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
	INF OBJ 31	To employ soft engineering techniques as an alternative to hard coastal defence works, as appropriate.	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 32	To identify, prioritise and implement necessary coastal protection works subject to the availability of resources, whilst ensuring a high level of protection for natural habitats and features, and to ensure due regard is paid to visual and other environmental considerations in the design of any such coastal protection works. This will include the identification of coastal areas sensitive to climate change and consequent coastal erosion.	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
	INF OBJ 33	To protect the special character of the coast by preventing inappropriate development, particularly on the seaward side of coastal roads. New development, wherever possible, shall be accommodated within existing developed areas.	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
	INF OBJ 34	To strictly control the nature and pattern of development within coastal areas and ensure that it is designed and landscaped to the highest standards, and sited appropriately so as not to detract from the visual amenity of the area. Development shall be prohibited where the development poses a significant or potential threat to coastal habitats or features, and / or where the development is likely to result in altered patterns of erosion or deposition elsewhere along the coast.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
	INF OBJ 35	To prohibit development along the coast outside existing urban areas where such development is not adequately safeguarded over the lifetime of the development without the need to construct additional coastal defences.	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
	INF OBJ 36	To protect and develop, in a sustainable manner, the existing groundwater sources and aquifers in the County and manage development in a manner consistent with the sustainable management of these resources in conformity with the EU Environmental Objectives (Groundwater) Regulations 2010 and the second cycle National River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021, and any subsequent plan and the Groundwater Protection Scheme.	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 37	To implement the recommendations of the Meath Groundwater Protection Scheme(s).	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 38	To establish riparian corridors free from new development along all significant watercourses and streams in the County as follows: - A 10 metre wide riparian buffer strip measured from the top of the bank either side of all watercourses in urban areas; and - A 30m wide riparian buffer strip from top of bank to either side of all watercourses is required as a minimum outside of urban areas.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
Policy - Energy	INF POL 34	To promote sustainable energy sources, locally based renewable energy alternatives, where such development does not have a negative impact on the surrounding environment (including water quality), landscape, biodiversity, natural and built heritage, or local amenities.	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+
	INF POL 35	greenhouse gases through energy efficiency and the development of renewable energy sources utilising the natural resources of the County in an environmentally acceptable manner consistent with best practice and planning principles.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF POL 36	To support the implementation of the National Climate Change Strategy and to facilitate measures which seek to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF POL 37	To seek to improve the energy efficiency of the County’s existing building stock in line with good architectural conservation practice and to promote energy efficiency and conservation in the design and development of all new buildings in the County, in accordance with the Building Regulations Part L (Conservation of Fuel and Energy).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF POL 38	To encourage that new development proposals maximise energy efficiency through siting, layout, design and incorporate best practice in energy technologies, conservation and smart technology.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF POL 39	To encourage the attainment of high standards of energy efficiency and environmental sustainability in development, including the following: 1 - Bio-climatic site design, 2 - Water Conservation; 3 - Ventilation; 4 - Energy Efficient Strategies; 5 - Daylight Analysis; 6 - High Insulation Standards, 7 - Smart technologies, and; 8 - Renewable Energy.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF POL 40	To support and encourage pilot schemes which promote innovative ways to incorporate energy efficiency.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF POL 41	To encourage the development of wind energy, in accordance with Government policy and having regard to the Landscape Character Assessment of the County and the Wind Energy Development Guidelines (2006) or any revisions thereof.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+
	INF POL 42	To support the identification, in conjunction with EMRA, of Strategic Energy Zones, areas suitable to accommodate large energy generating projects within the Eastern and Midlands Regional area.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF POL 43	To require that development proposals in respect of solar panel photovoltaic (PV) arrays in the vicinity of Dublin Airport shall be accompanied by a full glint and glare study to assess the potential impact upon aviation safety (Refer to Chapter 5 Movement, Section 7.11, Aviation Sector).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF POL 44	To support Sustainable Energy Communities and local community group initiatives to develop clean energy opportunities within the county.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF POL 45	To support the development and implementation of a local Climate Action Strategy which should identify vulnerability climate risks, quantify emissions produced, identify costs and prioritise adaptation actions in accordance with the National Adaptation Framework.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 39	To support Ireland’s renewable energy commitments outlined in national policy by facilitating the development and exploitation of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, geothermal, hydro and bio-energy at suitable locations within the County where such development does not have a negative impact on the surrounding environment (including water quality), landscape, biodiversity or local amenities so as to provide for further residential and enterprise development within the county.	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+
	INF OBJ 40	To seek to reduce reliance on fossil fuels in the County by reducing the energy demand of existing buildings, in particular residential dwellings.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 41	To promote the generation and supply of low carbon and renewable energy alternatives, having regard to the opportunities offered by the settlement hierarchy of the County and the built environment.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Objectives - Energy	INF OBJ 42	To support the recording and monitoring of renewable energy potential in the County in partnership with other stakeholders including the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 43	To require, where feasible and practicable, the provision of Photovoltaic solar panels in new residential developments, commercial developments, and public buildings for electricity generation / storage and / or water heating purposes so as to minimise carbon emissions and reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels and reduce energy costs.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 44	To require, where feasible and practicable, the provision of green roof technology for all new public buildings (Council buildings, school buildings, hospitals, community centres, sports facilities, libraries, Garda stations etc.) to assist in flood alleviation, insulation and improved biodiversity, and to actively promote these measures where appropriate in new commercial and industrial buildings.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 45	To ensure that all plans and projects associated with the generation or supply of energy or telecommunication networks are subject to an Appropriate Assessment Screening and those plans and projects which could, either individually or in- combination with other plans and projects, have a significant effect on a Natura 20000 site (or sites) undergo a full Appropriate Assessment.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 46	To support the implementation of the actions of the Meath Climate Action Strategy and review and update the Energy Management Action Plan 2011-2012, “Think Globally Act Locally”.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 47	To investigate the preparation of a Renewable Energy Strategy promoting technologies which are most viable in the County.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 48	To support Ireland’s renewable energy commitments by promoting the use of district heating systems in urban residential and enterprise developments, where such developments will not negatively impact upon the surrounding landscape, environment, biodiversity or local amenities.	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+
	INF OBJ 49	To support the use of heat pumps as an alternative to gas boilers, where appropriate, for domestic and commercial development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
Policy - Power	INF POL 46	To support and facilitate the development of enhanced electricity and gas supplies, and associated networks, to serve the existing and future needs of the County and to facilitate new transmission infrastructure projects that may be brought forward during the lifetime of the plan including the delivery and integration, including linkages of renewable energy proposals to the electricity transmission grid in a sustainable and timely manner.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 47	To co-operate and liaise with statutory and other energy providers in relation to power generation in order to ensure adequate power capacity for the existing and future business and enterprise needs of the County.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF POL 48	To ensure that energy transmission infrastructure follows best practice with regard to siting, design and least environmental impact in the interest of landscape protection.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF POL 49	To require that, in all new developments, multiple services are accommodated in shared strips underground and that access covers are shared, whenever possible.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 50	To require that the location of local energy services such as electricity, be undergrounded, where appropriate.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 51	To seek to avoid the sterilisation of lands proximate to key public transport corridors such as rail, when future energy transmission routes / pipelines are being designed and provided.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 52	To seek to generally avoid the location of overhead lines in Natura 2000 sites unless it can be proven that they will not affect the integrity of the site in view of its conservation objectives i.e. by carrying out an appropriate assessment in accordance with Article 6(3) of the E.U. Habitats Directive.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 53	To ensure that development proposals, including quarrying and mining operations involving explosives, do not negatively impact on the gas network. The Council shall refer applications for developments in proximity to the natural gas network to Gas Networks Ireland and will have regard to their comments in the assessment of the application.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
Objectives - Power	INF OBJ 50	To ensure that all plans and projects associated with the generation or supply of energy or telecommunication networks will be subject to an Appropriate Assessment Screening and that those plans or projects which could, either individually or in-combination with other plans and projects, have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 site (or sites) undergo a full Appropriate Assessment.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 51	To seek the delivery of the necessary integration of transmission network requirements to facilitate linkages of renewable energy proposals to the electricity transmission grid in a sustainable and timely manner.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0
Policy - Telecoms	INF POL 54	To facilitate the delivery of a high capacity Information and Communications Technology (ICT) infrastructure and broadband network and digital broadcasting throughout the County.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 55	To seek to have appropriate modern ICT, including open access fibre connections in all new developments and a multiplicity of carrier neutral ducting installed during significant public infrastructure works such as roads, rail, water and sewerage, where feasible.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 56	To promote orderly development of telecommunications infrastructure throughout the County in accordance with the requirements of the “Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities” July 1996, except where they conflict with Circular Letter PL 07/12 which shall take precedence, and any subsequent revisions or expanded guidelines in this area.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 57	To promote best practice in siting and design in relation to the erection of communication antennae, having regard to ‘Guidance on the potential location of overground telecommunications infrastructure on public roads’, (Dept. of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, 2015).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 58	To encourage and facilitate pre-planning discussions with service providers and operators prior to the submission of planning applications.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 59	To encourage co-location of antennae on existing support structures and to require documentary evidence as to the non-availability of this option is proposals for new structures. The shared use of existing structures will be required where the numbers of masts located in any single area is considered to have an excessive concentration.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF POL 60	To assess proposals for the location of telecommunication structures in sensitive landscapes in accordance with the policies set down within the Landscape Character Assessment.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+
Objectives - Telecoms	INF OBJ 52	To support the delivery and implementation of the National Broadband Plan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 53	To require that open access communications cables and associated infrastructure are undergrounded urban areas with particular reference to Architectural Conservation Areas in order to protect the visual amenities of streetscapes.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+
	INF OBJ 54	To secure high quality of design of masts, towers and antennae and other such infrastructure in the interests of visual amenity and the protection of sensitive landscapes, subject to radio and engineering parameters.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+
e	INF POL 61	To facilitate the implementation of National Waste legislation and National and Regional Waste Management Policy.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF POL 62	To encourage and support the provision of a separate collection of waste throughout the County in accordance with the requirements of the Waste Management (Household Food Waste) Regulations 2009, the Waste Framework Directive Regulations, 2011, the Waste Management (Commercial Food Waste) Regulations 2015 and other relevant legislation to meet the requirements of the Regional Waste Management Plan.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF POL 63	To encourage the development of waste infrastructure and associated developments in appropriate locations, as deemed necessary in accordance with the requirements of the current Eastern Midlands Region Waste Management Plan and the Draft Waste Facility Siting Guidelines 2016 (when finalised) or any subsequent replacement guidelines	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF POL 64	To encourage and support the expansion and improvement of a three bin system (mixed dry recyclables, organic waste and residual waste) in order to increase the quantity and quality of materials collected for recycling in conjunction with relevant stakeholders	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Policy - Waste	INF POL 65	To adopt the provisions of the waste management hierarchy and implement policy in relation to the County’s requirements under the current or any subsequent Waste Management Plan. All prospective developments in the County shall take account of the provisions of the regional waste management plan and adhere to the requirements of the Plan. Account shall also be taken of the proximity principle and the inter-regional movement of waste.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF POL 66	To ensure that hazardous waste is addressed through an integrated approach of prevention, collection, and recycling and encourage the development of industry-led producer responsibility schemes for key waste streams.	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF POL 67	To continue to promote and encourage education and awareness on all issues associated with waste management, at school, household, enterprise and community level.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF POL 68	To promote and facilitate communities to become involved in environmental awareness activities and community-based recycling initiatives or environmental management initiatives that will lead to local sustainable waste management practices.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF POL 69	To require the provision of bring banks, bottle banks or other appropriate recycling facilities as part of the overall development in the case of new or extended commercial, employment, educational, recreational facilities and managed residential developments	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF POL 70	To encourage the recycling of construction and demolition waste and the reuse of aggregate and other materials in future construction projects	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
Objective - Waste	INF OBJ 55	To facilitate the transition from a waste management economy to a green circular economy to enhance employment opportunities and increase the value recovery and recirculation of resources.	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 56	To facilitate the provision of appropriate waste recovery and disposal facilities in accordance with the principles set out in the appropriate Waste Management Plan applicable from time to time made in accordance with the Waste Management Act 1996 (as amended).	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 57	To support developments necessary to manage food waste in accordance with the requirements of the current Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations and the regional Waste Management Plan.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 58	To continue to expand environmental awareness initiatives designed to create increased public awareness of waste prevention, minimisation, reuse and resource efficiency.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 59	To co-operate with the Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment, the Environmental Protection Agency and other relevant stakeholders in implementing proposals which discourage or illegal or improper disposal of waste and promote the diversion of recyclable items from the waste streams including “bottle return and refund” schemes.	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 60	To seek to ensure, in cooperation with relevant authorities, that waste management facilities are appropriately managed and monitored according to best practice to maximise efficiencies to protect human health and the natural environment.	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+
	INF OBJ 61	To promote and facilitate high quality sustainable waste recovery and disposal infrastructure / technology including composting (anaerobic digester) plants for managing organic solid waste, at appropriate locations, with the County subject to the protection of the amenities of the surrounding environment including European Sites, and in keeping with the EU waste hierarchy.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 62	To identify suitable sites for additional recycling centres and bring bank facilities subject to the availability of appropriate funding and infrastructure, through the public or private sector, as appropriate.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 63	To seek the effective engagement of local communities in the County to promote their role in recycling waste and tackling the problem of illegal dumping within the County through liaison with the Environmental Awareness Officer.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 64	To encourage community / voluntary groups to establish additional waste services or facilities (e.g. small scale facilities for recycling, reuse / repair) in their area and assist them to develop a strategy to provide such facilities for and with members of their community.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 65	To ensure that during the assessment of planning applications through the Development Management process that provision for household waste recycling is adequately addressed in all new residential developments.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 66	To liaise, work with and support Irish Water in the preparation of a National Sludge Management Plan and seek to implement the recommendations of that plan.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 67	To support the development of infrastructure necessary to meet the objectives of the Meath’s Sludge Management Plan having regard to the Waste Facility Siting Guidelines (when adopted).	0	0	?	0	0	0	0	?	+	?	?
	INF OBJ 68	To require developers to prepare construction and demolition waste management plans for new construction projects over certain thresholds which shall meet the relevant recycling / recovery targets for such waste in accordance with the national legislation and national and regional waste management policy.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 69	To support the development of facilities to cater for commercial waste not provided for within the kerbside collection system such as the WEEE, C & D type waste and hazardous materials in accordance with the requirements of the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	INF OBJ 70	To continue to reduce incidents of littering through the continued implementation and updating of the Councils Litter Management Plan.	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
	INF OBJ 71	To continue to support and work with local and Tidy Towns initiatives in the maintenance and conservation of our local urban and rural communities throughout the County.	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
	INF OBJ 72	To continue to monitor air and noise quality results submitted from selected locations throughout the County in co-operation with the Health Service Executive and the Environmental Protection Agency.	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 73	To support the collation or air quality and greenhouse gas monitoring data in support of a regional air quality and greenhouse gas emission inventory.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 74	To support and facilitate the preparation of strategic noise maps and action plans, in conjunction with EMRA, that support proactive measures to avoid, mitigate and minimise noise, in all instances where it is likely to have adverse impacts.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	INF OBJ 75	To require that outdoor lighting proposals minimise the harmful effects of light pollution and to ensure that new street lighting is appropriate to a particular location and that environmentally sensitive areas are protected from inappropriate forms of illumination.	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community Building - 7													
	SOC POL 1	To promote and facilitate the delivery of the objectives and actions set out in the Meath Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021. (or any subsequent replacement).	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	?	0	0	0
	SOC POL 2	To support the provision and distribution of a range of community infrastructure facilities in accordance with the Settlement and Core Strategies to meet the needs of the County’s population in conjunction with other statutory, voluntary, private sector and community groups.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	SOC POL 3	To ensure that, where practicable, community, recreational and open space facilities are clustered, with the community facilities being located in local centres or combined with school facilities, as appropriate. Community facilities should be located close to or within walking distance of housing, accessible to all sectors of the community and facilitate multi-use functions through their design and layout	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	SOC POL 4	To seek to ensure the efficient and timely delivery of community facilities commensurate with the needs of the resident population and to assist in the delivery of such facilities.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 5	To require, as part of all new large residential and commercial developments, and in existing developments, where appropriate, that provision is made for facilities including local / neighbourhood shops, childcare facilities, schools and recreational facilities, and to seek their provision concurrent with development.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Policy - Community	SOC POL 6	To require that all new residential development applications of 50 units or more on zoned lands are accompanied by a Social Infrastructure Assessment (SIA) to determine if social and community facilities in the area are sufficient to provide for the needs of the future residents(of all age cohorts). This should include details regarding the following essential facilities: education, childcare, health and others such as shops, banks, post offices, community meeting rooms / centres and recreational facilities. The assessment should identify membership and non-membership facilities which allow access for all groups. . Where deficiencies are identified, proposals will be required to accompany the Planning application to address the deficiency. In certain cases however, residential development under these thresholds may, at the discretion of the Planning Authority, require the submission of a SIA. (Please refer to Chapter 11 Development Management Standards for further information).	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	SOC POL 7	To promote and encourage social inclusion through universal access to services and facilities and to encourage the upgrade of community facilities.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 8	To continue to provide care facilities for older people, such as own homes (designed to meet the needs of older people), sheltered housing, day-care facilities, nursing homes and specialised care units at appropriate locations throughout the County.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 9	To provide and promote adaptability and flexibility in the design of homes and community facilities.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 10	To require that all residential care facilities for the elderly comply with all relevant standards set out in the ‘National Quality Standards for Residential Care Settings for Older People in Ireland’ published by the Health Information and Quality Authority (February 2009) or the relevant standards for any subsequent national guidelines.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 11	To support the implementation of the Meath County Age Friendly Strategy, 2017-2020 (or its replacement) in consultation with the relevant agencies and authorities.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 12	To support the implementation of the Meath Joint Policing Strategy, 2015-2020 (or its replacement) in consultation with the relevant agencies and authorities.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 13	Ensure that all buildings, public and open spaces, recreational and amenity areas are accessible for people with disabilities, having regard to the Building Regulations, the objectives of ‘Building for Everyone’ (National Disability Authority) and ‘Access for the Disabled’ (No. 1 to 3) (National Rehabilitation Board).	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 14	To support the implementation of the Joint Migrant Strategy, 2019-2022 (or its replacement) in consultation with the relevant agencies and authorities.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective - Community	SOC OBJ 1	To assist in the provision of community and resource centres and youth clubs / cafes and other facilities for younger people by the identification and reservation of suitably located sites, including sites within the landbanks of the Local Authorities and by assisting in the provision of finance, where possible.	?	+	+	?	?	0	0	?	0	?	?
	SOC OBJ 2	To promote and assist in the provision of lifetime adaptable housing units to meet the needs of all in society.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 3	To facilitate the development and improvement of new and existing residential and day care facilities throughout the County.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy - Education	SOC POL 15	To facilitate the development of preschool, primary, post primary, third level, outreach, research, adult and further educational facilities to meet the educational needs of the citizens of the County.	?	+	+	?	?	?	?	0	?	?	?
	SOC POL 16	To ensure the provision of preschool, primary and post primary education facilities in conjunction with the planning and development of residential areas, maximises opportunities for use of walking, cycling and use of public transport.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 17	To ensure that adequate lands and services are zoned and reserved to cater for the establishment, improvement or expansion of all educational facilities in the County. The Council also supports the concept of multi-campus educational facilities.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 18	To continue to support and promote existing schools serving communities in town and village centres.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 19	To encourage, support and develop opportunities to open up schools to wider community usage in conjunction with the Department of Education and Skills and other stakeholders.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective- Education	SOC OBJ 4	To facilitate the Department of Education and Skills, LMETB, other statutory and non-statutory agencies in the necessary provision of preschool, primary, post primary and third level educational facilities throughout the County by reserving lands for such uses.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy - Childcare	SOC POL 20	To encourage, promote and facilitate the provision of quality affordable childcare facilities in accordance with national policy and relevant guidelines and in consultation with Meath County Childcare Committee.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 21	To support the provision of childcare facilities of an appropriate type and scale at the following locations: - Areas of concentrated employment and business parks; - Neighbourhood centres; - Large retail developments; - Schools or major educational facilities; - Adjacent to public transport nodes; - villages and Rural Nodes; and - Within new and existing residential developments.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 22	To permit childcare facilities in existing residential areas provided that they do not have a significant negative impact on the character or amenities of an area, particularly with regard to car parking, traffic generation and noise disturbance.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 23	To promote childcare facilities, of appropriate size and scale, in villages and rural nodes, and/or adjacent to community and educational facilities provided: - the proposed development will not have a significant impact on the character or amenities of an area, particularly with regard to car parking, traffic generation and noise disturbance; - the proposed development satisfies environmental standards; - the proposed development addresses the needs of the community. Where feasible facilities will generally be required to locate within community/educational campuses, where purpose built childcare facilities are being provided.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy - Healthcare	SOC POL 24	To co-operate with the Health Service Executive and other statutory and voluntary agencies and the private sector in the provision of appropriate health care facilities covering the full spectrum of such care from hospitals to the provision of community based care facilities subject to proper planning considerations and the principles of sustainable development.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 25	To encourage the integration of healthcare facilities within new and existing communities and to discourage proposals that would cause unnecessary isolation or other access difficulties, particularly for the disabled, older people and children	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 26	To ensure that adequate lands and services are available for the improvement, establishment and expansion of health services.	?	+	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	SOC POL 27	To consider change of use applications from residential to health care facilities/surgeries only where the privacy and amenity of adjacent occupiers can be preserved and the proposal does not have a detrimental effect on local amenity. The full conversion of semi-detached or terraced type dwellings will not normally be permitted.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 28	To facilitate and support the Health Service Executive and the Department of Health in the provision of a new Regional Hospital in Navan.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 29	To support and co-operate with promoters or operators of public and private health care facilities by facilitating and encouraging the provision of improved health care facilities in appropriate locations.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 30	To support the provision of ‘one stop’ primary care medical centres and GP practices at locations easily accessible to members of the wider community.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective - Healthcare	SOC OBJ 5	To facilitate the Health Service Executive and the Department of Health in the provision of health centres and other health related facilities throughout the County through various initiatives including the reservation of lands for such uses.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 6	To facilitate and support the Health Service Executive and the Department of Health in the provision of a Regional Hospital in Navan on a site identified at Nevinstown, or Balreask Old and Limekilnhill (part). The availability of adequate capacity in piped water services and roads infrastructure will be taken into account in the final site selection process as will environmental sensitivities including likely significant effects on European Sites (SACs and SPAs).	?	+	+	?	?	0	0	?	?	0	?

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Policy - Sport and Leisure	SOC POL 31	To support the implementation of the Healthy Meath Strategy 2019-2021 in consultation with the relevant agencies and authorities.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 32	To encourage and support local sports, community groups and other groups in the provision and development of outdoor and indoor sporting and community facilities.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 33	To support local sports groups, community groups and other groups in the development of facilities through the reservation of suitable land and the provision of funding where available and appropriate.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 34	To cater for the sporting and recreational needs of all sectors and ages of the community and promote the integration of those with special needs into the sporting and recreational environment.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 35	To require the provision of alternative open space, leisure and sporting facilities provision where such existing facilities are being discontinued as part of development proposals.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 36	To ensure that new leisure facilities, where possible, are located in proximity to public transportation routes and where they can best meet the needs of the community that the facilities are intended to serve.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 37	To facilitate the development of children’s play areas and playgrounds in proximity to existing and proposed neighbourhoods, where feasible.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective - Sport & Leisure	SOC OBJ 7	To implement the recommendations of current and proposed Meath County Council Play Policy in conjunction with all relevant agencies.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 8	To support Meath Local Sports Partnership in the delivery of relevant strategies and plans.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 9	To support the provision of multi-purpose sports halls, all-weather playing pitches and associated facilities in appropriate locations.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 10	To investigate in conjunction with the OPW the feasibility of the provision of a playground at the Battle of the Boyne Site.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	0
Policy - Public Space	SOC POL 38	To promote the development of a wide variety of high quality accessible open space areas, for both active and passive use, and formal and informal activities in accordance with the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy and the standards set out in Chapter 11 Development Management Standards and Land Use Zoning Objective, taking and taking into account any environmental sensitivities including likely significant effects on European Sites (SACs and SPAs).	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 39	To protect the integrity of Natura 2000 sites during the identification of suitable sites for recreation, in particular in terms of their design and use.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 40	To resist the loss of existing public open space, unless alternative recreational facilities are provided in a suitable location.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 41	To maintain free from development, lands that are the subject of a deed of dedication identified in a grant of planning permission as open space, to ensure the availability of community and recreational facilities for the residents of the area.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective - Public Space	SOC OBJ 11	To carry out an audit of all public open space assets in the County over the life of the Development Plan.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 12	To prioritise the delivery of town parks at regional scale in Drogheda Southern Environs, Dunboyne and Ashbourne.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 13	In respect of residential development, in all cases the development site area cannot include lands zoned FI Open Space, G1 Community Infrastructure and H1 High Amenity.(i.e. the open space requirements shall be provided for within the development site area.).	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 14	To examine existing public open spaces and carry out improvements where necessary to increase their usefulness as recreational spaces.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 15	To ensure public open space is accessible, and designed so that passive surveillance is provided.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 16	To provide multifunctional open spaces at locations deemed appropriate providing for both passive and active uses.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 17	To ensure permeability and connections between public open spaces including connections between new and existing spaces in consultation to include residents.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy	SOC POL 42	To continue to expand and improve the library service to meet the needs of the community, in line with the objectives and priorities of the Library Development Plan 2005-2009 (or as otherwise amended) and subject to the availability of finance.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objectives - Libraries	SOC OBJ 18	To enhance library facilities in Navan, and to retain and develop its function as the library headquarters for the County.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 19	To investigate and if feasible to provide a new library in the Laytown / Bettystown area and in Kells.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 20	To investigate and if feasible to provide a library facility in Ballivor. To explore the restoration and renovation of St. Kenneth’s Church to accommodate such a use.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 21	To provide and improve existing library facilities and services and to encourage an integrated approach to the delivery of library, arts and other related services.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy - Burial Grounds	SOC POL 43	To facilitate and support the development of multi-denominational burial grounds, taking cognisance of the needs of multi-faith and non-religious communities and evolving trends in end of life management.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 44	To facilitate the provision of new burial grounds, facilities and the extension of existing cemeteries, as appropriate, to cater for the needs of the County.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 45	To encourage local community groups to develop, manage and maintain burial facilities.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 46	To protect the cultural heritage of historical burial grounds within the County and to encourage their management and maintenance in accordance with best conservation practice.(Please also refer to Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage, Natural Heritage, Landscape and Green Infrastructure)	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Objective - Burial Grounds	SOC OBJ 22	To facilitate the development of new or extended burial grounds and crematoria by reservation of land at suitable locations and provision of local authority burial grounds subject to appropriate safeguards with regard to ground and surface water, environmental, noise and traffic impacts.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Policy	SOC POL 47	To encourage and facilitate the development of places of worship in appropriate locations in urban.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy - Fire Station	SOC POL 48	To ensure communities are adequately serviced by a modern and effective Fire Service.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 49	To facilitate the accommodation of fire service facilities in locations that allow ease of access and safe functioning with respect to the road network.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 50	To facilitate the implementation of the ‘Fire Service Operations Plan 2015-2019’, or as otherwise amended.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective - Fire Station	SOC OBJ 23	To support the upgrade and extension of fire stations as appropriate, including Dunshaughlin, Oldcastle, Nobber and Navan, to cater for the needs of the County.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 24	To examine the feasibility of providing a new fire station in the Laytown/Bettystown area, to ensure that this growing community is adequately serviced.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ultural	SOC POL 51	To continue to recognise the importance of the Arts in areas of personal development, community development, economic development and tourism and to endeavour to create opportunities in each of these areas.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 52	To continue to enhance the range and quality of arts provision in the County and to support the ongoing development of cultural infrastructure throughout the County in particular in parts of the County where there is a deficiency in such provision.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Policy - Arts & Cultural	SOC POL 53	To support the development and provision of arts and cultural facilities at appropriate locations throughout the County and, where appropriate, in association with libraries.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 54	To promote the provision of public art, including temporary art and sculpture, through such mechanisms, as appropriate.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC POL 55	To encourage and support the creation and display of works of art in public areas, including appropriate locations within the streetscape, provided no unacceptable environmental, amenity, traffic or other problems are created.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	SOC POL 56	To recognise the economic value and contribution of arts and cultural facilities to the County.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Objective - Arts & Cultural	SOC OBJ 25	To explore and promote measures to enhance the Arts and Cultural offer with particular economic value in conjunction with the Arts Office.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 26	To support and seek to secure additional funding for the restoration of the Former St Patrick’s Classical School for use as a County Archive, genealogy research centre and performance and study space.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	SOC OBJ 27	To support and encourage the development of Creative Hubs throughout the County in particular the Kells Creative Hub.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 28	To continue to explore the opportunities to provide a writers retreat in Slane.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 29	To incorporate works of public art into the overall scheme of major new infrastructural, employment and residential developments in the County in order to enhance the amenities of the local environment. (Please refer to Chapter 11 Development Management Guidelines and Land Use Zoning Objectives.)	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SOC OBJ 30	Seek to build on the success and support the clustering of the film and audio visual sector in the Dublin and Wicklow areas and to support training of film workers and crew around the Region, as well as exploiting opportunities for the industry outside of these hubs with particular reference to the recently permitted Film Studio Development in Ashbourne.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cultural Heritage Natural Landscape, Landscape, Green Infrastructure - 8													
Policy - Archaeological Heritage	HER POL 1	To protect archaeological sites, monuments, underwater archaeology and archaeological objects in their setting, which are listed on the Record of Monuments and Places for Meath.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
	HER POL 2	To protect all sites and features of archaeological interest discovered subsequent to the publication of the Record of Monument and Places, in situ (or at a minimum preservation by record) having regard to the advice and recommendations of the National Monuments Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
	HER POL 3	To require, as part of the development management process, archaeological impact assessments, geophysical survey, test excavations or monitoring as appropriate, for development in the vicinity of monuments or in areas of archaeological potential., Where there are upstanding remains, a visual impact assessment may be required.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	HER POL 4	To require, as part of the development management process, archaeological impact assessments, geophysical survey, test excavations or monitoring as appropriate, where development proposals involve ground clearance of more than half a hectare or for linear developments over one kilometre in length; or developments in proximity to areas with a density of known archaeological monuments and history of discovery as identified by a licensed archaeologist.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	HER POL 5	To seek guidance from the National Museum of Ireland where an unrecorded archaeological object is discovered, or the National Monuments Service in the case of an unrecorded archaeological site.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Objectives - Archaeological Heritage	HER OBJ 1	To implement in partnership with the County Meath Heritage Forum, relevant stakeholders and the community the County Meath Heritage Plan and any revisions thereof.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	HER OBJ 2	To ensure that development in the vicinity of a Recorded Monument or Zone of Archaeological Potential is sited and designed in a sensitive manner with a view to minimal detracton from the monument or its setting.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	HER OBJ 3	To seek to protect important archaeological landscapes from inappropriate development.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
	HER OBJ 4	To encourage the management and maintenance of the County’s archaeological heritage, including historic burial grounds, in accordance with best conservation practice that considers the impact of climate change.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	HER OBJ 5	To promote awareness of, and encourage the provision of access to, the archaeological resources of the county.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	HER OBJ 6	To work in partnership with key stakeholders to promote County Meath as a centre for cultural heritage education and learning through activities such as community excavation and field / summer schools.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Policy - UNESCO	HER POL 6	To protect the Outstanding Universal Value of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne in accordance with the relevant guidelines and national legislation, so that its integrity, authenticity and significance are not adversely affected by cumulative inappropriate change and development.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
	HER POL 7	To encourage the retention, conservation, and appropriate re-use of traditional buildings within the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne in preference to either their replacement, or the construction of new buildings on green field sites.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	HER POL 8	To ensure that development within the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne shall be subject to the Development Assessment Criteria set out in Appendix no. 8 and the Development Management Guidelines in Chapter 11.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	HER POL 9	To consider individual housing within the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne, as shown on Map No 8.1, only for those involved locally in full time agriculture and who do not own land outside of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne and subject to compliance with all other relevant provisions contained in this Development Plan.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	HER POL 10	To ensure that residential extensions within the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne are in character with the original buildings.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
	HER POL 11	To support the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and all stakeholders in the implementation of the Brú na Bóinne Management Plan, 2017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Objectives - UNESCO	HER OBJ 7	To work in partnership with the community and all other relevant stakeholders to promote, understand, conserve and sustainably manage the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	HER OBJ 8	To encourage and facilitate pre-application discussions, in conjunction with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, regarding the siting and design of developments affecting the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne and the scope of any necessary impact assessments.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	HER OBJ 9	To refer all planning applications within the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for comment. These comments will be considered in the assessment of all such planning applications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	HER OBJ 10	To actively support and encourage the re-use of vacant and derelict dwellings within the Core and Buffer Zone of the World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne by providing assistance and professional advice to owners seeking to re-develop such sites.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	HER OBJ 11	To protect the ridgelines which frame views within and from the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne from inappropriate or visually intrusive development.,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
	HER OBJ 12	To prepare and implement a Business Plan for the World Heritage Site in conjunction with relevant stakeholders, subject to funding.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

[illegible]

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective			Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1	
Objectives - Designated Landscapes		HER OBJ 28	To require that proposals for development in designated landscapes and demesnes include an appraisal of the landscape, designed views and vistas, including a tree survey, where relevant, in order to inform site appropriate design proposals.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	
	Policy - Biodiversity	HER POL 27	To protect, conserve and enhance the County's biodiversity.		+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		HER POL 28	To integrate in the development management process the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and landscape features wherever possible, by minimising adverse impacts on existing habitats (whether designated or not) and by including mitigation and / or compensation measures, as appropriate.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
		HER POL 29	To raise public awareness and understanding of the County's natural heritage and biodiversity.		+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		HER POL 30	To promote increased public participation in biodiversity conservation by supporting and encouraging community-led initiatives.		+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HER POL 31		To ensure that the ecological impact of all development proposals on habitats and species are appropriately assessed by suitably qualified professional(s) in accordance with best practice guidelines – e.g. the preparation of an Ecological Impact Assessment (EclIA), Screening Statement for Appropriate Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), Natura Impact Statement (NIS), species surveys etc. (as appropriate).		+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Objectives - Biodiversity	HER OBJ 29	To implement, in partnership with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, relevant stakeholders and the community, the objectives and actions of Ireland's National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017 - 2021 which relate to the remit and functions of Meath County Council.		+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	HER OBJ 30	To implement, in partnership with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, relevant stakeholders and the community, the objectives and actions of the County Meath Biodiversity Plan 2015-2020 and any revisions thereof.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	HER OBJ 31	To actively support the implementation of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Policy - Nature Reserve	HER POL 32	To permit development on or adjacent to designated Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas or those proposed to be designated over the period of the Plan, only where an appropriate level of assessment carried out to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, in consultation with National Parks and Wildlife, can clearly demonstrate that it will have no diverse effect on the integrity of the site.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	HER POL 33	To have regard to the views and guidance of the National Parks and Wildlife Service in respect of proposed development where there is a possibility that such development may have an impact on a designated European or National site or a site proposed for such designation.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	HER POL 34	To undertake appropriate surveys and collect data to provide an evidence-base to assist the Council in meeting its obligations under Article 6 of the Habitats Directives (92/43/EEC) as transposed into Irish Law, subject to available resources.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Objectives - Nature Reserve	HER OBJ 32	To ensure an Appropriate Assessment in accordance with Article 6(3) and Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directives (92/43/EEC) and in accordance with the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland – Guidance for Planning Authorities, 2009 and relevant EPA and European Commission guidance documents, is carried out in respect of any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary for the management of the site but likely to have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 site(s), either individually or in-combination with other plans or projects, in view of the site's conservation objectives.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	HER OBJ 33	To protect and conserve the conservation value of candidate Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas as identified by the Minister for the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and any other sites that may be proposed for designation during the lifetime of this Plan in accordance with the provisions of the Habitats and Birds Directives and to permit development in or affecting same only in accordance with the provisions of those Directives as transposed into Irish Law.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Policy	HER POL 35	To ensure, where appropriate, the protection and conservation of areas, sites, species and ecological / networks of biodiversity value outside designated sites and to require an appropriate level of ecological assessment by suitably qualified professional(s) to accompany development proposals likely to impact on such areas or species.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Policy	HER POL 36	To consult with the National Parks and Wildlife Service and take account of their views and any licensing requirements, when undertaking, approving or authorising development which is likely to affect plant, animal or bird species protected by law.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Objective	HER OBJ 34	To ensure that development does not have a significant adverse impact, incapable of satisfactory avoidance or mitigation, on plant, animal or bird species protected by law		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Policy - Woodlands, Hedgerows and Trees	HER POL 37	To encourage the retention of hedgerows and other distinctive boundary treatments in rural areas and prevent loss and fragmentation, where practically possible. Where removal of a hedgerow, stone wall or other distinctive boundary treatment is unavoidable, mitigation by provision of the same type of boundary will be required.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	
	HER POL 38	To promote and encourage planting of native hedgerow species in new developments and as part of the Council's own landscaping works		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	
	HER POL 39	To recognise the archaeological importance of townland boundaries including hedgerows and promote their protection and retention.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	
	HER POL 40	To protect and encourage the effective management of native and semi-natural woodlands, groups of trees and individual trees and to encourage the retention of mature trees and the use of tree surgery rather than felling, where possible, when undertaking, approving or authorising development.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	
	HER POL 41	To protect trees the subject of Tree Preservation Orders, Champion and Heritage Trees identified on the Tree Register of Ireland and Heritage Tree Database when undertaking, approving, or authorising development.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	HER POL 42	To protect and appropriately manage the amenity and heritage value of individual trees or groups of trees identified in Volume 2		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Objectives	HER OBJ 35	To promote awareness, understanding and best practice in the management of the County's woodland, tree and hedgerow resource.		+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	HER OBJ 36	To continue to work in partnership with relevant stakeholders to develop and enhance Balrath Wood and to explore opportunities to develop additional sites under the Neighbour Wood Scheme.		+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	HER OBJ 37	To review the Meath Tree, Woodland and Hedgerow Survey (2011), over the life of the Development Plan, as appropriate		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Policy	HER POL 43	To promote best practice in the control of invasive species in the carrying out its functions in association with relevant authorities including TII and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	HER POL 44	To require all development proposals to address the presence or absence of invasive alien species on proposed development sites and (if necessary) require applicants to prepare and submit an Invasive Species Management Plan where such a species exists to comply with the provisions of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011-2015.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Policy	HER POL 45	To ensure that peatland areas which are designated (or proposed for designation) as NHAs, SACs or SPAs are conserved for their ecological, climate regulation, archaeological, cultural and educational significance.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	
Objectives - Peatlands	HER OBJ 38	To work in partnership with relevant stakeholders on a suitable peatland site(s) to demonstrate best practice in sustainable peatland conservation, management and restoration techniques and to promote their heritage and educational value subject to Ecological Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment Screening, as appropriate.		+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Policy - Geological Heritage	HER POL 46	To maintain the geological and geomorphological heritage values of County Geological Sites listed in Table 8.5 and, through consultation with the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI), protect them from inappropriate development.	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Policy - Inland Waterways	HER POL 47	To protect the ecological, recreational, educational, amenity and flood alleviation potential of navigational and non-navigational waterways within the County, towpaths and adjacent wetlands	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
Objectives	HER OBJ 39	To work in partnership with Waterways Ireland and relevant stakeholders to encourage best practice biodiversity management of canal and towpath habitats.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy - Wetlands	HER POL 48	To manage, enhance and protect the wetlands of the County having regard to the ‘County Meath Wetland Survey 2010’ and ensure that there is an appropriate level of assessment in relation to proposals which would involve draining, reclaiming or infilling of wetland habitats.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy - Coastal Zone	HER POL 49	To protect the character, visual, recreational, ecological and amenity value of the coast and provisions for public access, in assessing proposals for development.	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
	HER POL 50	To ensure that the County’s natural coastal defences, such as beaches, sand dunes, coastal wetlands and estuaries are not compromised by inappropriate works or development.	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
Objectives - Coastal Zone	HER OBJ 40	To maintain the beaches along the coast to a high standard and develop their recreational potential as a seaside amenity, subject to appropriate environmental assessments and in co-operation with the relevant agencies, in order to bring them to a Blue Flag standard.	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
	HER OBJ 41	To undertake conservation works in accordance with best practice on the coastal dune systems subject to ecological impact assessment and Appropriate Assessment (AA), as appropriate.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
	HER OBJ 42	To implement, in partnership, with all relevant stakeholders the <i>Laytown, Bettystown and Mornington Beach Management Plan</i> .	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
	HER OBJ 43	To maintain and enhance our natural coastal defences to increase resilience to climate change.	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+
	HER OBJ 44	To investigate how the County’s natural coastal defences, can be enhanced to increase climate resilience of our coastal communities.	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+
	Policy	HER POL 51	To preserve and protect for the common good, existing public rights of way which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility as identified in Appendix 12I and Map 8.61-8.6.24	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0
Objective s - Public Rights of Way	HER OBJ 45	To seek to identify and protect over the lifetime of the Plan further existing rights of way which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility (accompanied by mapping showing public rights of way).	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+
	HER OBJ 46	To seek to negotiate access to lands using permissive access agreements, where appropriate and feasible, in order to provide public access to lands for public amenity purposes.	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+
Objectives	HER OBJ 47	To support the aims and objectives of the European Landscape Convention by implementing the relevant objectives and actions of the National Landscape Strategy 2015-2025.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Policy - Landscape Capacity	HER POL 52	To protect and enhance the quality, character, and distinctiveness of the landscapes of the County in accordance with national policy and guidelines and the recommendations of the Meath Landscape Character Assessment (2007) in Appendix 5, to ensure that new development meets high standards of siting and design	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	HER POL 53	To discourage proposals necessitating the removal of extensive amount of trees, hedgerows and historic walls or other distinctive boundary treatments.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
Objectives - Landscape Capacity	HER OBJ 48	To ensure that the management of development will have regard to the value of the landscape, its character, importance, sensitivity and capacity to absorb change as outlined in Appendix 5 Meath Landscape Character Assessment and its recommendations.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
	HER OBJ 49	To require landscape and visual impact assessments prepared by suitably qualified professionals be submitted with planning applications for development which may have significant impact on landscape character areas of medium or high sensitivity .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
	HER OBJ 50	To review and update (if required), in the context of a regional approach to landscape assessment, the County Landscape Character Assessment following publication of statutory guidelines for Planning Authorities on local Landscape Character Assessments, as outlined in the National Landscape Strategy 2015-2025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Policy	HER POL 54	To protect the archaeological heritage, rural character, setting and amenity of the Tara landscape and Loughcrew and Slieve na Calliagh Hills.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
Objectives - Landscape Conservation Areas	HER OBJ 51	To support the designation, of a Landscape Conservation Area, pursuant to Section 204 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, for the Tara Skryne Landscape, in conjunction with the relevant Government Departments and other stakeholders.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
	HER OBJ 52	To explore, over the life of the Plan, the designation of a Landscape Conservation Area, pursuant to Section 204 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, in respect of Loughcrew and Slieve na Calliagh Hills.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
	HER OBJ 53	To work in partnership with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, OPW, local communities and all relevant stakeholders to complete and implement the Conservation Management Plan for the State Owned Lands at Hill of Tara.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
	HER OBJ 54	To work in partnership with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, OPW, local community and all relevant stakeholders to address visitor management issues and augment the visitor experience at the Hill of Tara.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
Objectives - Views and Prospects	HER OBJ 55	To preserve the views and prospects listed in Appendix 10 , in Volume 2 and on Map 8.4 and to protect these views from development which would interfere unduly with the character and visual amenity of the landscape.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Policy	HER POL 55	To recognise the economic, social, environmental and physical value of Green Infrastructure.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	HER POL 56	To require that all Land Use Plans protect, manage and provide where possible green infrastructure in an integrated and coherent manner.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Objectives - Green Infrastructure	HER OBJ 56	To develop and support the implementation of a Regional and County Green Infrastructure approach by working in partnership with the Eastern Midland Regional Authority and other key stakeholders to identify, protect, enhance and manage existing green infrastructure within the County and to provide additional Green Infrastructure, where possible.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	HER OBJ 57	To identify and map green infrastructure assets and sites of local biodiversity value over the lifetime of the Plan	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	HER OBJ 58	To encourage, pursuant to Article 10 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), the management of features of the landscape, such as traditional field boundaries, important for the ecological coherence of the Natura 2000 network and essential for the migration, dispersal and genetic exchange of wild species.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
	HER OBJ 59	(a) To actively promote the conservation and protection of areas designated as NHA (including proposed sites) and to only consider proposals for development within or affecting an NHA where it can be clearly demonstrated that the proposed development will not have significant adverse effect on the NHA or pNHA; (b) To identify and afford appropriate protection to any new, proposed or modified NHAs identified during the lifetime of this Plan.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Strategy - 9													
Policy	RUR POL 1	To support the continued vitality and viability of rural areas by promoting sustainable social and economic development.	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+
	RUR OBJ 1	To recognise the strategic roles the County will play, in a regional and national context, in terms of recreation, heritage conservation, natural resources, safe guarding food production, rural employment creation, safe guarding food production, rural employment creation, and to ensure compatibility between this Plan and regional and national strategies.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

[illegible]

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective			Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1	
Policy - Rural Housing Policy	RUR POL 7	All Applications for rural dwellings based on established rural businesses shall include detailed documentary evidence of compliance with the rural housing policy as set out in RUR POL 14 as follows: -Documentary evidence that the rural business is planning compliant, has been established and operating for a minimum of 5 years; - Details of principal occupation and documentary evidence that principal income is derived from the business; - Completed Local Housing Needs Assessment Form -Land Registry Certificate and land holding maps of all land holdings in family ownership in County Meath; - Documentary evidence of date of acquisition/purchase of family land holding; - Details of all places of residence of the applicant over the previous 10 years; -Documentary evidence of the applicants Intrinsic Links to the area which shall include, where applicable, : Copy of applicant entry on Electoral Register, Evidence of attendance at Local School confirmed in writing by the School, Evidence of Membership of local community/sports groups; letter from a Financial Institution confirming address, Utility bills confirming address. The Planning Authority may seek additional information to that set out above if considered necessary.														
	RUR POL 8	To require all applicants in areas Under Strong Urban Influence who are seeking to build their home on their family land holding for their own full time occupation shall be required to demonstrate that they have not been previously granted permission for a one off rural dwelling in Meath and have not sold this dwelling or site to an unrelated third party.														
	RUR POL 9	To require all applicants in Strong Rural Areas who are seeking to build their home on their family land holding for their own full time occupation shall be required to demonstrate that they have not been previously granted permission for a one off rural dwelling in Meath and have not sold this dwelling or site to an unrelated third party in the last 10 years.														
	RUR POL 10	To restrict residential development on a landholding, where there is a history of development through the speculative sale or development of sites, notwithstanding the applicant’s compliance with the local need criteria.		+	+											
	RUR POL 11	To recognise that exceptional health circumstances, certified by relevant documents, from a registered specialist medical practitioner and a disability , may require a person to live in a particular environment. Housing in such circumstances should be facilitated close to existing services and facilities in Rural Nodes within 12 km radius of their existing dwelling. All planning permissions for such housing shall be subject to a seven year occupancy clause. In all cases the Planning Authority reserves the right to request such additional certification considered necessary to establish the bona fides of the applicant’s unambiguous compliance with the requirements of this policy.	?			?	?						+		+	
	RUR POL 12	To recognise that unavoidable financial circumstances, certified by relevant documents including in all such cases a letter from the relevant financial institution confirming the requirement to sell an existing rural home, may occur. Housing in such circumstances will generally be encouraged in areas close to existing services and facilities in Rural Settlements. All planning permissions for such housing granted in rural areas shall be subject to a seven year occupancy condition. In all cases the Planning Authority reserves the right to request such additional certification considered necessary to establish the bona fides of the applicant’s unambiguous compliance with the requirements of this policy.	?			?	?						+		+	
	RUR POL 13	To recognise that unacceptable housing scenerios, certified by relevant documentation, may occur. This policy is applicable to persons who have grown up and spent substantial periods of their lives (10 years) living in the rural area of Meath as members of the rural community. Housing in such circumstances shall be facilitated close to existing services and facilities in Rural Settlements. All planning permissions for such housing granted in rural areas shall be subject to a seven year occupancy condition. All planning permissions for such housing shall be subject to a seven year occupancy clause. In all cases the Planning Authority reserves the right to request such additional certification considered necessary to establish the bona fides of the applicant’s unambiguous compliance with the requirements of this policy.	?	+		?	?									
	RUR POL 14	In order to satisfy the rural housing policy for a rural dwelling in Co. Meath in all areas, an applicant shall: (A) Meet one of the following categories of applicant: 1. A member of a farming family who is actively engaged in farming the family landholding. OR 2. A member of a farm family who wishes to reside on the family landholding. AND (B) Meet one of the local need criteria set out in Table1 (a) and (b) Schedule of Local Need.														
Policy - Rural Nodes	RUR POL 15	To ensure that the provision of housing in all rural nodes shall be reserved for persons who are an intrinsic part of the rural community. In all cases applicants shall certify to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority that they have been a rural resident for a minimum of 5 years. The node shall be within 12 km of their current place of residence. Detailed documentary evidence shall be submitted to support the foregoing applications as follows: - Completed Local Housing Needs Assessment Form; - Details of all places of residence of the applicant over the previous 5 years; -Documentary evidence of the applicants Intrinsic Links to the area which shall include, where applicable, Copy of applicant entry on Electoral Register, Evidence of attendance at Local School confirmed in writing by the School, Evidence of Membership of local community / sports groups; letter from a Financial Institution confirming address, Utility bills confirming address. -Health / Financial / Unacceptable accommodation circumstances (Refer to RUR Pol 11- 13.) The Planning Authority may seek additional information to that set out above if considered necessary.	?	+		?	?						?	?	?	
Objectives - Rural Nodes	RUR OBJ 14	To support Rural Nodes located across the County in offering attractive housing options to meet the needs of the established rural communities and to support existing local community facilities such as schools, post offices, recreational facilities and childcare facilities etc.	?	+		?	?						?	?	?	
	RUR OBJ 15	To seek to ensure that new residential development in Rural Nodes is in accordance with ‘the Meath Rural Design Guide’ and is of a design and layout compatible with the character of its setting and to promote the development of central brownfield sites, if existing, as appropriate. Suburban type developments or multiple housing developments will not be permitted.	?	+		?	?						?	?	?	
	RUR OBJ 16	To promote the development of central brownfield sites in rural nodes, if existing, as appropriate. Suburban type developments or multiple housing developments will not be permitted.	?	+		?	?					+	+			+
	RUR OBJ 17	All development in rural nodes should take cognisance of the prevailing scale, pattern of development and services availability.	+	+		+	+					+	+			+
	RUR OBJ 18	To promote the development of local craft / artisan facilities in Rural Nodes, of a design and layout reflective of its rural setting														
	RUR OBJ 19	To promote the provision of childcare facilities within rural nodes to meet local demand and encourage the location of such facilities near schools where possible.	?	+		?	?						?		?	
	RUR OBJ 20	To encourage the provision of local small scale convenience shops, exclusive of service stations, at an appropriate scale in rural nodes where there is a clear deficiency in retail provision, subject to the protection of residential amenity and the rural character of the area.		+												+
	RUR OBJ 21	To require the provision of high quality, durable, appropriately designed, secure boundary treatments in rural nodes reflective of the rural environment in all developments.		+												+
	RUR OBJ 22	To promote the retention of field boundaries and mature trees and hedgerows to protect the rural character of the area.	+			+	+					+				+

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
O	RUR OBJ 23	To ensure that proposals for infill development take account of the character of the area and where possible retain existing features such as building line, height, railings, hedgerows, trees, gateways etc.	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	+
	RUR OBJ 24	To require that infill proposals accord with the relevant Development Management Standards contained in this Plan and should contribute positively to the renewal of these areas and to the established character and amenities of the area.	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	RUR OBJ 25	To promote residential use above shops and other business premises subject to compliance with the relevant Development Management Standards contained in this Plan.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	RUR OBJ 26	To promote the clachan tradition of clustering houses together in rural nodes while respecting the unique aspects of the node and the site itself. An overall indicative scheme layout shall be provided as part of the first planning application on the subject landholding.	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	RUR OBJ 27	To require the provision of footpaths and public lighting as part of residential development in rural nodes, as appropriate.	?	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	RUR OBJ 28	To require a minimum site area of 0.2 hectares (0.5 acres) for each residential unit in rural nodes where serviced by an individual waste water treatment plant.	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Occupancy Conditions	RUR POL 16	To attach an occupancy condition to all rural dwellings, including those located in Rural Nodes, in Rural Area RU and Rural Node RN zones pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, restricting the use of the dwelling to the applicant, as a place of permanent residence. The period of occupancy will be limited to a period of 7 years from the date of first occupation.	O	O	O	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O
Policy	RUR OBJ 29	To require that all planning applications for rural dwellings in Rural Area RA and Rural Node RN zones shall be accompanied by sufficient information prepared by a competent person as follows: -Certification that wastewater proposals are compliant with relevant National Standards; -Certification that access arrangements is compliant with relevant National Standards; -Certification that all lands necessary to achieve access arrangements in accordance with relevant National Standards are within the application red line boundary and sight distance splays are correctly illustrated in accordance with relevant National Standards; Existing trees and hedgerows are retained where possible; Landscaping scheme with a detailed schedule of planting, any tree which fails shall be replaced.	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Policies - Agriculture	RUR POL 17	To maintain a vibrant and healthy agricultural sector based on the principles of sustainable development whilst at the same time finding alternative employment in or close to rural areas to sustain rural communities.	O	+	O	+	+	O	O	+	O	O	O
	RUR POL 18	To encourage and facilitate agricultural diversification into agri-businesses such as organic foods, rural tourism and small to medium sized enterprises subject to the retention of the holding for primarily agricultural use and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	O	+	O	+	+	O	O	+	O	O	O
	RUR POL 19	To protect the economic and social benefits of local country markets devoted to the sale of local agricultural and craft produce and to support their role as visitor attractions.	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	RUR POL 20	To work with the Department of Agriculture, Teagasc and all other stakeholders to support the agricultural and agri-business sector, as appropriate, to continue participation in what is likely to be a more challenging export market post Brexit.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	RUR POL 21	To work with the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly and other relevant stakeholders in identifying areas of high value agricultural land in the County to address the need for sustainable food supplies. The consideration of future climate scenarios and water availability for agricultural purposes shall form part of this assessment.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	RUR POL 22	To promote and support the County’s horse racing facilities which promotes the viability and attraction of these facilities to patrons, enhancing the tourism offer available.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	RUR POL 23	To promote and support the continued development of the equine industry in the County, including training, breeding, racing and other equine related activities.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	RUR POL 24	To promote the diversification of activities that relate to the equine industry in the County such as horse riding schools, horse/pony trekking tours and equestrian centres.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Agriculture	RUR OBJ 30	To facilitate the development of agriculture while ensuring that natural waters, wildlife habitats and conservation areas are protected from pollution.	+	+	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	O
	RUR OBJ 31	To protect agricultural or agri-business uses from unplanned and / or incompatible urban development.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Agriculture	RUR POL 25	To facilitate the development of environmentally sustainable agricultural activities, whereby watercourses, wildlife habitats, areas of ecological importance and other environmental assets are protected from the threat of pollution, and where development does not impinge on the visual amenity of the countryside. Developments shall not be detrimental to archaeological and heritage features of importance.	+	+	O	+	+	O	O	+	O	O	+
	RUR OBJ 32	To require the provision of buildings to a design, materials specification and appearance and at locations which would be compatible with the protection of rural amenities. Particular attention will be paid to developments in sensitive landscapes as identified in the Landscape Character Assessment (Refer to Appendix 5)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	+
	RUR OBJ 33	To require an effective means of farm waste management to ensure nutrient balancing between application of farm wastes to land and its balanced uptake by agricultural use of land.	+	+	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	+

[illegible][illegible]

[illegible][illegible]

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1	
	RUR POL 55	To actively promote the retention and restoration of thatched dwellings as a key component of the built heritage of the County.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	
Objective - Extensions in the Rural Area and Rural Node Zones	RUR OBJ 45	To update the survey of surviving thatched structures in the County and to promote available grant schemes to assist owners with their retention and repair.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	
	RUR OBJ 46	To carry out a survey of Land Commission dwellings over the life of the Development Plan, to acknowledge their contribution to the building stock of the County, as appropriate.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	RUR OBJ 47	That all applications for residential extensions in rural areas shall comply with the following criteria: • Be consistent with Section 5.5 of the ‘Meath Rural House Design Guide’ 2009 or any such replacement document. • High quality design which respects, harmonises and integrates with the existing dwelling in terms of height, scale, materials used, finishes, window proportions, etc.; • Ensure that the quantity and quality of private open space that would remain to serve the house is sufficient; • Flat roof extensions, in a contemporary design context, will be considered on their individual merits; • Impact on amenities of adjacent residents, in terms of light and privacy. Care should be taken to ensure that the extension does not overshadow windows, yards or gardens or have windows in the flank walls which would reduce a neighbour’s privacy; • Extensions which break the existing front building line will not normally be acceptable. A porch extension which does not significantly break the front building line will normally be permitted; • Proposed side extensions shall retain side access to the rear of the property, where required for utility access, refuse collection etc. • Ability to provide adequate car parking within the curtilage of the dwelling house; • In all cases where diversion or construction over existing sewerage and/or water mains is required, the consent of Irish Water will be required as part of the application; • Extensions are subordinate to the existing dwelling with a presumption against the size of any extension exceeding 100% of the floor area of the existing dwelling.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	
Flat Extensions	RUR POL 56	The creation of a custom-built ‘family flat’ to be occupied by a member of the occupant family with a housing need is generally acceptable subject to site suitability and compliance with DM OBJ 47.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Objective	RUR OBJ 48	All applications for family flat development shall comply with the following criteria: • The flat shall form an integral part of the structure of the main house with provision for direct internal access to the remainder of the house. i.e. not detached; • The flat shall be modest in size and shall not have more than one bedroom (2 bedrooms in exceptional circumstances). • The unit shall not exceed a gross floor area of 50 square metres. The flat shall not have a separate access provided to the front elevation of the dwelling; • There shall be no permanent subdivision of the garden/private amenity space; • The flat shall remain in the same ownership as that of the existing dwelling on site. In this regard, the flat shall not be let, sold or otherwise transferred, other than as part of the overall property; • The design proposed shall enable the flat to easily fully revert to being part of the original house when no longer occupied by the family member(s); • If the site is not connected to public mains, the existing wastewater treatment system on site must be capable for any additional loading from the flat, and if not proposals should be submitted to accommodate the additional loading.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy - Nat. Primary & Nat. Secondary Routes	RUR POL 57	To develop and maximise the opportunities of the county’s national primary and secondary roads as key strategic infrastructure vital to the county’s continued economic development and to protect this strategically important infrastructure from unplanned ribbon development or random one-off housing development.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	?	+	0	+	
	RUR POL 58	To ensure that future development affecting national primary or secondary roads, shall be assessed in accordance with the guidance given in the document ‘Spatial Planning and National Roads - Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (or any replacement document).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	
Policy - Regional and County Roads	RUR POL 59	To ensure that all development accessing off the county’s road network is at a location and carried out in a manner which would not endanger public safety by way of a traffic hazard.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	
	RUR POL 60	To identify and protect those non-national roads of regional or local importance from unnecessary and excessive individual access/egress points, which would prejudice the carrying capacity and ultimately the function of the road.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	
	RUR POL 61	To restrict new accesses for one-off dwellings where the 80km per hour speed limit currently applies in order to safeguard the specific functions and to avoid the premature obsolescence of identified regional and important county link roads (see Map No. 9.2) through the creation of excessive levels of individual entrances and to secure the investment in non-national roads.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	
Roadside Boundaries	RUR POL 62	To avoid the removal of existing roadside boundaries where they are more than 3 m from the road edge (edge of carriageway), except to the extent that this is needed for a new entrance, and where required for traffic safety reasons. (Please refer to policies contained in Section 8.9.7 Woodlands, Hedgerows and Trees in this regard).	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	
Roads Served by Unmanned	RUR POL 63	To refer proposals for new housing development requiring access via unmanned and unprotected level crossings to Iarnród Éireann and to carefully consider the subsequent views of Iarnród Éireann such that due and proper consideration has been made for the safety of road users and rail safety.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	
Policy - One Off Houses	RUR POL 64	To ensure that the required standards for sight distances and stopping sight distances are in compliance with current road geometry standards as outlined in the NRA document Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) specifically Section TD 41-42/09 when assessing individual planning applications for individual houses in the countryside.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	
Development Management Guidelines and Land Use Zoning Objectives - 11														
Policy	DM POL 1	To support, be proactive and implement the objectives, actions and recommendations of the Public Realm Plans as completed.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Objective - Public Realm	DM OBJ 1	To prepare and implement Public Realm Strategies, throughout the County where appropriate, liaising closely with residents, community and local business groups and other relevant stakeholders.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	DM OBJ 2	To enhance the visual amenity of existing town and village centres, minimising unnecessary clutter, and provide guidance on public realm design, including wirescape, shopfront design, street furniture and signage.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	
	DM OBJ 3	To implement the following Public Realm Strategies: Navan 2030, Ashbourne, Athboy, Laytown/Bettystown, Oldcastle, Flowerhill, Navan and County Hall/St Pat’s Classic School, when complete.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	DM OBJ 4	To prepare a Public Realm Strategy for Kells and Ratoath over the life of this Development Plan.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Policy	DM POL 2	Appropriate energy conservation strategies should be employed in location, design, mass, orientation and the choice of materials of all new and renovated developments.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

[illegible]

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment													
Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Objective - Building Height	DM OBJ 31	To require development with increased building height at the following locations: • Dunboyne Central rail station; • Pace Rail Station; • Maynooth Environs, Drogheda Environs and Navan.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 32	In all other cases except for those locations identified at DM OBJ 31 there is a presumption against buildings in excess of 6 storeys unless it can be demonstrated that the proposal complies with the Urban Development and Building Heights, Guidelines for Planning Authorities December 2018, or any updates thereof with particular reference to the availability of high capacity and frequent public transport services.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 33	In assessing planning applications for increased height the following criteria will be taken into account: • The design of the proposed development should take privacy and overlooking into account. • The height of the proposal should not interfere with the scale, amenities or visual quality of existing development. • In general, there should be a gradual transition between high rise buildings and low rise buildings. • Where proposals occur on areas of architectural sensitivity the proposal should integrate and enhance the character of the area. While also taking note of the topography, cultural context, locations of key landmarks and the protection of key views. A landscape and visual assessment for such development proposals shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified practitioner. • When planning the redevelopment on larger sites the proposed developments should play a positive role in place-making, incorporating new streets and public spaces. While also responding to its overall natural and built environment. • The design of the proposal should be carefully modified to maximise access to natural daylight and to minimise overshadowing and loss of light.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
Policy	DM POL 8	Each planning application shall comply with the standards outlined in Section 4.18 of the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DEHLG, (2009) or any updates thereof.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
Objective - Public Open Space	DM OBJ 34	Public open space shall be provided for residential development at a minimum rate of 15% of total site area. In all cases lands zoned FI Open Space, G1 Community Infrastructure and H1 High Amenity cannot be included as part of the 15%. Each residential development proposal shall be accompanied by a statement setting out how the scheme complies with this requirement.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 35	Stand alone residential developments comprising of 5 residential units or less shall be exempt from the requirement to provide 15% open space. In all such cases the private amenity space serving each dwelling shall exceed the minimum requirements.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 36	In all residential development applications where the future population will exceed 1000 persons, open space in addition to the 15% requirement set out at DM OBJ 34 shall be provided at a minimum rate of 3.2 hectares (8.0 acres) per 1000 population in accordance with Table 11.1. All such residential development proposals shall be accompanied by a statement setting out how the scheme complies with the set out in Table 11.1.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 37	Narrow tracts of open space, (less than 10 metres in width), incidental pieces of land at road edges and areas of archaeological interest are not generally acceptable as functional open space.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 38	Existing and proposed areas of open space shall, where possible, be linked thus providing green linkages for wildlife habitats and improving walking and cycling permeability throughout the site.	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 39	The location, siting and design of the open space shall have regard to the following: • Be well designed and of a high visual standard, generally flat, so that it is functional and accessible to all; • Provide for the retention of natural features, for example; trees, hedgerows and wetland sites, and incorporate same into public open space areas, where possible. • Include proposals for drainage and landscaping of the public open space; • Houses shall not be permitted to back onto open spaces; • Provide high levels of natural surveillance and overlooking by as many houses as possible.	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 40	All planning applications for residential development shall be accompanied by a landscaping scheme prepared by a suitably qualified professional.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	DM OBJ 41	Areas dedicated for public open space in a residential development shall be transferred to the ownership of the Council where the development is taken in charge by the Council.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy	DM POL 9	Residential development shall provide private open space in accordance with the requirements set out in Table 11.2. Each residential development proposal shall be accompanied by a statement setting out how the scheme complies with the requirements set out in Table 11.2..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boundary Treatments	DM POL 10	To require the provision of high quality, durable, appropriately designed, secure boundary treatments in all developments.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM POL 11	To consider the retention of field boundaries where such boundaries are of ecological/habitat significance, as demonstrated by a suitably qualified professional.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective - Boundary Treatments	DM OBJ 42	To require that boundaries between the rear of existing and proposed dwellings shall be a minimum of 1.8 metres high and shall be constructed as capped, rendered concrete block or brick walls, to ensure privacy, security and permanency. Alternative solutions will not be considered.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 43	To require that all rear boundaries within the development shall be a minimum of 1.8 metres high and shall be constructed as capped, rendered concrete block or brick walls, to ensure privacy, security and permanency. Alternative solutions will not be considered.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 44	Open plan front gardens will generally be discouraged and will only be acceptable in innovative layouts and where a high level of safety is achieved and services can be accommodated at a location which meets the needs of service providers. Open plan gardens will not be permitted on main access roads.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 45	In general, where provided, front boundaries shall be defined by walls or fences at least 0.5 metres high in keeping with the house design and to a uniform scheme design.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 46	In the case of residential development where the layout does not provide for front boundaries, there will be a general prohibition against the erection of front boundaries.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 47	To require the provision of concrete post and concrete panel fencing at a minimum as a side boundary between dwellings.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 48	To require the provision of walls at a minimum of 1.8 metres high capped, rendered concrete block or brick walls where residential sites abut public open spaces.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 49	All planning applications for residential development shall be accompanied by a schedule which demonstrates compliance with these requirements.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy	DM POL 12	The name proposed for all residential developments shall be clearly linked with the locality in which the scheme is located.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective - Naming of Residential Development	DM OBJ 50	In all cases the name chosen for a residential development shall reflect local place names, particularly townlands or local names which reflect the landscape or shall reflect culture and /or history, including names of historical persons who have some association with the area.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 51	Names shall be in Irish accompanied by an English translation. Name plates shall be fixed to walls and buildings where they can be clearly seen. Bilingual (Irish & English) street name plates, shall be erected on all estate roads at a location that is clearly visible.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 52	In order to assist the public and delivery personnel, all houses within housing estates or in street developments shall be provided with numbers and/or names, which shall be visible from the adjoining roadway.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 53	Applicants shall, as part of pre-application discussions include three draft name proposals in accordance with DM OBJ 50 and 51 for consideration.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 54	Three draft name proposals in accordance with above objectives shall be submitted to the Planning Authority as part of a planning application. The name shall be approved by the Meath County Council Naming Committee.	0	0									

[illegible]

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

[illegible]

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Fast Food / Takeaway Outlets	DM OBJ 94	To require that all proposals for new or extended fast food/takeaway outlets address the following as part of any pre- application discussion or planning application documentation: • The cumulative effect of fast food outlets on the amenities of an area. • Opening/operational hours of the facility. • The location of vents and other external services • Advertising signage • External seating.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 95	To only consider drive-through restaurants in locations where development will not interfere with the free flow of traffic or detract from the amenities of an area.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy	DM POL 24	To ensure new / replacement shop fronts are of an appropriate scale and design in order to integrate successfully with existing streetscapes.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective – Food / Takeaway Outlets	DM OBJ 96	To require that proposals for new/replacement shop fronts have regard to the ‘Shop front and Signage Guidance’ document, 2017 or any updates thereof.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 97	New/replacement shop front design shall respect the scale and proportions of the streetscape by maintaining the existing grain of development along the street and respecting the appropriate plot width.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 98	Generally, individually mounted lettering or hand painted lettering is required. Letter design shall be simple and legible.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 99	The choice of materials shall compliment the character of the building and integrate with the overall visual unity of the street scheme.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	DM OBJ 100	The use of roll-down or external type security screens will generally not be encouraged in town centre areas. Where the provision of screens is considered imperative, the use of perforated external and back lit screens or translucent internal screens will be considered.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local/Neighbourhood Shopping Facilities	DM POL 25	To enable convenience retail needs to be better met locally and to encourage the provision of local convenience shops at an appropriate scale in residential areas in urban areas where there is a clear deficiency in retail provision, subject to the protection of residential amenity.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM POL 26	To encourage the provision of local convenience shops, exclusive of service stations, at an appropriate scale in rural villages and nodes where there is a clear deficiency in retail provision, subject to the protection of residential amenity.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective	DM OBJ 101	To ensure that the scale, design and proposed uses accord with the Council’s Retail Strategy.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy - Service Stations	DM POL 27	Proposals for petrol filling stations in close proximity to the National Road Network shall have regard to the “Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities”, Department of Environment Community and Local Government, 2012 and the Dangerous Substances (Retail and Private Petroleum Stores) Regulations 1979 to 2010 (or any such other relevant standards and legislation that may be enacted).	?	0	0	?	?	?	?	?	0	0	0
	DM POL 28	Proposals for new and extended service stations will be carefully considered and will not generally be encouraged within the core retail area of urban centres or in rural areas outside of villages and rural nodes and shall be located in all cases within the speed limit restriction zones.	?	0	0	?	?	?	?	?	0	0	0
	DM POL 29	Service stations will not generally be permitted in/adjoining residential areas, unless it can be clearly demonstrated no significant effect on residential amenities by reason of as noise, traffic, visual obtrusion, safety considerations or fumes and smells. Hours of operation will be limited if a service station is permitted in a residential area. Proposals to demonstrate the above will be required to be submitted as part of pre-application discussion and planning application documentation.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective – Service Stations	DM OBJ 102	Objective – Service Stations The following shall be submitted as part of pre-application discussion and/or planning application documentation for a service station: • A high quality design including roof design, layout and external finishes to ensure it integrates and complements the surrounding environment. The layout should provide for safe pedestrian access to the shop and rest facilities. • Adequate provision of rest areas and toilets accessible safely by pedestrians and cyclists. • Where the development would be likely to have a significant impact on the historic or architectural character of the area, the use of standard corporate designs and signage may not be acceptable. • A comprehensive landscaping scheme prepared by a fully qualified landscape architect. • Any retailing component shall not exceed 100 sq.m. of retailing area and shall be restricted to convenience goods only. Where permission is sought for a retail floorspace in excess of 100sq.m, the sequential approach to retail development shall apply. • Forecourt lighting, including canopy lighting, should be limited where possible. All external lighting shall be cowled and diverted away from the public roadway to prevent a traffic hazard. • The placing of signs on footpaths, grass verges or any part of a public roadway will not be permitted. No advertisements or other structures, whether temporary or permanent, shall be placed on the forecourt which would interfere with the sight lines of motorists entering / egressing the site. • EV Charging points for electric cars shall be provided with every new/extended service station.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective – Retail Warehousing	DM OBJ 103	To ensure that retail warehousing is only permissible on lands identified in Volume 2 of this Development Plan for this use, all planning applications for retail warehousing shall set out clearly in the planning documentation how the proposal complies with the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012, this Development Plan and the Retail Strategy.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 104	Any retail warehousing development shall be restricted to ‘bulky goods’ as defined by Annex 1 of Retail Planning Guidelines (2012). Ancillary products shall not exceed 20% of the total net retail floorspace of the relevant retail unit.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial, Office, Warehousing and Business Park Development	DM OBJ 105	To require innovative contemporary designs for new industrial, office, warehousing and business park developments.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 106	That indicative site coverage for industrial/commercial development on greenfield sites is 50% coverage unless the design characteristics of the scheme, proposed uses and mobility management plan indicate support for higher site coverage.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 107	In town centre locations, in order to encourage and facilitate the development of a compact town centre, and to achieve desirable massing and heights of buildings, plot ratio and site coverage of 1.5 and 70% respectively will generally be the norm.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 108	To require that full details of the proposed use(s), including industrial processes involved provided as part of any planning application.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 109	To require that full details of the hours of operation be provided as part of any planning application.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 110	To require that details of suitable access arrangements, internal roads layout including details of footpaths, turning areas, loading bays be provided as part of any planning application.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 111	Boundaries which are visible from the public road should be of a high architectural quality. Palisade fencing to the front of any building line shall not be permitted.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 112	The use of retention ponds as an urban design feature within business parks will be encouraged to enhance the setting, subject to compliance with all relevant safety requirements.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 113	To require that proposals for and location of on site areas for storage and disposal (if applicable) of waste be provided as part of any planning application. All external storage including bin storage, oil tanks, etc., shall be visually screened from public areas, details to be provided as part of any planning application.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 114	To require that waste and recycling areas be covered, screened and enclosed from public view and wind, compliant with the Council’s Waste Management Strategy.	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 115	All overground oil, chemical storage tanks should be adequately bunded to protect against spillage	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 116	Existing trees and hedgerows of biodiversity and/or amenity value shall be retained, where possible.	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 117	To require that a survey of any existing vegetation on site and a suitable landscaping scheme prepared by an appropriately qualified professional, taking account of same, be submitted as part of any planning application to enhance the development.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	DM OBJ 118	Open space shall be provided in suitable locations as part of the development in order to enhance the development and provide amenity and passive recreation for future employees.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 119	To require that all significant Industrial, Office, Warehousing and Business Park Development incorporate works of public art in the form of outdoor sculptures, special architectural and landscape features or other appropriate art work in the development.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective		Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Objective – Industrial	DM OBJ 120		To require that all planning applications for Industrial, Office, Warehousing and Business Park Development on sites in excess of 0.5 hectares are accompanied by a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
	DM OBJ 121		To require that all new developments with over 100 employees shall have a Mobility Management Plan.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 122		To encourage the provision of supporting facilities for employees including childcare facilities, leisure uses and coffee shops in business parks.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 123		To encourage research and development activities as an ancillary part of all new and existing business parks in the County in conjunction with 3rd level Institutions	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective – Agricultural Buildings & Structures	DM OBJ 124		To require that buildings are sited appropriately in order to minimise obtrusion on the landscape, having regard to the Landscape Character Assessment contained in Appendix 5.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	DM OBJ 125		The use of dark coloured cladding, for example dark browns, greys, greens and reds are most suitable for farm buildings, and roof areas should be darker than walls.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 126		Developments shall comply with the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, (GAP Regs 2014).	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 127		All planning applications for agricultural development shall be accompanied by comprehensive details of all land holdings and herd number(s), if applicable.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 128		All new and existing agricultural developments will be required to contain sufficient detail which demonstrates that all effluent, including yard run-off, is collected and stored within the confines of the development.	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 129		In the case of new farm enterprises, a clear evidence base must be provided which demonstrates the need for the proposal and details of how any buildings proposed form part of a comprehensive business plan for the farm holding supported by Teagasc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy – Extractive Industry	DM POL 30		To require that all extract industry development complies with the requirements of Section 261 and Section 261A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the Quarries and Ancillary Activities Guidelines 2004 or any updates thereof and EPA Guidelines for Environmental Management in the Extractive Industry 2006 or any updates thereof.	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM POL 31		To encourage the rehabilitation of disused pits and quarries to productive agricultural use where appropriate having regard to all appropriate environmental considerations.	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective – Extractive Industry	DM OBJ 130		All applications for extract industry development shall comprehensively address the following criteria as part of a pre-application discussion and/or planning application proposal: • Impact on groundwater, surface water and important aquifers and compliance with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive (Refer to chapter 7 for further information on Water Framework Directive); • Impact on Natura 2000 sites, NHAs, sites of ecological importance, geological or geomorphological heritage features; (Refer to Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage, Natural Heritage, Landscape and Green Infrastructure for further information); • Impact on the quality of the landscape, particularly sensitive landscapes and protected views (Refer to Volume 3 Book of Maps for Views and Prospects, Appendix 5 Landscape Character Assessment, Appendix 6 Record of Protected Structures, Appendix 10 Protected Views and Prospects for further information.); • Visual impact of the development, a detailed landscape and visual assessment prepared by a suitably qualified professional; • Impact on existing local communities with regard to but not limited to: - o Noise, vibration and subsidence; • Contents of the ‘Archaeological Code of Practice (Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Irish Concrete Federation, 2009); • The extent of land ownership, nature of the deposits and details of any ancillary processes (such as crushing, concrete manufacture, etc.); • Proposals for surface water management and flood risk minimisation; • Transportation impacts with particular reference to details of all haul routes, Trip movements etc. ; • Effective control of emissions and dust; • Phasing programme for extraction and rehabilitation; • A scheme of rehabilitation and after care for the site upon abandonment / exhaustion of resource. Details to be submitted should include plan and section drawings, detailing the following: - o Anticipated finished landform and surface/landscape treatments (both of each phase and the whole excavation), - o Quality and condition of topsoil and overburden, - o Rehabilitation works proposed, - o Type and location of any vegetation proposed, - o Proposed method of funding and delivery of restoration/reinstatement works etc. Please note that provision for sinking funds? under the control of the Council may be conditioned to ensure satisfactory reinstatement on completion of extraction, if considered appropriate. - o A detailed proposal which recommends a sum of money to be paid as bond as a security for the suitable restoration of the site. The proposal shall include details as to how the bond was calculated with an associated schedule of works, materials and costings.	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+
	DM OBJ 131		Where possible, sites shall be subject to rehabilitation and landscaping programmes in tandem with the various phases of extraction. Possible uses post closure could include local recreational facilities and habitat areas, where appropriate community support exists and subject to funding.	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Policy	DM POL 32		To require that all land reclamation developments which include the importation of any material onto site have the requisite waste authorisation is in place in accordance with the stipulations of the Waste Management Act 1996.	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective – Land reclamation	DM OBJ 132		All applications for land reclamation / soil and stone recovery shall comprehensively address the following criteria as part of a pre-application discussion and/or planning application proposal: • Impact on groundwater, surface water and important aquifers and compliance with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive (Refer to chapter 7 for further information on Water Framework Directive); • Impact on Natura 2000 sites, NHAs, sites of ecological importance, geological or geomorphological heritage features; (Refer to Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage, Natural Heritage, Landscape and Green Infrastructure for further information); • Details of the overall and annual quantities of material to be brought on to the site in tonnes having regard to Mandatory EIA Thresholds set out in Schedule 5 Part 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018; • Details of the nature of material including EWC or Low codes for all waste materials proposed for acceptance at the site; • Justification for agricultural improvement and detail of proposed agricultural use; • Transportation impacts with particular reference to details of all haul routes, Load size, Trip movements ; • Details of site services including wheel wash, site office, security welfare facilities quarantine areas and weighbridges; • Phasing programme for reclamation with accurate drawings showing the development in layout and sections through the phases to completion; • Impact on existing local communities with regard to but not limited to: - o Noise, dust, emissions	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Objective - Places of Worship	DM OBJ 143	To require that details in relation to the capacity of the facility (seating capacity), hours of operation and a traffic assessment (including details of the proposed parking provision) accompany any pre application discussion and /or planning application proposal.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 144	To require that all planning applications for new places of worship are accompanied by a Mobility Management Plan.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective - Allotments	DM OBJ 145	All proposals for allotment development of shall be assessed against the following criteria; • Site location - the suitability of the site comparable to the location of the population served; sites in or at the edge of the settlements are more preferable; • The adequacy of the public road network serving the site and car parking provision; and, • The adequacy of water supplies.	0	+	0	0	+	?	?	0	0	0	0
Policy	DM POL 37	To encourage renewable development proposals which contribute positively to reducing energy consumption and carbon footprint.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
Objective – Energy Development	DM OBJ 146	In the assessment of individual energy development proposals, the Council will take the following criteria into account: • The proper planning and sustainable development of the area; • The environmental and social impacts of the proposed development; • Traffic impacts including details of haul routes; • Impact of the development on the landscape, (please refer to Appendix 5 Landscape Character Assessment) ; • Impact on protected Views and Prospects, (please refer to Appendix 10 Protected Views and Prospects); • Impact on public rights of way and walking routes, (please refer to Appendix 12 Public Rights of Way) ; • Connection to the National Grid (where applicable); • Mitigation features, where impacts are inevitable; • Protected of designated areas - NHAs, SPAs and SACs, areas of archaeological potential and scenic importance, proximity to structures that are listed for protection, national monuments, etc. (Please refer to Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage, Natural Heritage, Landscape and Green Infrastructure and Appendices 6-9 inclusive for further details); • Cumulative Impact of proposal.	+	0	0	+	+	?	?	+	+	+	+
Policy	DM POL 38	To implement Section 28 Guidelines from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on Solar Farms when available.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective - Solar Energy	DM OBJ 147	To require that any pre-application discussion and/or planning application proposal for solar farm development sets out how the project complies with DM OBJ >> above.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 148	To ensure that proposals for the development of solar farms are not located within areas identified as being within Flood zones A or B as per the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines 2009 for Planning Authorities (or any updated guidelines)	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0
Policy	DM POL 39	To require compliance with the Wind Energy Development Guidelines, (2006) and Circular PL20-13, and any updates thereof. Any proposal shall be supported by both a technical and an environmental statement prepared to an acceptable standard which sets out how the proposal complies with the Guidelines.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
Objective – Wind Energy	DM OBJ 149	To require that any pre-application discussion and/or planning application proposal for wind farm development sets out how the project complies with DM OBJ 146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 150	Topographical enclosures and extensive areas of degraded or previously developed lands should be identified for wind farm development to help minimise visual impacts and to harmonise wind turbines with the landscape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+
	DM OBJ 151	In general, matt finishes and neutral colours for turbines and structures are required.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+
	DM OBJ 152	The Council will support appropriate innovative designs for wind farms.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 153	All planning applications shall be accompanied by detailed proposals for the restoration of the site after removal of the turbines and associated infrastructure including access roads. Adequate financial security will be required to ensure site restoration and removal of the wind farm.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
Objective – Energy Networks	DM OBJ 154	In the assessment of individual proposals, the Council will take the following criteria into account: • The proper planning and sustainable development of the area; • The environmental and social impacts of the proposed development; • Traffic impacts including details of haul routes; • Impact of the development on the landscape, (please refer to Appendix 5 Landscape Character Assessment) ; • Impact on protected Views and Prospects, (please refer to Appendix 10 Protected Views and Prospects); • Impact on public rights of way and walking routes, (please refer to Appendix 12 Public Rights of Way) ; • The development is required in order to facilitate the provision of significant economic or social infrastructure); • Mitigation features, where impacts are inevitable; • Protection of designated areas - NHAs, SPAs and SACs, areas of archaeological potential and scenic importance, proximity to structures that are listed for protection, national monuments, etc. (Please refer to Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage, Natural Heritage, Landscape and Green Infrastructure and Appendices 6-9 inclusive for further details); • Cumulative Impact of proposal.	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+
Policy – Telecommunications and Broadband	DM POL 40	To require compliance with the requirements of the “Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities” July 1996, except where they conflict with Circular Letter PL 07/12 which shall take precedence, and any subsequent revisions or expanded guidelines in this area.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective – Telecommunications and Broadband	DM OBJ 155	Encourage the location of telecommunications structures at appropriate locations within the County, subject to environmental considerations.	?	+	0	?	?	0	0	0	+	0	?
	DM OBJ 156	Require the co-location of antennae on existing support structures and where this is not feasible require documentary evidence as to the non-availability of this option in proposals for new structures.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	DM OBJ 157	To avoid the location of structures in sensitive landscapes, in nature conservation areas, in highly sensitive landscapes and where views are to be preserved. (Please refer to Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage, Natural Heritage, Landscape and Green Infrastructure and Appendices 6-9 inclusive for further details).	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+
	DM OBJ 158	To generally discourage the use of wires or other devices affixed to the facade of buildings in town and village centres.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+
	DM OBJ 159	To encourage the development of open access networks in all developments	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	DM OBJ 160	To seek to facilitate the development of alternative energy sources where such proposals are consistent with landscape preservation, the protection of natural habitats, the protection of visual and residential amenities and Development Plan policy and the principles of proper planning and sustainable development.	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+
	DM OBJ 161	Car parking shall be provided in accordance with Table 11 and associated guidance notes.	0	+	0	0	0	?	?	0	0	0	0

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Objective –Car Parking	DM OBJ 162	The dimension of parking bays shall comply with Table 11.5.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 163	Car parking provision shall normally be provided within the curtilage of the development site. Where, in the opinion of the Council, it would be impracticable for individual developers to provide for on-site parking, a contribution will be required.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 164	Loading bays shall be located and designed to prevent any obstructions to traffic circulation and to accommodate vehicular manoeuvring on site.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 165	New residential development should take account of the following regarding car parking: • Vehicular parking for detached and semi-detached housing should be within the curtilage of the house; • Vehicular parking for apartments, where appropriate, should generally be at basement level. Where this is not possible, parking for apartments and terraced housing should be in small scale informal groups overlooked by residential units; • The visual impact of large areas of parking should be reduced by the use of screen planting, low walls and the use of different textured or coloured paving for car parking bays; and, • Consideration needs to be given to parking for visitors and people with disabilities. • Provision of EV Charging points	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+
EV Charging Points	DM OBJ 166	All car parks shall include the provision of necessary wiring and ducting to be capable of accommodating future Electric Vehicle charging points, at a rate of 10% of total space numbers.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	DM OBJ 167	In any car park in excess of 20 spaces where public access is available, one fully functional charging point for Electric Vehicles shall be provided in accordance with IEC 61851 Standard for Electric Vehicle Conductive Charging Systems.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
Objective – Cycling Parking	DM OBJ 168	To require the provision of cycle parking facilities in accordance with Table 11.4 Cycle Parking Standards.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 169	Cycle parking facilities shall be conveniently located, secure, easy to use, adequately lit and well sign posted. All long-term (more than three hours) cycle racks shall be protected from the weather.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 170	Secure cycle parking facilities shall be provided in new office, residential apartment development, retail and employment generating developments. Such facilities shall be within 25 metres for short-term parking, (shops) and 50 metres for long term parking (school, college, and office). The number of stands required will be a third of the number of car spaces required for the development, subject to a minimum of one stand.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	DM OBJ 171	In residential developments without private gardens or wholly dependent on balconies for private open space, covered secure bicycle stands should be provided in private communal areas;	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 172	All cycle facilities in multi-storey car parks shall be at ground floor level and segregated from vehicle traffic. Cyclists shall also have designated entry and exit routes at car parks.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective	DM OBJ 173	Planning applications for significant commercial, industrial and other developments taxi services shall demonstrate the provision of adequate drop-off and set-down areas for taxi services.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM OBJ 174	To require the provision of facilities for taxis in all new supermarket and neighbourhood development proposals.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy	DM POL 41	To permit only advertisements which enhance the appearance and vitality of an area and make a positive contribution to the streetscape.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective – Advertising	DM OBJ 175	The following signage types will be discouraged: • Signs which advertise general products or services, • Animated, moving, flashing, rotating or sound-emitting signs, • Billboards, • Roof mounted signs or signs which project above the ridge height of the building, • Internally illuminated awnings, • Changeable message signs, • Pole mounted signs • Wall signs. • Free standing signs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	DM OBJ 176	In assessing advertising signage, the Council will consider the following criteria: • The size and scale of signs which should not conflict with existing structures in the vicinity. • The potential impacts on the streetscape of the proposal. • Large scale commercial advertisement structures are not acceptable on or near Protected Structures, Architectural Conservation Areas (please refer to Map 8.3, in public parks and in areas of high amenity. • Signs should not interfere with windows or other façade features or project above the skyline.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	DM OBJ 177	Advertisement structures will not be permitted where they give rise to a potential traffic hazard. In general, advertisement structures will not be permitted at roundabouts, at traffic signalised junctions, at locations where they obstruct sight lines, compete with other traffic signs, give rise to confusion for road users or endanger traffic safety.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	DM OBJ 178	Applications for advertisement structures along national routes and along approach roads to towns and villages will generally not be permitted except for tourist attractions of national or regional importance which utilise the approved designated signage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	DM OBJ 179	The number of advertisement structures for any one premises shall be kept to a minimum and will generally be restricted to a maximum of two in the local area. In exceptional cases this maximum may be exceeded at the discretion of the Council.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	DM OBJ 180	The use of electronic variable messaging signs commonly known as “VMS signs”, shall be reserved strictly for use in roadwork activities, hazard information and or as part of an approved event traffic management plan. Advanced written consent of the Council will be required prior to installation and usage of such signage.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
	DM OBJ 181	In urban centres where public realm strategies have been prepared the Council reserves the right to de-exempt any signage in the interests of visual amenity in these areas.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Objective	DM OBJ 182	Outdoor advertising hoardings shall not be permitted where it would detract from the visual quality of the setting of protected structures. In all other cases, planning applications for such development will be considered on the basis of the visual impact of the proposed advertising hoarding and the potential for a traffic hazard arising from same will be imperative. The number and scale of hoardings in the vicinity of the site will be a material consideration.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Policy	DM POL 42	To strictly control inappropriate development and require noise insulation where appropriate within the Outer Noise Zone.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM POL 43	To actively resist new provision for residential development and other noise sensitive uses within the Inner Noise Zone, as shown on Map 5.4.1 and 5.4.2.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM POL 44	Under no circumstances shall any dwelling be permitted within the predicted 69 dBLAeq 16 hours noise contour. Residential development in areas likely to be affected by levels of noise inappropriate to residential use should be avoided.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective	DM OBJ 183	Development should be restricted which would give rise to conflicts with aircraft movements on environmental or safety grounds on lands in the vicinity of Dublin Airport and on the main flight paths serving Dublin Airport.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy – Seveso Sites	DM POL 45	To comply with the Seveso III Directive in reducing the risk and limiting the potential consequences of major industrial accidents.	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM POL 46	To permit new Seveso development only in low risk locations within acceptable distances from vulnerable residential, retail and commercial development.	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DM POL 47	To ensure that land use policies take account of the need to maintain appropriate distances between future major accident hazard establishments and residential areas, areas of substantial public use and of particular natural sensitivity or interest.	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix A8.1 Table 1: Draft Meath County Development Plan - Written Statement Assessment

Policy / Objective													B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1				
Policy	DM POL 48	To have regard to the advice of the Health & Safety Authority when proposals for new SEVESO sites are being considered or modifications to existing Seveso sites are being considered.													O	O	+	O	+		O	O	O	O	O	O	
	DM POL 49	To have regard to the advice of the Health & Safety Authority when proposals for development within the consultation zone of a SEVESO site are being considered.													O	O	+	O	+		O	O	O	O	O	O	
Objective	DM OBJ 184	Have regard to the provision of the ‘Major Accident Directive’ (Seveso III) (European Council Directive 2012/18/EU) and in consultation with the HSA impose restrictions, on developments adjoining or within proximity of a Seveso site. The extent of restrictions on development will be dependent on the type of risk present and the quantity and form of the dangerous substance present or likely to be present.													O	O	+	O	+		O	O	O	O	O	O	
Land Use Zoning Objectives	A1	To protect and enhance the amenity and character of existing residential communities													O	O		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	
	A2	To provide for new residential communities with ancillary community facilities, neighbourhood facilities as considered appropriate.													O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O	O	
	B1	To protect, provide for and/or improve town and village centre facilities and uses.													O	+		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	
	B2	To provide for the development of a retail warehouse park													?	+		O	?	?	?	?	O	?	O	?	
	C1	To provide for and facilitate mixed residential and employment generating uses													?	+		O	?	?	?	?	O	?	O	?	
	D1	To provide for appropriate and sustainable visitor and tourist facilities and associated uses.													?	+		O	?	?	?	?	O	?	O	?	
	E1	To facilitate opportunities for high end technology / manufacturing and major campus style office based employment within high quality and accessible locations.													?	+		O	?	?	?	?	O	?	O	?	
	E2	To provide for the creation of enterprise and facilitate opportunities for employment through industrial, manufacturing, distribution, warehousing and other general employment / enterprise uses in a good quality physical environment.													?	+		O	?	?	?	?	O	?	O	?	
	E3	To facilitate logistics, warehousing, distribution and supply chain management inclusive of related industry facilities which require food access to the major road network.													?	+		O	?	?	?	?	O	?	O	?	
	F1	To provide for and improve open spaces for active and passive recreational amenities.													O	+	+		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	
	G1	To provide for necessary community, social, and educational facilities.													O	+	+		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	
	H1	To protect and improve areas of high amenity.													O	+		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	+		
	R1	To provide for a strategic rail corridor and associated physical infrastructure.													O	+		O	O	O	?	?	?	O	O	O	
	WL	To protect strategic lands from inappropriate forms of development which would impede the orderly expansion of a strategic urban centre.													O	+		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	
	TU	To provide for essential transport and public utilities and infrastructure including rail stations, park and ride facilities, water and waste water infrastructure, electricity, gas, and telecommunications infrastructure.													?	+		O	?	?	?	?	?	O	?	?	
	RA	To protect and promote in a balanced way, the development of agriculture, forestry and sustainable rural-related enterprise, community facilities, biodiversity, the rural landscape, and the built and cultural heritage.													+	+		O	+	+		O	O	O	O	+	+
	RN	To provide for small scale infill development including community facilities and supporting services serving local needs while maintaining the rural nature of the node.													O	+		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	

APPENDIX A8.1 TABLE 2: VILLAGES ASSESSMENT

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 2: Draft Villages Assessment

Theme	Objective	- Negative	? Uncertain	O Neutral	+ Positive
Policy - Settlement and Housing					
Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna) (B)	(B_1) Preserve, protect, maintain and where appropriate restore the terrestrial, aquatic and soil biodiversity, including internationally, EU and nationally designated sites and protected species.			GHIB POL 1, CARN POL 1, DRUM POL 1, GOR POL 1, KEN POL 1, KEN POL 1, KILD POL 1, KILM POL 1, KLM POL 1, LON POL 1, MOY POL 1, RATHC POL 1, RATH POL 1, SUM POL 1,	BAL POL 1, CAR POL 1, CLO POL 1, CRO POL 1, DON POL 1, JUL POL 1, NOB POL 1, SLN POL 1,
Population & Human Health (PHH)	(PHH_1) Provide high quality residential, community, working and recreational environments with access to sustainable transport options.				GHIB POL 1, BAL POL 1, CAR POL 1, CARN POL 1, CLO POL 1, CRO POL 1, DON POL 1, DRUM POL 1, GOR POL 1, JUL POL 1, KEN POL 1, KILD POL 1, KILM POL 1, KLM POL 1, LON POL 1, MOY POL 1, NOB POL 1, RATHC POL 1, RATH POL 1, SLN POL 1, SUM POL 1
	(PHH_2) Protect human health and well-being.			GHIB POL 1, BAL POL 1, CAR POL 1, CARN POL 1, CLO POL 1, CRO POL 1, DON POL 1, DRUM POL 1, GOR POL 1, JUL POL 1, KEN POL 1, KEN POL 1, KILD POL 1, KILM POL 1, KLM POL 1, LON POL 1, MOY POL 1, NOB POL 1, RATHC POL 1, RATH POL 1, SLN POL 1, SUM POL 1,	
Soils & Geology (SG)	(SG_1) Safeguard sensitive soil resources.			GHIB POL 1, BAL POL 1, CAR POL 1, CARN POL 1, CLO POL 1, CRO POL 1, DON POL 1, DRUM POL 1, GOR POL 1, JUL POL 1, KEN POL 1, KEN POL 1, KILD POL 1, KILM POL 1, KLM POL 1, LON POL 1, MOY POL 1, NOB POL 1, RATHC POL 1, RATH POL 1, SLN POL 1, SUM POL 1,	
Water Quality (W)	(W_1) Protect and where necessary improve and maintain water quality and the management of watercourses, groundwater and the marine environment, in compliance with the requirements of the WFD objectives and measures.			GHIB POL 1, BAL POL 1, CAR POL 1, CARN POL 1, CLO POL 1, CRO POL 1, DON POL 1, DRUM POL 1, GOR POL 1, JUL POL 1, KEN POL 1, KEN POL 1, KILD POL 1, KILM POL 1, KLM POL 1, LON POL 1, MOY POL 1, NOB POL 1, RATHC POL 1, RATH POL 1, SLN POL 1, SUM POL 1,	
Air Quality & Noise & Climate Change (ANCC)	(AN_1) Minimise emissions of pollutants to air associated with transport.			GHIB POL 1, BAL POL 1, CAR POL 1, CARN POL 1, CLO POL 1, CRO POL 1, DON POL 1, DRUM POL 1, GOR POL 1, JUL POL 1, KEN POL 1, KEN POL 1, KILD POL 1, KILM POL 1, KLM POL 1, LON POL 1, MOY POL 1, NOB POL 1, RATHC POL 1, RATH POL 1, SLN POL 1, SUM POL 1,	
	(AN_2) Minimise noise emissions associated with traffic and transport.			GHIB POL 1, BAL POL 1, CAR POL 1, CARN POL 1, CLO POL 1, CRO POL 1, DON POL 1, DRUM POL 1, GOR POL 1, JUL POL 1, KEN POL 1, KEN POL 1, KILD POL 1, KILM POL 1, KLM POL 1, LON POL 1, MOY POL 1, NOB POL 1, RATHC POL 1, RATH POL 1, SLN POL 1, SUM POL 1,	
Climate Change (CC)	(CC_1) Minimise contribution to Climate Change by adopting adaptation and mitigation measures.			GHIB POL 1, BAL POL 1, CAR POL 1, CARN POL 1, CLO POL 1, CRO POL 1, DON POL 1, DRUM POL 1, GOR POL 1, JUL POL 1, KEN POL 1, KEN POL 1, KILD POL 1, KILM POL 1, KLM POL 1, LON POL 1, MOY POL 1, NOB POL 1, RATHC POL 1, RATH POL 1, SLN POL 1, SUM POL 1,	
Material Assets (MA)	(MA_1) Make best use of existing infrastructure and promote the sustainable development of new infrastructure to meet the needs of the county's and Meath's population.			GHIB POL 1, BAL POL 1, CAR POL 1, CARN POL 1, CLO POL 1, CRO POL 1, DON POL 1, DRUM POL 1, GOR POL 1, JUL POL 1, KEN POL 1, KEN POL 1, KILD POL 1, KILM POL 1, KLM POL 1, LON POL 1, MOY POL 1, NOB POL 1, RATHC POL 1, RATH POL 1, SLN POL 1, SUM POL 1,	
Cultural Heritage (CH)	(CH_1) Protect places, features, buildings and landscapes of cultural, archaeological and / or architectural heritage from impact as a result of development.				GHIB POL 1, BAL POL 1, CAR POL 1, CARN POL 1, CLO POL 1, CRO POL 1, DON POL 1, DRUM POL 1, GOR POL 1, JUL POL 1, KEN POL 1, KEN POL 1, KILD POL 1, KILM POL 1, KLM POL 1, LON POL 1, MOY POL 1, NOB POL 1, RATHC POL 1, RATH POL 1, SLN POL 1, SUM POL 1,
Landscape & Visual (LV)	(LV_1) Protect and maintain the special qualities of the landscape character including coastal character within Meath.			GHIB POL 1, CARN POL 1, CLO POL 1, DRUM POL 1, GOR POL 1, JUL POL 1, KEN POL 1, KEN POL 1, KILD POL 1, KILM POL 1, KLM POL 1, LON POL 1, MOY POL 1, NOB POL 1, RATHC POL 1, RATH POL 1, SLN POL 1, SUM POL 1,	BAL POL 1, CAR POL 1, CRO POL 1, DON POL 1,
Objectives - Settlement and Housing					
Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna) (B)	(B_1) Preserve, protect, maintain and where appropriate restore the terrestrial, aquatic and soil biodiversity, including internationally, EU and nationally designated sites and protected species.		GHIB OBJ 2, BAL OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 1, CAR OBJ 3, CAR OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 2, CARN OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 4, DON OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 2, GOR OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 2, KEN OBJ 2, KILB OBJ 2, KILB OBJ 3, KILD OBJ 2, KILM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 3, LON OBJ 2, MOY OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 2, RATHC OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 2, SLN OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 2,	GHIB OBJ 1, GHIB OBJ 3, GHIB OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 1, CARN OBJ 1, CLO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 3, CRO OBJ 5, DON OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 3, DRUM OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 3, KEN OBJ 1, KEN OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 1, KILB OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 1, KILM OBJ 1, KLM OBJ 1, LON OBJ 1, MOY OBJ 1, NOB OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 4, RATH OBJ 1, SLN OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 3,	
Population & Human Health (PHH)	(PHH_1) Provide high quality residential, community, working and recreational environments with access to sustainable transport options.			GHIB OBJ 4, RATHC OBJ 4,	GHIB OBJ 1, GHIB OBJ 2, GHIB OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 1, BAL OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 1, CAR OBJ 3, CAR OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 1, CARN OBJ 2, CARN OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 1, CLO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 3, CRO OBJ 4, CRO OBJ 5, DON OBJ 1, DON OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 3, DRUM OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 1, GOR OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 3, KEN OBJ 1, KEN OBJ 2, KEN OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 1, KILB OBJ 2, KILB OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 4,KILD OBJ 1, KILD OBJ 2, KILM OBJ 1, KILM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 1, KLM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 3, LON OBJ 1, LON OBJ 2, MOY OBJ 1, MOY OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 1, NOB OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 2, RATHC OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 1, RATH OBJ 2, SLN OBJ 1, SLN OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 3,
	(PHH_2) Protect human health and well-being.			GHIB OBJ 1, GHIB OBJ 2, GHIB OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 1, BAL OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 1, CAR OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 3, CAR OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 1, CARN OBJ 2, CARN OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 1, CLO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 3, CRO OBJ 4, CRO OBJ 5, DON OBJ 1, DON OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 3, DRUM OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 1, GOR OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 3, KEN OBJ 1, KEN OBJ 2, KEN OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 1, KILB OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 1, KILD OBJ 2, KILM OBJ 1, KILM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 1, KLM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 3, LON OBJ 2, MOY OBJ 1, MOY OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 1, NOB OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 2, RATHC OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 4, RATH OBJ 1, RATH OBJ 2, SLN OBJ 1, SLN OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 3,	

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 2: Draft Villages Assessment

Theme	Objective	- Negative	? Uncertain	O Neutral	+ Positive
Soils & Geology (SG)	(SG_1) Safeguard sensitive soil resources.		CAR OBJ 3, CAR OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 4, KILB OBJ 3, KLM OBJ 3, MOY OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 2, RATHC OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 2, SLN OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 2,	GHIB OBJ 1, GHIB OBJ 3, GHIB OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 1, CAR OBJ 1, CARN OBJ 1, CLO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 5, DON OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 3, DRUM OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 3, KEN OBJ 1, KEN OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 1, KILB OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 1, KILM OBJ 1, KLM OBJ 1, LON OBJ 1, MOY OBJ 1, NOB OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 4, RATH OBJ 1, SLN OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 3,	GHIB OBJ 2, BAL OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 2, CARN OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 3, DON OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 2, GOR OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 2, KEN OBJ 2, KILB OBJ 2, KILD OBJ 2, KILM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 2, LON OBJ 2,
Water Quality (W)	(W_1) Protect and where necessary improve and maintain water quality and the management of watercourses, groundwater and the marine environment, in compliance with the requirements of the WFD objectives and measures.		GHIB OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 3, CAR OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 2, CARN OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 4, DON OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 2, GOR OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 2, KEN OBJ 2,KILB OBJ 2, KILB OBJ 3, KILD OBJ 2,KLM OBJ 3, LON OBJ 2, MOY OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 2, RATHC OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 2, SLN OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 2,	GHIB OBJ 1, GHIB OBJ 3, GHIB OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 1, BAL OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 1, CAR OBJ 2, CARN OBJ 1, CLO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 3, CRO OBJ 5, DON OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 3, DRUM OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 3, KEN OBJ 1, KEN OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 1, KILB OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 1, KILM OBJ 1, KILM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 1, KLM OBJ 2, LON OBJ 1, MOY OBJ 1, NOB OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 4, RATH OBJ 1, SLN OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 3,	
Air Quality & Noise & Climate Change (ANCC)	(AN_1) Minimise emissions of pollutants to air associated with transport.		NOB OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 3,	GHIB OBJ 1, GHIB OBJ 2, GHIB OBJ 3, GHIB OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 1, CAR OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 3, CAR OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 1, CARN OBJ 2, CARN OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 1, CLO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 3, CRO OBJ 4, CRO OBJ 5, DON OBJ 1, DON OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 3, DRUM OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 1, GOR OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 3, KEN OBJ 1, KEN OBJ 2, KEN OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 1, KILB OBJ 2, KILB OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 1, KILD OBJ 2,KILM OBJ 1, KILM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 1, KLM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 3, LON OBJ 1, LON OBJ 2, MOY OBJ 1, MOY OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 1, NOB OBJ 2, RATHC OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 2, RATHC OBJ 4, RATH OBJ 1, RATH OBJ 2, SLN OBJ 1, SLN OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 3,	
	(AN_2) Minimise noise emissions associated with traffic and transport.			GHIB OBJ 1, GHIB OBJ 2, GHIB OBJ 3, GHIB OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 1, BAL OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 1, CAR OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 3, CAR OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 1, CARN OBJ 2, CARN OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 1, CLO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 3, CRO OBJ 4, CRO OBJ 5, DON OBJ 1, DON OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 3, DRUM OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 1, GOR OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 3, KEN OBJ 1, KEN OBJ 2, KEN OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 1, KILB OBJ 2, KILB OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 1, KILD OBJ 2,KILM OBJ 1, KILM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 1, KLM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 3, LON OBJ 1, LON OBJ 2, MOY OBJ 1, MOY OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 1, NOB OBJ 2, RATHC OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 2, RATHC OBJ 4, RATH OBJ 1, RATH OBJ 2, SLN OBJ 1, SLN OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 3,	
Climate Change (CC)	(CC_1) Minimise contribution to Climate Change by adopting adaptation and mitigation measures.			GHIB OBJ 1, GHIB OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 1, CAR OBJ 1, CAR OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 1, CARN OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 3, CRO OBJ 4, CRO OBJ 5, DON OBJ 1, DON OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 3, DRUM OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 1, GOR OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 3, KEN OBJ 1, KEN OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 1, KILB OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 1, KILM OBJ 1, KLM OBJ 1, KLM OBJ 3, LON OBJ 1, MOY OBJ 1, MOY OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 1, NOB OBJ 2, RATHC OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 2, RATHC OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 4, RATH OBJ 1, RATH OBJ 2, SLN OBJ 1, SLN OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 3,	GHIB OBJ 2, GHIB OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 3, CARN OBJ 2, CLO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 2, KEN OBJ 2, KILB OBJ 2, KILD OBJ 2, KILM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 2, LON OBJ 2,
Material Assets (MA)	(MA_1) Make best use of existing infrastructure and promote the sustainable development of new infrastructure to meet the needs of the county's and Meath's population.		RATHC OBJ 3,	CAR OBJ 3, CAR OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 3, DRUM OBJ 4, JUL OBJ 3, KEN OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 4, RATHC OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 3,	GHIB OBJ 1, GHIB OBJ 2, GHIB OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 1, BAL OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 1, CAR OBJ 2, CARN OBJ 1, CARN OBJ 2, CLO OBJ 1, CLO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 3, CRO OBJ 4, CRO OBJ 5, DON OBJ 1, DON OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 3, GOR OBJ 1, GOR OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 2, KEN OBJ 1, KEN OBJ 2, KILB OBJ 1, KILB OBJ 2, KILD OBJ 1, KILD OBJ 2, KILM OBJ 1, KILM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 1, KLM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 3, LON OBJ 1, LON OBJ 2, MOY OBJ 1, MOY OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 1, NOB OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 2, RATH OBJ 1, RATH OBJ 2, SLN OBJ 1, SLN OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 2,
Cultural Heritage (CH)	(CH_1) Protect places, features, buildings and landscapes of cultural, archaeological and / or architectural heritage from impact as a result of development.			GHIB OBJ 1, GHIB OBJ 2, GHIB OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 1, BAL OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 1, CAR OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 3, CAR OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 1, CARN OBJ 2, CARN OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 1, CLO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 3, CRO OBJ 4, CRO OBJ 5, DON OBJ 1, DON OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 3, DRUM OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 1, GOR OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 2, KEN OBJ 1, KEN OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 1, KILB OBJ 2, KILB OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 1, KILD OBJ 2, KILM OBJ 1, KILM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 1, KLM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 3, LON OBJ 1, LON OBJ 2, MOY OBJ 1, MOY OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 1, NOB OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 2, RATHC OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 4, RATH OBJ 1, RATH OBJ 2, SLN OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 3,	GHIB OBJ 4,
Landscape & Visual (LV)	(LV_1) Protect and maintain the special qualities of the landscape character including coastal character within Meath.			GHIB OBJ 1, GHIB OBJ 2, GHIB OBJ 3, GHIB OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 1, BAL OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 1, CAR OBJ 2, CAR OBJ 3, CAR OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 1, CARN OBJ 2, CARN OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 1, CLO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 1, CRO OBJ 2, CRO OBJ 3, CRO OBJ 4, CRO OBJ 5, DON OBJ 1, DON OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 1, DRUM OBJ 2, DRUM OBJ 3, DRUM OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 1, GOR OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 1, JUL OBJ 2, JUL OBJ 3, KEN OBJ 1, KEN OBJ 2, KEN OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 1, KILB OBJ 2, KILB OBJ 3, KILB OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 1, KILD OBJ 2, KILM OBJ 1, KILM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 1, KLM OBJ 2, KLM OBJ 3, LON OBJ 1, LON OBJ 2, MOY OBJ 1, MOY OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 1, NOB OBJ 2, NOB OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 1, RATHC OBJ 2, RATHC OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 4, RATH OBJ 1, RATH OBJ 2, SLN OBJ 1, SLN OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 1, SUM OBJ 2, SUM OBJ 3,	
Objectives - Economy and Employment					
Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna) (B)	(B_1) Preserve, protect, maintain and where appropriate restore the terrestrial, aquatic and soil biodiversity, including internationally, EU and nationally designated sites and protected species.		CAR OBJ 5, CARN OBJ 4, CLO OBJ 5, KILB OBJ 5, NOB OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 5,	GHIB OBJ 5, GHIB OBJ 6, GHIB OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 5, BAL OBJ 6, CARN OBJ 5, CARN OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 4, CLO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 3, DON OBJ 4, DRUM OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 5, KILD OBJ 3, KILM OBJ 3, KLM OBJ 4, LON OBJ 3, LON OBJ 4, LON OBJ 5, LON OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 5, RATHC OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 7, RATH OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 3, SLN OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 6, SUM OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 6,	

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 2: Draft Villages Assessment

Theme	Objective	- Negative	? Uncertain	O Neutral	+ Positive
Population & Human Health (PHH)	(PHH_1) Provide high quality residential, community, working and recreational environments with access to sustainable transport options.			GHIB OBJ 6, GHIB OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 5, RATHC OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 7, SLN OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 6,	GHIB OBJ 5, BAL OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 5, CAR OBJ 5, CARN OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 5 , CARN OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 4, CLO OBJ 5, CRO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 3, DON OBJ 4, DRUM OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 5, KILB OBJ 5,KILD OBJ 3, KILM OBJ 3, KLM OBJ 4, LON OBJ 3, LON OBJ 4, LON OBJ 5, LON OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 3, NOB OBJ 4, RATH OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 3, SLN OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 5, SUM OBJ 6,
	(PHH_2) Protect human health and well-being.			GHIB OBJ 5, GHIB OBJ 6, GHIB OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 5, BAL OBJ 6, CAR OBJ 5, CARN OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 5 , CARN OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 4, CLO OBJ 5, CLO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 3, DON OBJ 4, DRUM OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 5, KILB OBJ 5, KILD OBJ 3, KILM OBJ 3, KLM OBJ 4, LON OBJ 3, LON OBJ 4, LON OBJ 5, LON OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 3, NOB OBJ 4, RATHC OBJ 5, RATHC OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 7, RATH OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 3, SLN OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 6, SUM OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 5, SUM OBJ 6,	
Soils & Geology (SG)	(SG_1) Safeguard sensitive soil resources.		CAR OBJ 5, CARN OBJ 4, KILB OBJ 5, LON OBJ 3, NOB OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 5,	GHIB OBJ 5, GHIB OBJ 6, GHIB OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 5, BAL OBJ 6, CARN OBJ 5 , CARN OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 4, CLO OBJ 5, CLO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 3, DON OBJ 4, DRUM OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 5, KILD OBJ 3, KILM OBJ 3, KLM OBJ 4, LON OBJ 4, LON OBJ 5, LON OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 5, RATHC OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 7, RATH OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 3, SLN OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 6, SUM OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 6,	
Water Quality (W)	(W_1) Protect and where necessary improve and maintain water quality and the management of watercourses, groundwater and the marine environment, in compliance with the requirements of the WFD objectives and measures.		CAR OBJ 5, CARN OBJ 4, CLO OBJ 5, KILB OBJ 5, LON OBJ 3, NOB OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 5,	GHIB OBJ 5, GHIB OBJ 6, GHIB OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 5, BAL OBJ 6, CARN OBJ 5, CARN OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 4, CLO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 3, DON OBJ 4, DRUM OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 5, KILD OBJ 3, KILM OBJ 3, KLM OBJ 4, LON OBJ 4, LON OBJ 5, LON OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 5, RATHC OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 7, RATH OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 3, SLN OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 6, SUM OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 6,	
Air Quality & Noise & Climate Change (ANCC)	(AN_1) Minimise emissions of pollutants to air associated with transport.		CAR OBJ 5, CLO OBJ 5, LON OBJ 3, SUM OBJ 5,	GHIB OBJ 5, GHIB OBJ 6, GHIB OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 5, BAL OBJ 6, CARN OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 5 , CARN OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 4, CLO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 3, DON OBJ 4, DRUM OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 5, KILB OBJ 5, KILD OBJ 3, KILM OBJ 3, KLM OBJ 4, LON OBJ 4, LON OBJ 5, LON OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 5, RATHC OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 7, RATH OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 3, SLN OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 6, SUM OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 6,	NOB OBJ 4,
	(AN_2) Minimise noise emissions associated with traffic and transport.		CAR OBJ 5, CLO OBJ 5, LON OBJ 3, SUM OBJ 5,	GHIB OBJ 5, GHIB OBJ 6, GHIB OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 6, CARN OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 5 , CARN OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 4, CLO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 3, DON OBJ 4, DRUM OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 5, KILB OBJ 5, KILD OBJ 3, KILM OBJ 3, KLM OBJ 4, LON OBJ 4, LON OBJ 5, LON OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 5, RATHC OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 7, RATH OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 3, SLN OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 6, SUM OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 6,	
Climate Change (CC)	(CC_1) Minimise contribution to Climate Change by adopting adaptation and mitigation measures.		CAR OBJ 5, CLO OBJ 5, LON OBJ 3, SLN OBJ 3, SUM OBJ 5,	GHIB OBJ 5, GHIB OBJ 6, GHIB OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 5, BAL OBJ 6, CARN OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 5 , CARN OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 4, CLO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 3, DON OBJ 4, DRUM OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 5, KILB OBJ 5, KILD OBJ 3, KILM OBJ 3, KLM OBJ 4, LON OBJ 4, LON OBJ 5, LON OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 5, RATHC OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 7, RATH OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 6, SUM OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 6,	NOB OBJ 4,
Material Assets (MA)	(MA_1) Make best use of existing infrastructure and promote the sustainable development of new infrastructure to meet the needs of the county's and Meath's population.		CAR OBJ 5, SUM OBJ 5,	GHIB OBJ 5, GHIB OBJ 6, BAL OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 5, BAL OBJ 6, CARN OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 5 , CARN OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 4, CLO OBJ 5, CLO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 3, DON OBJ 4, DRUM OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 5, KILB OBJ 5, KILD OBJ 3, KILM OBJ 3, KLM OBJ 4, LON OBJ 4, LON OBJ 5, LON OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 3, NOB OBJ 4, RATHC OBJ 5, RATHC OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 7, RATH OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 6, SUM OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 6,	GHIB OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 3, LON OBJ 3, SLN OBJ 3,
Cultural Heritage (CH)	(CH_1) Protect places, features, buildings and landscapes of cultural, archaeological and / or architectural heritage from impact as a result of development.		CLO OBJ 5, SUM OBJ 5,	GHIB OBJ 5, GHIB OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 5, CAR OBJ 5, CARN OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 5 , CARN OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 4, CRO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 7, DRUM OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 5, KILD OBJ 3, KILM OBJ 3, KLM OBJ 4, LON OBJ 3, LON OBJ 4, LON OBJ 5, LON OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 3, RATHC OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 6,	GHIB OBJ 6, BAL OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 6, DON OBJ 3, DON OBJ 4, DRUM OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 5, NOB OBJ 4, RATHC OBJ 5, RATHC OBJ 7, SLN OBJ 3, SLN OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 6,
Landscape & Visual (LV)	(LV_1) Protect and maintain the special qualities of the landscape character including coastal character within Meath.		CLO OBJ 5,	GHIB OBJ 5, GHIB OBJ 6, GHIB OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 3, BAL OBJ 4, BAL OBJ 5, BAL OBJ 6, CAR OBJ 5, CARN OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 5 , CARN OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 3, CLO OBJ 4, CLO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 3, DON OBJ 4, DRUM OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 4, KEN OBJ 5, KILB OBJ 5,KILB OBJ 6, KILD OBJ 3, KILM OBJ 3, KLM OBJ 4, LON OBJ 3, LON OBJ 4, LON OBJ 5, LON OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 3, NOB OBJ 4, RATHC OBJ 5, RATHC OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 7, RATH OBJ 3, RATH OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 4, SLN OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 6, SUM OBJ 4, SUM OBJ 5, SUM OBJ 6,	SLN OBJ 3,

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 2: Draft Villages Assessment

Theme	Objective	- Negative	? Uncertain	O Neutral	+ Positive
Objectives - Infrastructure					
Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna) (B)	(B_1) Preserve, protect, maintain and where appropriate restore the terrestrial, aquatic and soil biodiversity, including internationally, EU and nationally designated sites and protected species.	SLN OBJ 7,	BAL OBJ 7, CAR OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 13, KEN OBJ 6, KILB OBJ 7, KILD OBJ 4, KILM OBJ 4, LON OBJ 7, MOY OBJ 4, NOB OBJ 5, RATHC OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 7,		BAL OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 8, DON OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 5, KLM OBJ 13, LON OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 6,
Population & Human Health (PHH)	(PHH_1) Provide high quality residential, community, working and recreational environments with access to sustainable transport options.			BAL OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 8, CAR OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 7, CRO OBJ 8,DON OBJ 5, DON OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 13, JUL OBJ 13, JUL OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 6, KEN OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 4, KLM OBJ 13, KLM OBJ 13, LON OBJ 7, LON OBJ 8, MOY OBJ 4, NOB OBJ 5, NOB OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 7,	RATHC OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 7,
	(PHH_2) Protect human health and well-being.			SLN OBJ 7,	BAL OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 8, CAR OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 7, CRO OBJ 8, DON OBJ 5, DON OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 13, JUL OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 6, KEN OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 4, KLM OBJ 13, KLM OBJ 13, LON OBJ 7, LON OBJ 8, MOY OBJ 4, NOB OBJ 5, NOB OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 7,
Soils & Geology (SG)	(SG_1) Safeguard sensitive soil resources.		BAL OBJ 7, CAR OBJ 6, CRO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 13, KEN OBJ 6, KILB OBJ 7, KILD OBJ 4, KILM OBJ 4, LON OBJ 7, MOY OBJ 4, NOB OBJ 5, RATHC OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 7, SLN OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 7,		BAL OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 8, DON OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 5, KLM OBJ 13, LON OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 6,
Water Quality (W)	(W_1) Protect and where necessary improve and maintain water quality and the management of watercourses, groundwater and the marine environment, in compliance with the requirements of the WFD objectives and measures.		SLN OBJ 7,		BAL OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 8, CAR OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 7, CRO OBJ 8, DON OBJ 5, DON OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 13, JUL OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 6, KEN OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 4, KLM OBJ 13, LON OBJ 7, LON OBJ 8, MOY OBJ 4, NOB OBJ 5, NOB OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 7,
Air Quality & Noise & Climate Change (ANCC)	(AN_1) Minimise emissions of pollutants to air associated with transport.	SLN OBJ 7,		BAL OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 8, CAR OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 7, CRO OBJ 8, DON OBJ 5, DON OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 13, JUL OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 6, KEN OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 4, KLM OBJ 13, LON OBJ 7, LON OBJ 8, MOY OBJ 4, NOB OBJ 5, NOB OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 7,	
	(AN_2) Minimise noise emissions associated with traffic and transport.	SLN OBJ 7,		BAL OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 8, CAR OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 7, CRO OBJ 8, DON OBJ 5, DON OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 13, JUL OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 6, KEN OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 4, KLM OBJ 13, LON OBJ 7, LON OBJ 8, MOY OBJ 4, NOB OBJ 5, NOB OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 7,	
Climate Change (CC)	(CC_1) Minimise contribution to Climate Change by adopting adaptation and mitigation measures.	SLN OBJ 7,		BAL OBJ 7, CAR OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 13, KEN OBJ 6, KILB OBJ 7, RATHC OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 7,	BAL OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 8, DON OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 4, KLM OBJ 13, LON OBJ 7, LON OBJ 8, MOY OBJ 4, NOB OBJ 5, NOB OBJ 6,
Material Assets (MA)	(MA_1) Make best use of existing infrastructure and promote the sustainable development of new infrastructure to meet the needs of the county's and Meath's population.		SLN OBJ 7,	BAL OBJ 8, CAR OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 7, DON OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 4, KLM OBJ 13, LON OBJ 7, LON OBJ 8, MOY OBJ 4, NOB OBJ 5, NOB OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 7,	BAL OBJ 7, CRO OBJ 8, DON OBJ 5, DRUM OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 13, KEN OBJ 6, KILB OBJ 7, RATHC OBJ 8,
Cultural Heritage (CH)	(CH_1) Protect places, features, buildings and landscapes of cultural, archaeological and / or architectural heritage from impact as a result of development.		SLN OBJ 7,	BAL OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 8, CAR OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 7, CRO OBJ 8, DON OBJ 5, DON OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 13, JUL OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 6, KEN OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 4, KLM OBJ 13, LON OBJ 7, LON OBJ 8, MOY OBJ 4, NOB OBJ 5, NOB OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 7,	
Landscape & Visual (LV)	(LV_1) Protect and maintain the special qualities of the landscape character including coastal character within Meath.		SLN OBJ 7,	BAL OBJ 7, BAL OBJ 8, CAR OBJ 6, CLO OBJ 7, CRO OBJ 8, DON OBJ 5, DON OBJ 6, DRUM OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 13, JUL OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 6, KEN OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 7, KILB OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 4, KILD OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 4, KLM OBJ 13, LON OBJ 7, LON OBJ 8, MOY OBJ 4, NOB OBJ 5, NOB OBJ 6, RATHC OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 5, SLN OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 7,	

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 2: Draft Villages Assessment

Theme	Objective	- Negative	? Uncertain	O Neutral	+ Positive
Objectives - Movement					
Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna) (B)	(B_1) Preserve, protect, maintain and where appropriate restore the terrestrial, aquatic and soil biodiversity, including internationally, EU and nationally designated sites and protected species.		CAR OBJ 7, CLO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 9, DON OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 11, JUL OBJ 12, LON OBJ 11, LON OBJ 12, LON OBJ 13,	GHIB OBJ 8, BAL OBJ 9, CAR OBJ 8, CARN OBJ 7, CARN OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 9, CLO OBJ 12, CRO OBJ 10, DON OBJ 7, DON OBJ 9, DON OBJ 11, DRUM OBJ 9, DRUM OBJ 10, DRUM OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 3, GOR OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 5, GOR OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 9, JUL OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 10, KILB OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 6, KIL D OBJ 7, KIL D OBJ 8, KIL D OBJ 9, KILM OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 10, KLM OBJ 11, KLM OBJ 12, LON OBJ 9, LON OBJ 10, LON OBJ 12, MOY OBJ 5, MOY OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 7, MOY OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 7, NOB OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 10, RATHC OBJ 11, RATH OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 7, SLN OBJ 10, SLN OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 8, SUM OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 10,	BAL OBJ 10, CLO OBJ 8, DON OBJ 10,
Population & Human Health (PHH)	(PHH_1) Provide high quality residential, community, working and recreational environments with access to sustainable transport options.				GHIB OBJ 8, BAL OBJ 9, BAL OBJ 10, CAR OBJ 7, CAR OBJ 8, CARN OBJ 7, CARN OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 9, CLO OBJ 10, CLO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 9, CRO OBJ 10, DON OBJ 7, DON OBJ 8, DON OBJ 9, DON OBJ 10, DON OBJ 11, DRUM OBJ 9, DRUM OBJ 10, DRUM OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 3, GOR OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 5, GOR OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 9, JUL OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 11, JUL OBJ 12, KEN OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 10, KILB OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 6, KIL D OBJ 7, KIL D OBJ 8, KIL D OBJ 9, KILM OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 10, KLM OBJ 11, KLM OBJ 12, LON OBJ 9, LON OBJ 10, LON OBJ 11, LON OBJ 12, LON OBJ 13, MOY OBJ 5, MOY OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 7, MOY OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 7, NOB OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 10, RATHC OBJ 11, RATH OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 7, SLN OBJ 10, SLN OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 8, SUM OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 10,
	(PHH_2) Protect human health and well-being.			GHIB OBJ 8, CAR OBJ 7, CAR OBJ 8, CARN OBJ 7, CARN OBJ 8, DON OBJ 9, DRUM OBJ 9, DRUM OBJ 10, DRUM OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 3, GOR OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 5, GOR OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 12, KEN OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 10, KILB OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 6, KIL D OBJ 7, KIL D OBJ 8, KIL D OBJ 9, KILM OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 11, KLM OBJ 12, LON OBJ 11, LON OBJ 12, LON OBJ 13, MOY OBJ 5, MOY OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 7, NOB OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 10, RATHC OBJ 11, RATH OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 7, SLN OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 8, SUM OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 10,	BAL OBJ 9, BAL OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 9, CLO OBJ 10, CLO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 10, DON OBJ 7, DON OBJ 8, DON OBJ 10, DON OBJ 11, JUL OBJ 9,JUL OBJ 11, KEN OBJ 8, KLM OBJ 10, LON OBJ 9, LON OBJ 10, MOY OBJ 7, RATHC OBJ 9, SLN OBJ 10,
Soils & Geology (SG)	(SG_1) Safeguard sensitive soil resources.		CAR OBJ 7, CRO OBJ 9, DON OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 11, JUL OBJ 12, JUL OBJ 12, LON OBJ 11, LON OBJ 12, LON OBJ 13,	GHIB OBJ 8, BAL OBJ 9, BAL OBJ 10, CAR OBJ 8, CARN OBJ 7, CARN OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 9, CLO OBJ 10, CLO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 10, DON OBJ 7, DON OBJ 9, DON OBJ 10, DON OBJ 10, DON OBJ 11, DRUM OBJ 9, DRUM OBJ 10, DRUM OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 3, GOR OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 5, GOR OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 9, JUL OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 10, KILB OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 6, KIL D OBJ 7, KIL D OBJ 8, KIL D OBJ 9, KILM OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 10, KLM OBJ 11, KLM OBJ 12, LON OBJ 9, LON OBJ 10, MOY OBJ 5, MOY OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 7, MOY OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 7, NOB OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 10, RATHC OBJ 11, RATH OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 7, SLN OBJ 10, SLN OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 8, SUM OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 10,	
Water Quality (W)	(W_1) Protect and where necessary improve and maintain water quality and the management of watercourses, groundwater and the marine environment, in compliance with the requirements of the WFD objectives and measures.		CAR OBJ 7, CLO OBJ 10, CRO OBJ 9, DON OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 11, JUL OBJ 12, LON OBJ 11, LON OBJ 12, LON OBJ 13,	GHIB OBJ 8, BAL OBJ 9, BAL OBJ 10, CAR OBJ 8, CARN OBJ 7, CARN OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 9, CLO OBJ 10, CRO OBJ 10, DON OBJ 7, DON OBJ 9, DON OBJ 10, DON OBJ 11, DRUM OBJ 9, DRUM OBJ 10, DRUM OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 3, GOR OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 5, GOR OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 9, JUL OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 10, KILB OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 6, KIL D OBJ 7, KIL D OBJ 8, KIL D OBJ 9, KILM OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 10, KLM OBJ 11, KLM OBJ 12, LON OBJ 9, LON OBJ 10, MOY OBJ 5, MOY OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 7, MOY OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 7, NOB OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 10, RATHC OBJ 11, RATH OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 7, SLN OBJ 10, SLN OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 8, SUM OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 10,	
Air Quality & Noise & Climate Change (ANCC)	(AN_1) Minimise emissions of pollutants to air associated with transport.	CAR OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 12,	CLO OBJ 9, CLO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 9, CRO OBJ 10, DON OBJ 11, JUL OBJ 9, JUL OBJ 11, KLM OBJ 10, LON OBJ 11, LON OBJ 13, RATHC OBJ 11, SLN OBJ 10, SLN OBJ 11,	CAR OBJ 8, CARN OBJ 7, CARN OBJ 8, DON OBJ 9, DRUM OBJ 10, GOR OBJ 3, GOR OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 5, GOR OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 10, KILB OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 7, KILM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 11, LON OBJ 9, LON OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 7, NOB OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 9, RATH OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 7, SUM OBJ 8, SUM OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 10,	GHIB OBJ 8, BAL OBJ 9, BAL OBJ 10, CLO OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 10, DON OBJ 7, DON OBJ 8, DON OBJ 10, DRUM OBJ 9, DRUM OBJ 11, KEN OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 6, KILD OBJ 8, KIL D OBJ 7, KILM OBJ 5, KLM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 12, LON OBJ 12, MOY OBJ 5, MOY OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 7, MOY OBJ 8, RATHC OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 10,
	(AN_2) Minimise noise emissions associated with traffic and transport.	CAR OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 12,	CLO OBJ 9, CLO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 9, CRO OBJ 10, DON OBJ 11, JUL OBJ 9, JUL OBJ 11, KLM OBJ 10, LON OBJ 13, RATHC OBJ 11, SLN OBJ 10, SLN OBJ 11,	CAR OBJ 8, CARN OBJ 8, CARN OBJ 7, CARN OBJ 8, DRUM OBJ 10, GOR OBJ 3, GOR OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 5, GOR OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 10, KILB OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 7, KILM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 11, LON OBJ 9, LON OBJ 10, LON OBJ 11, NOB OBJ 7, NOB OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 9, RATH OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 7, SUM OBJ 8, SUM OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 10,	GHIB OBJ 8, BAL OBJ 9, BAL OBJ 10, CLO OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 10, DON OBJ 7, DON OBJ 8, DON OBJ 10, DRUM OBJ 9, DRUM OBJ 11, KEN OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 6, KILD OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 9, KILM OBJ 5, KLM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 12, LON OBJ 12, MOY OBJ 5, MOY OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 7, MOY OBJ 8, RATHC OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 10,
Climate Change (CC)	(CC_1) Minimise contribution to Climate Change by adopting adaptation and mitigation measures.	CAR OBJ 7,	JUL OBJ 11, JUL OBJ 12, LON OBJ 13, RATHC OBJ 11, SLN OBJ 10, SLN OBJ 11,	BAL OBJ 9, CAR OBJ 8, CARN OBJ 7, CARN OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 9, CLO OBJ 10, CLO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 9, CRO OBJ 10, DON OBJ 7, DON OBJ 9, DON OBJ 11, DRUM OBJ 9, DRUM OBJ 10, DRUM OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 3, GOR OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 5, GOR OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 9, JUL OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 10, KILB OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 7, KILD OBJ 8, KIL D OBJ 9, KILM OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 10, KLM OBJ 11, KLM OBJ 12, LON OBJ 9, LON OBJ 10, LON OBJ 11, LON OBJ 12, NOB OBJ 7, NOB OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 9, RATH OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 7, SUM OBJ 8, SUM OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 10,	GHIB OBJ 8, BAL OBJ 10, CLO OBJ 8, DON OBJ 8, DON OBJ 10, KILD OBJ 6, KILM OBJ 5, MOY OBJ 5, MOY OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 7, MOY OBJ 8, RATHC OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 10,
Material Assets (MA)	(MA_1) Make best use of existing infrastructure and promote the sustainable development of new infrastructure to meet the needs of the county's and Meath's population.		RATHC OBJ 11, SLN OBJ 9,	BAL OBJ 9, BAL OBJ 10, CAR OBJ 8, CARN OBJ 7, CARN OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 9, CLO OBJ 10, CRO OBJ 9, DON OBJ 7, DON OBJ 9, DON OBJ 10, DON OBJ 11, DRUM OBJ 9, DRUM OBJ 10, DRUM OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 3, GOR OBJ 5, GOR OBJ 6, KEN OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 10, KILB OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 6, KIL D OBJ 7, KIL D OBJ 8, KILD OBJ 9, KILM OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 10, KLM OBJ 11, LON OBJ 9, LON OBJ 10, LON OBJ 11, LON OBJ 12, LON OBJ 13, MOY OBJ 5, MOY OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 7, MOY OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 7, NOB OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 9, RATH OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 7, SLN OBJ 10, SUM OBJ 8, SUM OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 10,	GHIB OBJ 8, CAR OBJ 7, CLO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 10, DON OBJ 8, JUL OBJ 9,JUL OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 11, JUL OBJ 12, KLM OBJ 12, RATHC OBJ 10,

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 2: Draft Villages Assessment

Theme	Objective	- Negative	? Uncertain	O Neutral	+ Positive
Cultural Heritage (CH)	(CH_1) Protect places, features, buildings and landscapes of cultural, archaeological and / or architectural heritage from impact as a result of development.		CAR OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 12,	GHIB OBJ 8, BAL OBJ 9, BAL OBJ 10, CAR OBJ 8, CARN OBJ 7, CARN OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 9, CLO OBJ 10, CLO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 9, CRO OBJ 10, DON OBJ 10, DON OBJ 8, DON OBJ 9, DON OBJ 10, DON OBJ 11, DRUM OBJ 9, DRUM OBJ 10, DRUM OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 3, GOR OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 5, GOR OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 9, JUL OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 11, KEN OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 10, KILB OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 6, KIL D OBJ 7, KIL D OBJ 8, KIL D OBJ 9, KILM OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 10, KLM OBJ 11, KLM OBJ 12, LON OBJ 9, LON OBJ 10, LON OBJ 11, LON OBJ 12, LON OBJ 13, MOY OBJ 5, MOY OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 7, MOY OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 7, NOB OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 10, RATHC OBJ 11, RATH OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 7, SLN OBJ 10, SLN OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 8, SUM OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 10,	
Landscape & Visual (LV)	(LV_1) Protect and maintain the special qualities of the landscape character including coastal character within Meath.		CAR OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 12,	GHIB OBJ 8, BAL OBJ 9, BAL OBJ 10, CAR OBJ 8, CARN OBJ 7, CARN OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 8, CLO OBJ 9, CLO OBJ 10, CLO OBJ 11,CRO OBJ 9, CRO OBJ 10, DON OBJ 7, DON OBJ 8, DON OBJ 9, DON OBJ 10, DON OBJ 11, DRUM OBJ 9, DRUM OBJ 10, DRUM OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 3, GOR OBJ 4, GOR OBJ 5, GOR OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 9, JUL OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 11, KEN OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 9, KILB OBJ 10, KILB OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 6, KIL D OBJ 7, KIL D OBJ 8, KIL D OBJ 9, KILM OBJ 5, KILM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 10, KLM OBJ 11, KLM OBJ 12, LON OBJ 9, LON OBJ 10, LON OBJ 11, LON OBJ 12, LON OBJ 13, MOY OBJ 5, MOY OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 7, MOY OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 7, NOB OBJ 8, NOB OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 9, RATHC OBJ 10, RATHC OBJ 11, RATH OBJ 6, RATH OBJ 7, SLN OBJ 10, SLN OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 8, SUM OBJ 9, SUM OBJ 10,	
Objectives - Cultural and Natural Heritage / Green Infrastructure					
Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna) (B)	(B_1) Preserve, protect, maintain and where appropriate restore the terrestrial, aquatic and soil biodiversity, including internationally, EU and nationally designated sites and protected species.		BAL OBJ 11, CAR OBJ 10,	GHIB OBJ 9, GHIB OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 9, CARN OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 15, CLO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 14, DON OBJ 13, DON OBJ 14, DRUM OBJ 12, DRUM OBJ 13, GOR OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 6, KEN OBJ 11, KILB OBJ 14, KILB OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 10, KILD OBJ 11, KILM OBJ 7, KLM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 7, KLM OBJ 8, LON OBJ 14, LON OBJ 17, LON OBJ 19, MOY OBJ 9, MOY OB 10, MOY OBJ 12, NOB OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 11, NOB OBJ 12, NOB OBJ13, NOB OBJ 14, RATHC OBJ 12, RATHC OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 12, SLN OBJ 13, SLN OBJ 16, SUM OBJ 11,	GHIB OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 9, CAR OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 13, DON OBJ 12, DON OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 14, GOR OBJ 9, JUL OBJ 5, JUL OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 10, KILB OBJ 12, KILB OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 10, KILM OBJ 8, KILM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 5, LON OBJ 15, LON OBJ 16, LON OBJ 18, MOY OBJ 11, MOY OBJ 13, NOB OBJ 15, NOB OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 9, SLN OBJ 14, SLN OBJ 17, SUM OBJ 12,
Population & Human Health (PHH)	(PHH_1) Provide high quality residential, community, working and recreational environments with access to sustainable transport options.			GHIB OBJ 9, GHIB OBJ 10, GHIB OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 9, CARN OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 15, CLO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 14, DON OBJ 13, DON OBJ 14, DON OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 12, DRUM OBJ 13, DRUM OBJ 14, GOR OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 5, JUL OBJ 6, KEN OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 11, KILB OBJ 12, KILB OBJ 13, KILB OBJ 14, KILD OBJ 10, KILD OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 12, KILM OBJ 7, KILM OBJ 8, KILM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 5, KLM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 7, KLM OBJ 8, LON OBJ 14, LON OBJ 15, LON OBJ 16, LON OBJ 17, LON OBJ 18, LON OBJ 19, MOY OBJ 10, MOY OBJ 11, MOY OBJ 12, MOY OB 13, NOB OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 11, NOB OBJ 12, NOB OBJ13, NOB OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 15, NOB OBJ16, RATHC OBJ 12, RATHC OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 9, SLN OBJ 12, SLN OBJ 13, SLN OBJ 15, SLN OBJ 16, SLN OBJ 17, SUM OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 12,	BAL OBJ 11, CAR OBJ 9, CAR OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 11, CLO OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 13, CRO OBJ 13, DON OBJ 12, GOR OBJ 9, JUL OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 8, KILB OBJ 15, MOY OBJ 9, SLN OBJ 14,
	(PHH_2) Protect human health and well-being.			GHIB OBJ 9, GHIB OBJ 10, GHIB OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 9, CARN OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 15, CLO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 14, DON OBJ 13, DON OBJ 14, DON OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 12, DRUM OBJ 13, DRUM OBJ 14, GOR OBJ 9, GOR OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 5, JUL OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 11, KILB OBJ 12, KILB OBJ 13, KILB OBJ 14, KILB OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 10, KILD OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 12, KILM OBJ 7, KILM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 5, KLM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 7, KLM OBJ 8, LON OBJ 14, LON OBJ 15, LON OBJ 16, LON OBJ 17, LON OBJ 18, LON OBJ 19, MOY OB 9, MOY OBJ 10, MOY OBJ 12, MOY OB 13, NOB OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 11, NOB OBJ 12, NOB OBJ13, NOB OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 15, NOB OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 12, RATHC OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 9, SLN OBJ 12, SLN OBJ 13, SLN OBJ 14, SLN OBJ 15, SLN OBJ 16, SLN OBJ 17, SUM OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 12,	BAL OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 9, CAR OBJ 10, CRO OBJ 13, DON OBJ 12, KILM OBJ 8, MOY OBJ 11,
Soils & Geology (SG)	(SG_1) Safeguard sensitive soil resources.		BAL OBJ 11, CAR OBJ 10,	GHIB OBJ 9, GHIB OBJ 10, GHIB OBJ 11, CAR OBJ 9, CAR OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 9, CARN OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 15, CLO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 12, CRO OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, DON OBJ 13, DON OBJ 14, DON OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 12, DRUM OBJ 13, DRUM OBJ 14, GOR OBJ 9, GOR OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 5, JUL OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 11, KILB OBJ 12, KILB OBJ 13, KILB OBJ 14, KILB OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 10, KILD OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 12, KILM OBJ 7, KILM OBJ 8, KILM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 7, KLM OBJ 8, LON OBJ 14, LON OBJ 15, LON OBJ 16, LON OBJ 17, LON OBJ 19, MOY OB 9, MOY OBJ 10, MOY OBJ 11, MOY OBJ 12, MOY OB 13, NOB OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 11, NOB OBJ 12, NOB OBJ13, NOB OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 15, NOB OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 12, RATHC OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 9, SLN OBJ 12, SLN OBJ 13, SLN OBJ 14, SLN OBJ 15, SLN OBJ 16, SLN OBJ 17, SUM OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 12,	BAL OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 13, DON OBJ 12, KLM OBJ 5, LON OBJ 18,
Water Quality (W)	(W_1) Protect and where necessary improve and maintain water quality and the management of watercourses, groundwater and the marine environment, in compliance with the requirements of the WFD objectives and measures.		BAL OBJ 11, CAR OBJ 10,	GHIB OBJ 9, GHIB OBJ 10, GHIB OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 9, CAR OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 9, CARN OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 15, CLO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 12, CRO OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, DON OBJ 13, DON OBJ 14, DON OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 12, DRUM OBJ 13, DRUM OBJ 14,GOR OBJ 9, GOR OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 5, JUL OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 11, KILB OBJ 12, KILB OBJ 13, KILB OBJ 14, KILB OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 10, KILD OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 12, KILM OBJ 7, KILM OBJ 8, KILM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 5, KLM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 7, KLM OBJ 8, LON OBJ 14, LON OBJ 15, LON OBJ 16, LON OBJ 17, LON OBJ 19, MOY OB 9, MOY OBJ 10, MOY OBJ 12, MOY OBJ 11, MOY OBJ 12, MOY OB 13, NOB OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 11, NOB OBJ 12, NOB OBJ13, NOB OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 15, NOB OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 12, RATHC OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 9, SLN OBJ 12, SLN OBJ 13, SLN OBJ 14, SLN OBJ 15, SLN OBJ 16, SLN OBJ 17, SUM OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 12,	BAL OBJ 13, DON OBJ 12,

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 2: Draft Villages Assessment

Theme	Objective	- Negative	? Uncertain	O Neutral	+ Positive
Air Quality & Noise & Climate Change (ANCC)	(AN_1) Minimise emissions of pollutants to air associated with transport.			GHIB OBJ 9, GHIB OBJ 10, GHIB OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 9, CAR OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 9, CARN OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 15, CLO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 12, CRO OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, DON OBJ 12, DON OBJ 13, DON OBJ 14, DON OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 12, DRUM OBJ 13, DRUM OBJ 14, GOR OBJ 9, GOR OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 5, JUL OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 11, KILB OBJ 12, KILB OBJ 13, KILB OBJ 14, KILB OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 10, KILD OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 12, KILM OBJ 7, KILM OBJ 8, KILM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 5, KLM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 7, KLM OBJ 8, LON OBJ 14, LON OBJ 15, LON OBJ 16, LON OBJ 17, LON OBJ 19, MOY OB 9, MOY OBJ 10, MOY OBJ 11, MOY OBJ 12, MOY OB 13, NOB OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 11, NOB OBJ 12, NOB OBJ13, NOB OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 12, RATHC OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 9, SLN OBJ 9, SLN OBJ 12, SLN OBJ 13, SLN OBJ 14, SLN OBJ 15, SLN OBJ 16, SLN OBJ 17, SUM OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 12,	BAL OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 15,
	(AN_2) Minimise noise emissions associated with traffic and transport.			GHIB OBJ 9, GHIB OBJ 10, GHIB OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 9, CAR OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 9, CARN OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 12 CLO OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 15, CLO OBJ 16, CLO OBJ 17, CRO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 12, CRO OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, DON OBJ 12, DON OBJ 13, DON OBJ 14, DON OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 12, DRUM OBJ 13, DRUM OBJ 14, GOR OBJ 9, GOR OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 5, JUL OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 7, KEN OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 11, KILB OBJ 12, KILB OBJ 13, KILB OBJ 14, KILB OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 10, KILD OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 12, KILM OBJ 7, KILM OBJ 8, KILM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 5, KLM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 7, KLM OBJ 8, LON OBJ 14, LON OBJ 15, LON OBJ 16, LON OBJ 17, LON OBJ 19, MOY OB 9, MOY OBJ 10, MOY OBJ 11, MOY OBJ 12, MOY OB 13, NOB OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 11, NOB OBJ 12, NOB OBJ13, NOB OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 12, RATHC OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 12, SLN OBJ 13, SLN OBJ 14, SLN OBJ 15, SLN OBJ 16, SLN OBJ 17, SUM OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 12,	BAL OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 15,
Climate Change (CC)	(CC_1) Minimise contribution to Climate Change by adopting adaptation and mitigation measures.			GHIB OBJ 9, GHIB OBJ 10, GHIB OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 10, CAR OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 9, CARN OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 15, CLO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 12, CRO OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, DON OBJ 12, DON OBJ 13, DON OBJ 14, DON OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 12, DRUM OBJ 13, DRUM OBJ 14, GOR OBJ 9, GOR OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 5, JUL OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 11, KILB OBJ 12, KILB OBJ 13, KILB OBJ 14, KILB OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 10, KILD OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 12, KILM OBJ 7, KILM OBJ 8, KILM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 5, KLM OBJ 7, LON OBJ 14, LON OBJ 15, LON OBJ 16, LON OBJ 17, LON OBJ 19, MOY OB 9, MOY OBJ 10, MOY OBJ 11, MOY OBJ 12, MOY OB 13, NOB OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 11, NOB OBJ 12, NOB OBJ13, NOB OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 12, RATHC OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 12, SLN OBJ 13, SLN OBJ 14, SLN OBJ 15, SLN OBJ 16, SLN OBJ 17, SUM OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 12,	BAL OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 9, LON OBJ 17, SLN OBJ 15,
Material Assets (MA)	(MA_1) Make best use of existing infrastructure and promote the sustainable development of new infrastructure to meet the needs of the county's and Meath's population.			GHIB OBJ 9, GHIB OBJ 10, GHIB OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 9, CAR OBJ 10, CAR OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 9, CARN OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 15, CLO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 12, CRO OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, DON OBJ 12, CRO OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, DON OBJ 12, DON OBJ 13, DON OBJ 14, DON OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 12, DRUM OBJ 13, DRUM OBJ 14, GOR OBJ 9, GOR OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 5, JUL OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 11, KILB OBJ 12, KILB OBJ 13, KILB OBJ 14, KILB OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 10, KILD OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 12, KILM OBJ 7, KILM OBJ 8, KILM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 5, KLM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 7, KLM OBJ 8, LON OBJ 14, LON OBJ 15, LON OBJ 16, LON OBJ 17, LON OBJ 19, MOY OB 9, MOY OBJ 10, MOY OBJ 11, MOY OBJ 12, MOY OB 13, NOB OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 11, NOB OBJ 12, RATHC OBJ 12, RATHC OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 9, SLN OBJ 12, SLN OBJ 13, SLN OBJ 14, SLN OBJ 15, SLN OBJ 16, SLN OBJ 17, SUM OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 12,	
Cultural Heritage (CH)	(CH_1) Protect places, features, buildings and landscapes of cultural, archaeological and / or architectural heritage from impact as a result of development.			BAL OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 13, CARN OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 14, DRUM OBJ 13, DRUM OBJ 14, JUL OBJ 5, JUL OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 8, KILB OBJ 12, KILB OBJ 15, KILM OBJ 8, KILM OBJ 9, LON OBJ 14, LON OBJ 15, LON OBJ 17, LON OBJ 18, MOY OBJ 11, MOY OB 13, NOB OBJ 15, RATHC OBJ 12, RATHC OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 9, SLN OBJ 12, SLN OBJ 13, SLN OBJ 14, SUM OBJ 12,	GHIB OBJ 9, GHIB OBJ 10, GHIB OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 9, CAR OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 9, CARN OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 15, CLO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 12, CRO OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, DON OBJ 12, DON OBJ 13, DON OBJ 14, DON OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 12, GOR OBJ 9, GOR OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 6, KEN OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 11, KILB OBJ 13, KILB OBJ 14, KILD OBJ 10, KILD OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 12, KILM OBJ 7, KLM OBJ 5, KLM OBJ 6, KLM OBJ 7, KLM OBJ 8, LON OBJ 16, LON OBJ 19, MOY OB 9, MOY OBJ 10, MOY OBJ 12, NOB OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 11, NOB OBJ 12, NOB OBJ13, NOB OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 15, SLN OBJ 16, SLN OBJ 17, SUM OBJ 11,
Landscape & Visual (LV)	(LV_1) Protect and maintain the special qualities of the landscape character including coastal character within Meath.			GHIB OBJ 9, GHIB OBJ 10, BAL OBJ 11, CAR OBJ 10, CLO OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 15, CRO OBJ 11, CRO OBJ 12, CRO OBJ 13, DON OBJ 13, DRUM OBJ 12, KEN OBJ 10, KEN OBJ 11, KILB OBJ 14, KILB OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 10, KILD OBJ 11, KILD OBJ 12, KILM OBJ 7, KLM OBJ 7, KLM OBJ 8, LON OBJ 14, LON OBJ 15, LON OBJ 16, LON OBJ 17, LON OBJ 18, LON OBJ 19, MOY OB 9, MOY OB 10, MOY OB 13, NOB OBJ 12, NOB OBJ13, NOB OBJ 14, RATHC OBJ 12, RATHC OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 8, SLN OBJ 12, SLN OBJ 14, SUM OBJ 11,	GHIB OBJ 11, BAL OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 9, CAR OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 9, CARN OBJ 10, CARN OBJ 11, CARN OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 15, CAR OBJ 14, DON OBJ 12, DON OBJ 14, DON OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 13, DRUM OBJ 14, GOR OBJ 9, GOR OBJ 10, JUL OBJ 5, JUL OBJ 6, JUL OBJ 7, JUL OBJ 8, KILB OBJ 12, KILB OBJ 13, KILM OBJ 8, KILM OBJ 9, KLM OBJ 5, KLM OBJ 6, MOY OBJ 11, MOY OB 12, NOB OBJ 10, NOB OBJ 11, NOB OBJ 15, NOB OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 9, SLN OBJ 13, SLN OBJ 15, SLN OBJ 16, SLN OBJ 17, SUM OBJ 12, SUM OBJ 12,
Objectives - Social					
Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna) (B)	(B_1) Preserve, protect, maintain and where appropriate restore the terrestrial, aquatic and soil biodiversity, including internationally, EU and nationally designated sites and protected species.		BAL OBJ 14, BAL OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 19, KEN OBJ 13, KLM OBJ 15, LON OBJ 20, NOB OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 12,	GHIB OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 15, CAR OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 18, CLO OBJ 20, CLO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 15, CRO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 18, DON OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 17, DRUM OBJ 18, GOR OBJ 7, GOR OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 12, KILD OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 10, KILM OBJ 11, KILM OBJ 12, KLM OBJ 14, KLM OBJ 16, KLM OBJ 17, LON OBJ 21, LON OBJ 22, LON OBJ 23, MOY OBJ 14, RATHC OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 10, RATH OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 13,	CAR OBJ 13, CRO OBJ 17,
Population & Human Health (PHH)	(PHH_1) Provide high quality residential, community, working and recreational environments with access to sustainable transport options.			DRUM OBJ 17, DRUM OBJ 18, KLM OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 11,	GHIB OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 14, BAL OBJ 15, BAL OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 4, CARN OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 18, CLO OBJ 19, CLO OBJ 20, CLO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 15, CRO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 17, CRO OBJ 18, DON OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 16, GOR OBJ 7, GOR OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 12, KEN OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 10, KILM OBJ 11, KILM OBJ 12, KLM OBJ 14, KLM OBJ 15, KLM OBJ 17, LON OBJ 20, LON OBJ 21, LON OBJ 22, LON OBJ 23, MOY OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 10, RATH OBJ 12, SUM OBJ 13,

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 2: Draft Villages Assessment

Theme	Objective	- Negative	? Uncertain	O Neutral	+ Positive
Population & Human Health (PHH)	(PHH_2) Protect human health and well-being.			BAL OBJ 16, CLO OBJ 19, CLO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 15, CRO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 18, DON OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 17, DRUM OBJ 18, GOR OBJ 7, KEN OBJ 12, KEN OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 10, KILM OBJ 11, KILM OBJ 12, KLM OBJ 14, KLM OBJ 15, KLM OBJ 16, KLM OBJ 17, LON OBJ 20, LON OBJ 21, LON OBJ 22, LON OBJ 23, MOY OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 17, RATHC OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 10, RATH OBJ 12, SUM OBJ 13,	GHIB OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 14, BAL OBJ 15, CAR OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 18, CLO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 17, GOR OBJ 8, RATH OBJ 11,
Soils & Geology (SG)	(SG_1) Safeguard sensitive soil resources.		BAL OBJ 14, BAL OBJ 16, CLO OBJ 19, KLM OBJ 15, LON OBJ 20, LON OBJ 21, LON OBJ 22, NOB OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 12,	GHIB OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 15, CAR OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 18, CLO OBJ 20, CLO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 15, CRO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 17, CRO OBJ 18, DON OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 17, DRUM OBJ 18, GOR OBJ 7, GOR OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 12, KEN OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 10, KILM OBJ 11, KILM OBJ 12, KLM OBJ 14, KLM OBJ 16, KLM OBJ 17, LON OBJ 23, MOY OBJ 14, RATHC OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 10, RATH OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 13,	
Water Quality (W)	(W_1) Protect and where necessary improve and maintain water quality and the management of watercourses, groundwater and the marine environment, in compliance with the requirements of the WFD objectives and measures.		BAL OBJ 14, BAL OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 12, CLO OBJ 19, KLM OBJ 15, LON OBJ 20, LON OBJ 21, LON OBJ 22, NOB OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 12,	GHIB OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 15, CAR OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 18, CLO OBJ 20, CLO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 15, CRO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 17, CRO OBJ 18, DON OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 17, DRUM OBJ 18, GOR OBJ 7, GOR OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 12, KEN OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 10, KILM OBJ 11, KILM OBJ 12, KLM OBJ 14, KLM OBJ 16, KLM OBJ 17, LON OBJ 23, MOY OBJ 14, RATHC OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 10, RATH OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 13,	
Air Quality & Noise & Climate Change (ANCC)	(AN_1) Minimise emissions of pollutants to air associated with transport.			GHIB OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 14, BAL OBJ 15, BAL OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 18, CLO OBJ 19, CLO OBJ 20, CLO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 15, CRO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 17, CRO OBJ 18, DON OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 17, DRUM OBJ 18, GOR OBJ 7, GOR OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 12, KEN OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 10, KILM OBJ 11, KILM OBJ 12, KLM OBJ 14, KLM OBJ 15, KLM OBJ 16, KLM OBJ 17, LON OBJ 20, LON OBJ 21, LON OBJ 22, LON OBJ 23, MOY OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 17, RATHC OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 10, RATH OBJ 11, RATH OBJ 12, SUM OBJ 13,	
	(AN_2) Minimise noise emissions associated with traffic and transport.			GHIB OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 14, BAL OBJ 15, BAL OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 17, CLO OBJ 18, CLO OBJ 19, CLO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 15, CRO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 17, CRO OBJ 18, DON OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 17, DRUM OBJ 18, GOR OBJ 7, GOR OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 12, KEN OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 10, KILM OBJ 11, KILM OBJ 12, KLM OBJ 14, KLM OBJ 15, KLM OBJ 16, KLM OBJ 17, LON OBJ 20, LON OBJ 21, LON OBJ 22, LON OBJ 23, MOY OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 17, RATHC OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 10, RATH OBJ 11, RATH OBJ 12, SUM OBJ 13,	
Climate Change (CC)	(CC_1) Minimise contribution to Climate Change by adopting adaptation and mitigation measures.		BAL OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 12,	GHIB OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 15, BAL OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 17, CLO OBJ 18, CLO OBJ 19, CLO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 15, CRO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 17, CRO OBJ 18, DON OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 17, DRUM OBJ 18, GOR OBJ 7, GOR OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 12, KEN OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 10, KILM OBJ 11, KILM OBJ 12, KLM OBJ 14, KLM OBJ 15, KLM OBJ 16, KLM OBJ 17, LON OBJ 20, LON OBJ 21, LON OBJ 22, LON OBJ 23, MOY OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 17, RATHC OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 10, RATH OBJ 11, SUM OBJ 13,	
Material Assets (MA)	(MA_1) Make best use of existing infrastructure and promote the sustainable development of new infrastructure to meet the needs of the county's and Meath's population.		NOB OBJ 17,	GHIB OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 15, CAR OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 17, CLO OBJ 18, CLO OBJ 19, CLO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 15, CRO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 17, CRO OBJ 18, DON OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 17, DRUM OBJ 18, GOR OBJ 7, GOR OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 12, KEN OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 10, KILM OBJ 11, KILM OBJ 12, KLM OBJ 14, KLM OBJ 15, KLM OBJ 16, KLM OBJ 17, LON OBJ 20, LON OBJ 21, LON OBJ 22, LON OBJ 23, MOY OBJ 14, RATHC OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 10, RATH OBJ 11, RATH OBJ 12, SUM OBJ 13,	BAL OBJ 14, BAL OBJ 16,
Cultural Heritage (CH)	(CH_1) Protect places, features, buildings and landscapes of cultural, archaeological and / or architectural heritage from impact as a result of development.			GHIB OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 14, BAL OBJ 15, CAR OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 17, CLO OBJ 18, CLO OBJ 19, CLO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 15, CRO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 17, CRO OBJ 18, DON OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 17, DRUM OBJ 18, GOR OBJ 7, GOR OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 10, KILM OBJ 11, KILM OBJ 12, KLM OBJ 14, KLM OBJ 15, KLM OBJ 16, KLM OBJ 17, LON OBJ 20, LON OBJ 21, LON OBJ 22, LON OBJ 23, MOY OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 17, RATHC OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 10, RATH OBJ 11, RATH OBJ 12, SUM OBJ 13,	BAL OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 13, DRUM OBJ 16, KEN OBJ 14,
Landscape & Visual (LV)	(LV_1) Protect and maintain the special qualities of the landscape character including coastal character within Meath.			GHIB OBJ 12, BAL OBJ 14, BAL OBJ 15, BAL OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 12, CAR OBJ 13, CAR OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 13, CLO OBJ 17, CLO OBJ 18, CLO OBJ 19, CLO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 15, CRO OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 17, DON OBJ 16, DRUM OBJ 15, DRUM OBJ 17, DRUM OBJ 18, GOR OBJ 7, GOR OBJ 8, KEN OBJ 12, KEN OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 13, KILD OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 10, KILM OBJ 11, KILM OBJ 12, KLM OBJ 14, KLM OBJ 15, KLM OBJ 16, KLM OBJ 17, LON OBJ 20, LON OBJ 21, LON OBJ 22, LON OBJ 23, MOY OBJ 14, NOB OBJ 17, RATHC OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 10, RATH OBJ 11, RATH OBJ 12, SUM OBJ 13,	CRO OBJ 18, DRUM OBJ 16,

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 2: Draft Villages Assessment

Theme	Objective	- Negative	? Uncertain	O Neutral	+ Positive
Objectives - Urban Design and Public Realm					
Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna) (B)	(B_1) Preserve, protect, maintain and where appropriate restore the terrestrial, aquatic and soil biodiversity, including internationally, EU and nationally designated sites and protected species.		CAR OBJ 15, CARN OBJ 14 , CLO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 20, KLM OBJ 19, LON OBJ 24,	GHIB OBJ 13, GHIB OBJ 14, GHIB OBJ 15, GHIB OBJ 16, BAL OBJ 17, BAL OBJ 18, BAL OBJ 19, BAL OBJ 20, CAR OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 17, CAR OBJ 18, CARN OBJ 15, CARN OBJ 16, CARN OBJ 17, CLO OBJ 22, CLO OBJ 23, CLO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 19, CRO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 22, CRO OBJ 23, CRO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 25, DON OBJ 17, DON OBJ 18, DON OBJ 19, DON OBJ 20, DON OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 19, DRUM OBJ 20, DRUM OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 22, GOR OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 12, GOR OBJ 13, GOR OBJ 14, JUL OBJ 15, JUL OBJ 16, JUL OBJ 17, JUL OBJ 18, JUL OBJ 19, JUL OBJ 20, KEN OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 15, KILB OBJ 16, KILB OBJ 17, KILD OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 13, KILM OBJ 14, KIL M OBJ 15, KILM OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 17, KLM OBJ 18, KLM OBJ 20, LON OBJ 25, LON OBJ 26, LON OBJ 27, MOY OBJ 15, MOY OBJ 16, MOY OBJ 17, NOB OBJ 18, NOB OBJ 19, NOB OBJ 20, RATHC OBJ 15, RATHC OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 15, RATH OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 19, SLN OBJ 20, SLN OBJ 21, SUM OBJ 14, SUM OBJ 15,	RATH OBJ 13,
Population & Human Health (PHH)	(PHH_1) Provide high quality residential, community, working and recreational environments with access to sustainable transport options.			GHIB OBJ 16, BAL OBJ 17, BAL OBJ 18, BAL OBJ 19, BAL OBJ 20, CAR OBJ 17, CARN OBJ 16, CARN OBJ 16, CRO OBJ 22, CRO OBJ 23, CRO OBJ 24, DON OBJ 17, DON OBJ 20, DON OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 20, DRUM OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 22, GOR OBJ 13, GOR OBJ 14, JUL OBJ 16, KILD OBJ 16, KLM OBJ 18, KLM OBJ 19, KLM OBJ 20, MOY OBJ 15, MOY OBJ 17, NOB OBJ 18, NOB OBJ 19, NOB OBJ 20, RATH OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 15, RATH OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 19, SLN OBJ 20, SLN OBJ 21, SUM OBJ 14, SUM OBJ 15,	GHIB OBJ 13, GHIB OBJ 14, GHIB OBJ 15, CAR OBJ 15, CAR OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 18, CARN OBJ 14 , CARN OBJ 15, CLO OBJ 21, CLO OBJ 22, CLO OBJ 23, CLO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 19, CRO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 25, DON OBJ 18, DON OBJ 19, DRUM OBJ 19, GOR OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 12, JUL OBJ 15, JUL OBJ 17, JUL OBJ 18, JUL OBJ 19, JUL OBJ 20, KEN OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 15, KILB OBJ 16, KILB OBJ 17, KILD OBJ 15, KILM OBJ 13, KILM OBJ 14, KIL M OBJ 15, KILM OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 17, LON OBJ 24, LON OBJ 25, LON OBJ 26, LON OBJ 27, MOY OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 15, RATHC OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 13,
	(PHH_2) Protect human health and well-being.			GHIB OBJ 13, GHIB OBJ 14, GHIB OBJ 15, GHIB OBJ 16, BAL OBJ 17, BAL OBJ 18, BAL OBJ 19, BAL OBJ 20, CAR OBJ 15, CAR OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 17, CAR OBJ 18, CARN OBJ 14 , CARN OBJ 15, CARN OBJ 16, CARN OBJ 17, CLO OBJ 21, CLO OBJ 22, CLO OBJ 23, CLO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 19, CRO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 22, CRO OBJ 23, CRO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 25, DON OBJ 17, DON OBJ 18, DON OBJ 19, DON OBJ 20, DON OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 19, DRUM OBJ 20, DRUM OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 22, GOR OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 12, GOR OBJ 13, GOR OBJ 14, JUL OBJ 15, JUL OBJ 16, JUL OBJ 17, JUL OBJ 18, JUL OBJ 19, JUL OBJ 20, KEN OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 15, KILB OBJ 16, KILB OBJ 17, KILD OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 13, KILM OBJ 14, KIL M OBJ 15, KILM OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 17, KLM OBJ 18, KLM OBJ 19, KLM OBJ 20, LON OBJ 24, LON OBJ 25, LON OBJ 26, LON OBJ 27, MOY OBJ 15, MOY OBJ 16, MOY OBJ 17, NOB OBJ 18, NOB OBJ 19, NOB OBJ 20, RATHC OBJ 15, RATHC OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 15, RATH OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 19, SLN OBJ 20, SLN OBJ 21, SUM OBJ 14, SUM OBJ 15,	
Soils & Geology (SG)	(SG_1) Safeguard sensitive soil resources.		CAR OBJ 15, CARN OBJ 15 , CRO OBJ 20, LON OBJ 24,	GHIB OBJ 13, GHIB OBJ 14, GHIB OBJ 15, GHIB OBJ 16, BAL OBJ 17, BAL OBJ 18, BAL OBJ 19, BAL OBJ 20, CAR OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 17, CAR OBJ 18, CARN OBJ 16, CARN OBJ 17, CARN OBJ 18, CLO OBJ 22, CLO OBJ 23, CLO OBJ 24, CLO OBJ 25, CLO OBJ 21, CLO OBJ 22, CLO OBJ 23, CLO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 25, DON OBJ 17, DON OBJ 18, DON OBJ 19, DON OBJ 20, DON OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 19, DRUM OBJ 20, DRUM OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 22, GOR OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 12, GOR OBJ 13, GOR OBJ 14, JUL OBJ 15, JUL OBJ 16, JUL OBJ 17, JUL OBJ 18, JUL OBJ 19, JUL OBJ 20, KEN OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 15, KILB OBJ 16, KILB OBJ 17, KILD OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 13, KILM OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 15, KILM OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 17, KLM OBJ 18, KLM OBJ 19, KLM OBJ 20, LON OBJ 25, LON OBJ 26, LON OBJ 27, MOY OBJ 15, MOY OBJ 16, MOY OBJ 17, NOB OBJ 18, NOB OBJ 20, RATHC OBJ 15, RATHC OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 15, RATH OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 19, SLN OBJ 20, SLN OBJ 21, SUM OBJ 14, SUM OBJ 15,	RATH OBJ 13,
Water Quality (W)	(W_1) Protect and where necessary improve and maintain water quality and the management of watercourses, groundwater and the marine environment, in compliance with the requirements of the WFD objectives and measures.		CAR OBJ 15, CARN OBJ 15 , CRO OBJ 20, LON OBJ 24,	GHIB OBJ 13, GHIB OBJ 14, GHIB OBJ 15, GHIB OBJ 16, BAL OBJ 17, BAL OBJ 18, BAL OBJ 19, BAL OBJ 20, CAR OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 17, CAR OBJ 18, CARN OBJ 16, CARN OBJ 17, CARN OBJ 18, CLO OBJ 21, CLO OBJ 22, CLO OBJ 23, CLO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 19, CRO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 22, CRO OBJ 23, CRO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 25, DON OBJ 17, DON OBJ 18, DON OBJ 19, DON OBJ 20, DON OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 19, DRUM OBJ 20, DRUM OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 22, GOR OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 12, GOR OBJ 13, GOR OBJ 14, JUL OBJ 15, JUL OBJ 16, JUL OBJ 17, JUL OBJ 18, JUL OBJ 19, JUL OBJ 20, KEN OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 15, KILB OBJ 16, KILB OBJ 17, KILD OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 13, KILM OBJ 14, KIL M OBJ 15, KILM OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 17, KLM OBJ 18, KLM OBJ 19, KLM OBJ 20, LON OBJ 25, LON OBJ 26, LON OBJ 27, MOY OBJ 15, MOY OBJ 16, MOY OBJ 17, NOB OBJ 18, NOB OBJ 20, RATHC OBJ 15, RATHC OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 15, RATH OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 19, SLN OBJ 20, SLN OBJ 21, SUM OBJ 14, SUM OBJ 15,	RATH OBJ 13,
Air Quality & Noise & Climate	(AN_1) Minimise emissions of pollutants to air associated with transport.		CAR OBJ 15, CARN OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 22, CLO OBJ 23,	GHIB OBJ 13, GHIB OBJ 14, GHIB OBJ 15, GHIB OBJ 16, BAL OBJ 17, BAL OBJ 18, BAL OBJ 19, BAL OBJ 20, CAR OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 17, CAR OBJ 18, CARN OBJ 15, CARN OBJ 16, CARN OBJ 17, CLO OBJ 24, CLO OBJ 25, CRO OBJ 19, CRO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 22, CRO OBJ 23, CRO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 25, DON OBJ 17, DON OBJ 18, DON OBJ 19, DON OBJ 20, DON OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 19, DRUM OBJ 20, DRUM OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 22, GOR OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 12, GOR OBJ 13, GOR OBJ 14, JUL OBJ 15, JUL OBJ 16, JUL OBJ 17, JUL OBJ 18, JUL OBJ 19, JUL OBJ 20, KEN OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 15, KILB OBJ 16, KILB OBJ 17, KILD OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 13, KILM OBJ 14, KIL M OBJ 15, KILM OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 17, KLM OBJ 18, KLM OBJ 19, KLM OBJ 20, LON OBJ 24, LON OBJ 26, LON OBJ 27, MOY OBJ 15, MOY OBJ 16, MOY OBJ 17, NOB OBJ 18, NOB OBJ 19, NOB OBJ 20, RATHC OBJ 15, RATHC OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 15, RATH OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 19, SLN OBJ 20, SLN OBJ 21, SUM OBJ 14, SUM OBJ 15,	LON OBJ 25, RATH OBJ 13,

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 2: Draft Villages Assessment

Theme	Objective	- Negative	? Uncertain	O Neutral	+ Positive
Change (ANCC)					
	(AN_2) Minimise noise emissions associated with traffic and transport.		CAR OBJ 15, CARN OBJ 14, CLO OBJ 21, CLO OBJ 22,	GHIB OBJ 13, GHIB OBJ 14, GHIB OBJ 15, GHIB OBJ 16, BAL OBJ 17, BAL OBJ 18, BAL OBJ 19, BAL OBJ 20, CAR OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 17, CAR OBJ 18, CARN OBJ 15, CARN OBJ 16, CARN OBJ 17, CLO OBJ 23, CLO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 19, CRO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 22, CRO OBJ 23, CRO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 25, DON OBJ 17, DON OBJ 18, DON OBJ 19, DON OBJ 20, DON OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 19, DRUM OBJ 20, DRUM OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 22, GOR OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 12, GOR OBJ 13, GOR OBJ 14, JUL OBJ 15, JUL OBJ 16, JUL OBJ 17, JUL OBJ 18, JUL OBJ 19, JUL OBJ 20, KEN OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 15, KILB OBJ 16, KILB OBJ 17, KILD OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 13, KILM OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 15, KILM OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 17, KLM OBJ 18, KLM OBJ 19, KLM OBJ 20, LON OBJ 24, LON OBJ 26, LON OBJ 27, MOY OBJ 15, MOY OBJ 16, MOY OBJ 17, NOB OBJ 18, NOB OBJ 19, NOB OBJ 20, RATHC OBJ 15, RATHC OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 15, RATH OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 19, SLN OBJ 20, SLN OBJ 21, SUM OBJ 14, SUM OBJ 15,	LON OBJ 25, RATH OBJ 13,
Climate Change (CC)	(CC_1) Minimise contribution to Climate Change by adopting adaptation and mitigation measures.		CLO OBJ 21,	GHIB OBJ 13, GHIB OBJ 14, GHIB OBJ 15, GHIB OBJ 16, BAL OBJ 17, BAL OBJ 18, BAL OBJ 19, BAL OBJ 20, CAR OBJ 15, CAR OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 17, CAR OBJ 18, CARN OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 15, CARN OBJ 16, CARN OBJ 17, CLO OBJ 22, CLO OBJ 23, CLO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 19, CRO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 22, CRO OBJ 23, CRO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 25, DON OBJ 17, DON OBJ 18, DON OBJ 19, DON OBJ 20, DON OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 19, DRUM OBJ 20, DRUM OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 22, GOR OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 12, GOR OBJ 13, GOR OBJ 14, JUL OBJ 16, JUL OBJ 18, JUL OBJ 19, JUL OBJ 20, KEN OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 15, KILB OBJ 16, KILB OBJ 17, KILD OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 13, KILM OBJ 14, KIL M OBJ 15, KILM OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 17, KLM OBJ 18, KLM OBJ 19, KLM OBJ 20, LON OBJ 24, LON OBJ 25, LON OBJ 26, LON OBJ 27, MOY OBJ 15, MOY OBJ 16, MOY OBJ 17, NOB OBJ 18, NOB OBJ 19, NOB OBJ 20, RATHC OBJ 15, RATHC OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 15, RATH OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 19, SLN OBJ 20, SLN OBJ 21, SUM OBJ 14, SUM OBJ 15,	
Material Assets (MA)	(MA_1) Make best use of existing infrastructure and promote the sustainable development of new infrastructure to meet the needs of the county's and Meath's population.			GHIB OBJ 13, GHIB OBJ 14, GHIB OBJ 15, GHIB OBJ 16, BAL OBJ 17, BAL OBJ 18, BAL OBJ 19, BAL OBJ 20, CAR OBJ 15, CAR OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 17, CAR OBJ 18, CARN OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 15, CARN OBJ 16, CARN OBJ 17, CLO OBJ 21, CLO OBJ 22, CLO OBJ 23, CLO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 19, CRO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 22, CRO OBJ 23, CRO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 25, DON OBJ 17, DON OBJ 18, DON OBJ 19, DON OBJ 20, DON OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 19, DRUM OBJ 20, DRUM OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 22, GOR OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 12, GOR OBJ 13, GOR OBJ 14, JUL OBJ 16, JUL OBJ 17, JUL OBJ 18, JUL OBJ 19, JUL OBJ 20, KEN OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 15, KILB OBJ 16, KILB OBJ 17, KILD OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 13, KILM OBJ 14, KIL M OBJ 15, KILM OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 17, KLM OBJ 18, KLM OBJ 19, KLM OBJ 20, LON OBJ 24, LON OBJ 25, LON OBJ 26, LON OBJ 27, MOY OBJ 15, MOY OBJ 16, MOY OBJ 17, NOB OBJ 18, NOB OBJ 19, NOB OBJ 20, RATHC OBJ 15, RATHC OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 15, RATH OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 19, SLN OBJ 20, SLN OBJ 21, SUM OBJ 14, SUM OBJ 15,	RATH OBJ 13,
Cultural Heritage (CH)	(CH_1) Protect places, features, buildings and landscapes of cultural, archaeological and / or architectural heritage from impact as a result of development.			GHIB OBJ 13, GHIB OBJ 14, BAL OBJ 17, BAL OBJ 18, BAL OBJ 19, BAL OBJ 20, CAR OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 17, CAR OBJ 18, CARN OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 15, CARN OBJ 16, CARN OBJ 17, CLO OBJ 21, CLO OBJ 22, CLO OBJ 23, CLO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 19, CRO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 22, CRO OBJ 23, CRO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 25, DON OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 19, DRUM OBJ 20, DRUM OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 22, GOR OBJ 13, GOR OBJ 14, JUL OBJ 15, JUL OBJ 16, JUL OBJ 17, JUL OBJ 18, JUL OBJ 20, KEN OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 15, KILB OBJ 16, KILB OBJ 17, KILD OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 13, KILM OBJ 14, KILM OBJ 15, KILM OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 17, KLM OBJ 19, KLM OBJ 20, LON OBJ 24, LON OBJ 25, LON OBJ 26, LON OBJ 27, MOY OBJ 15, NOB OBJ 18, NOB OBJ 19, NOB OBJ 20, RATHC OBJ 15, RATHC OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 15, RATH OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 19, SLN OBJ 20, SLN OBJ 21, SUM OBJ 14, SUM OBJ 15,	GHIB OBJ 15, GHIB OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 15, DON OBJ 17, DON OBJ 18, DON OBJ 19, GOR OBJ 11, GOR OBJ 12, JUL OBJ 19, KLM OBJ 18, MOY OBJ 16, MOY OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 14, SLN OBJ 18,
Landscape & Visual (LV)	(LV_1) Protect and maintain the special qualities of the landscape character including coastal character within Meath.			GHIB OBJ 13, GHIB OBJ 14, GHIB OBJ 15, BAL OBJ 17, BAL OBJ 18, BAL OBJ 19, CAR OBJ 15, CAR OBJ 16, CAR OBJ 17, CAR OBJ 18, CARN OBJ 14, CARN OBJ 15, CARN OBJ 16, CLO OBJ 21, CLO OBJ 22, CLO OBJ 23, CLO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 19, CRO OBJ 20, CRO OBJ 21, CRO OBJ 22, CRO OBJ 23, CRO OBJ 24, CRO OBJ 25, DON OBJ 20, DON OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 19, DRUM OBJ 21, DRUM OBJ 22, GOR OBJ 11, JUL OBJ 17, JUL OBJ 18, JUL OBJ 20, KEN OBJ 14, KEN OBJ 15, KILD OBJ 15, KILM OBJ 13, KILM OBJ 14, KIL M OBJ 15, LON OBJ 24, LON OBJ 25, LON OBJ 26, LON OBJ 27, MOY OBJ 16, MOY OBJ 17, NOB OBJ 18, NOB OBJ 19, NOB OBJ 20, RATHC OBJ 15, RATHC OBJ 16, RATHC OBJ 17, RATH OBJ 14, RATH OBJ 15, RATH OBJ 16, RATH OBJ 17, SLN OBJ 18, SLN OBJ 19, SLN OBJ 20, SLN OBJ 21, SUM OBJ 14,	GHIB OBJ 16, BAL OBJ 20, CARN OBJ 17,DON OBJ 17, DON OBJ 18, DON OBJ 19, DRUM OBJ 20, GOR OBJ 12, GOR OBJ 13, GOR OBJ 14, JUL OBJ 15, JUL OBJ 16, JUL OBJ 19, KEN OBJ 16, KEN OBJ 17, KILD OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 16, KILM OBJ 17, KLM OBJ 18, KLM OBJ 19, KLM OBJ 20, MOY OBJ 15, RATH OBJ 13, RATH OBJ 18, SUM OBJ 15,

APPENDIX A8.1 TABLE 3: TOWNS ASSESSMENT

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 3: Draft Towns (Settlements) Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Objectives – General	DCE OBJ 3	To support and encourage residential development on under-utilised land and / or vacant lands including ‘infill’ and ‘brownfield’ sites, subject to a high standard of design and layout being achieved.	?	+	O	+	?	O	O	+	+	O	O
	DCE OBJ 4	To continue to support the implementation of the Active Land Management Strategy in Dunboyne	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	DCE OBJ 5	To operate an Order of Priority for the release and development of residential lands with any lands identified as being ‘Post 2026’ not available for development until after 2026.	?	+	O	?	?	O	O	O	O	?	?
	DCE OBJ 6	To prioritise the delivery of residential development on the residentially zoned lands adjacent to Dunboyne Rail Station and Dunboyne North.	?	+	O	?	?	O	O	O	O	?	?
	DCE OBJ 7	To continue to support and facilitate the development of the Dunboyne-Clonee area as a hub for employment and economic investment in County Meath and the Dublin Metropolitan Area.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	DCE OBJ 8	To liaise with and support Irish Water to endeavour to provide adequate water services to meet the development needs of Dunboyne and Clonee within the Plan period.	?	O	+	?	+	O	O	O	O	O	O
	DCE OBJ 9	To facilitate the preparation of Master Plans at: - MP 1 Lands at Dunboyne North - MP2 Lands at Bracetown/Gunnocks -MP3 Lands at Pace townland between Piercetown and Bracetown, east of the M3 Motorway. As set out in Section 7 of this written statement.	?	+	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	DCE OBJ 10	To support and facilitate the provision of primary and post-primary school facilities.	?	+	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	DCE OBJ 11	To support and facilitate the provision of of new educational facilities for Dunboyne College of Further Education preferably at lands proximate to the rail station at Dunboyne North.	?	+	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	DCE OBJ 12	To support and facilitate improvements to and extensions of the east-west linear park, enhancing the environmental quality and amenity of the Castle River corridor.	+	+	+	O	+	O	O	O	O	?	?
	DCE OBJ 13	To explore the feasibility of developing a regional park on lands to the east/south east of Dunboyne Rail Station which willinclude areas of active and passive recreational amenities and will meet the needs of the existing and future population in the Plan area.	?	+	O	?	?	O	O	O	O	?	?
	DCE OBJ 14	To encourage and facilitate the provision of east – west connections across the railway at A2 zoned lands within Dunboyne.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	DCE OBJ 15	To facilitate the development of a pedestrian link over the M3 to support the development of employment lands to the north of Dunboyne.	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	DCE OBJ 16	To support and facilitate the implementation of cycle lanes and associated cycle infrastructure upgrades as identified within the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan, within the town centre in partnership with the National Transport Authority and other relevant stakeholders.	O	+	+	O	O	+	+	+	O	O	O
	DCE OBJ 17	To support and facilitate in conjunction with the National Transport Authority the extension of the existing bus service to the M3 parkway and development lands to the north of Dunboyne.	O	+	O	O	O	?	?	O	O	O	O
	DCE OBJ 18	To support the delivery, in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders, of a link road on the lands zoned for new residential development to the east and north east of Dunboyne.	?	+	O	?	?	-	-	-	?	?	?
	DCE OBJ 19	To support the delivery, in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders, of a link road within to the south of Dunboyne extending from the Station Road to Rooske Road.	?	+	O	?	?	-	-	-	?	?	?
	DCE OBJ 20	To facilitate, in conjunction with the National Transport Authority and all relevant stakeholders, the provision of new pedestrian and cycle linkages and infrastructure, connecting lands at Pace to Dunboyne Town Centre.	O	+	+	O	O	+	+	+	O	O	O
	DCE OBJ 21	To facilitate the implementation of a HGV ban in both Clonee and Dunboyne town centres.	O	O	+	O	O	+	+	+	O	O	O
	DCE OBJ 22	To support and facilitate the transport infrastructure and measures set out in the Transportation Study for Dunboyne and Environs (Aecom Transport Consultants).	?	+	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	DCE OBJ 23	To support the delivery, in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders, of a footpath extending from the development boundary of Dunboyne on the Rooske Road northwards to link with the existing footpath on the Rooske Road.	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Dunshaughlin													
Policy	DNS POL 1	To support the growth of Dunshaughlin in a manner that allows the town to fulfil its function as a ‘Self-Sustaining Growth Town’ by facilitating sustainable residential growth and promoting the town as a centre for employment and economic development that maximises the transport links with key settlements in the County and wider Region.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Objectives	DNS OBJ 1	To secure the implementation of the Core Strategy of the County Development Plan, in so far as is practicable, by ensuring the household target for Dunshaughlin as set out in Table 2.11 of the Core Strategy is not exceeded.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	?	O	O
	DNS OBJ 2	To support and encourage residential development on under-utilised land and/or vacant lands including ‘infill’ and ‘brownfield’ sites, subject to a high standard of design and layout being achieved.	?	+	O	+	?	O	O	+	+	O	O
	DNS OBJ 3	To continue to support the implementation of the Active Land Management Strategy in Dunshaughlin.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	DNS OBJ 4	To operate an Order of Priority for the release and development of residential lands with any lands identified as being ‘Post 2026’ not available for development until after 2026.	?	+	O	?	?	O	O	O	O	?	?
Objective	DNS OBJ 5	To facilitate the development of local business employment and enterprises on lands zoned for employment.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	O	?	?	?
	DNS OBJ 6	To facilitate the development of a ‘strategic employment site’ for high technology uses.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
Objective	DNS OBJ 7	To liaise with and support Irish Water to endeavour to provide adequate water services to meet the development needs of Dunshaughlin within the Plan period.	?	O	+	?	+	O	O	O	O	O	O
Initiatives - Development	DNS OBJ 8	To support improvements in the pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in the town that will improve connectivity and permeability and promote more sustainable modes of transport.	O	+	+	O	O	+	+	+	O	O	O
	DNS OBJ 9	To facilitate the completion of the Eastern Relief Road from the Dublin Road to the Lagore Road and on to the Red Bog Road to the east and south-east of the town.	?	+	O	?	?	-	-	-	?	?	?

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 3: Draft Towns (Settlements) Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Objectives - Social	DNS OBJ 10	To support the continuation of the Western Distributor Link Road from its position west of the Dunshaughlin Interchange to the R147 south of the town.	?	+	O	?	?	-	-	-	?	?	?
	DNS OBJ 11	To examine the feasibility of providing Park and Ride facilities in Dunshaughlin located in employment lands in the south western part of the town.	O	+	+	O	O	?	?	O	O	O	O
Objectives - Social	DNS OBJ 12	To support the development of a primary and secondary school in Dunshaughlin to meet the educational needs of the residents of the town and its catchment.	?	+	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	DNS OBJ 13	To support the development of playing fields and / or any other identified recreational uses on the land zoned as open space adjacent to ‘The Willows’ residential development in the southern part of the town.	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Objective	DNS OBJ 14	To ensure that any development in the town centre contributes positively to and enhances the streetscape of Dunshaughlin	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
EAST MEATH - Bettystown - Laytown - Mornington East - Donacarney - Mornington													
Policy	BLMD POL 1	To promote the sustainable growth of the East Meath settlements of Laytown-Bettystown-Mornington East and Donacarney-Mornington by focusing on consolidation and the provision of additional employment and community facilities that would create a more balanced and sustainable community.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Objectives – General	BLMD OBJ 1	To secure the implementation of the Core Strategy of the County Development Plan, in so far as is practicable, by ensuring the household allocation for the East Meath settlements as set out in Table 2.11 of the Core Strategy is not exceeded.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	?	O	O
	BLMD OBJ 2	To carefully manage the consolidation of Bettystown-Laytown-Mornington East and Mornington-Donacarney and avoid the coalescence of the settlements.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	BLMD OBJ 3	To support the re-use / regeneration of any vacant properties and lands through active land management.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	BLMD OBJ 4	To provide for the development of industrial, manufacturing, distribution, warehousing, technology, and campus style office based employment on the western side of Laytown rail station. Enterprise and employment proposals shall be developed in tandem with park and ride facilities and enhanced pedestrian connectivity between the rail station and the residential development further north in Laytown all to facilitate the development of a sustainable ‘live work’ community.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	BLMD OBJ 5	To identify a suitable location, and support the provision of a co-working facility in East Meath that functions as an outreach hub for city based employers.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	BLMD OBJ 6	To continue to support the delivery of the North-South Spine Road linking Bettystown and Laytown.	?	+	O	?	?	-	-	-	?	?	?
	BLMD OBJ 7	To facilitate the provision of a new car parking facility at Laytown Train Station in conjunction with the National Transport Authority and Irish Rail (see OBJ 2 on the Land Use Zoning Map).	O	+	O	O	O	?	?	?	O	O	O
	BLMD OBJ 8	To facilitate the provision of a train station at Bettystown (in addition to the existing station at Laytown) as part of the DART expansion works to Drogheda through the planned electrification of the Northern rail line by Irish Rail (see OBJ 1 on the Land Use Zoning Map).	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	BLMD OBJ 9	To support the preparation, in association with Louth County Council, of a Transport Study for East Meath and South Drogheda that assesses the capacity of existing roads, walking, and public transport infrastructure in the area and identifies any future investment in this infrastructure required to ensure the sustainable growth and development of this area.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	BLMD OBJ 10	To implement the Public Realm Strategy for Bettystown and Laytown.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	BLMD OBJ 11	To support the development of the Boyne Greenway from Mornington to Drogheda in conjunction with the NTA, Failte Ireland and all relevant stakeholders, subject to obtaining all relevant assessments and consents. The provision of the Boyne Greenway will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where adverse effects on European sites are identified, alternative locations and / or designs will be developed to ensure that the greenway will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites, either alone or in-combination with any other plans or projects. It is reasonable to assume that at the detailed design stage any potential for a project element to impact on the European site could, and will, be resolved through the exploration of alternative locations or designs. If, despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposal will adversely affect the integrity of the European site, the greenway or that particular portion of the greenway, will not be progressed unless an alternative solution can be implemented which avoids / reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European site(s) is (are) unaffected.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	BLMD OBJ 12	To promote more sustainable forms of transport, including the provision of new pedestrian and cycle paths, public lighting and traffic calming measures that would improve connectivity in the East Meath area.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	BLMD OBJ 13	To seek to identify any upgrades to the local road network required as part of the development of the Strategic Employment site in Laytown. The provision of these road upgrades will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where adverse effects on European sites are identified, alternative locations and / or deigns will be developed to ensure that the Greenway will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites, either alone or in-combination with any other plans or projects. It is reasonable to assume that at the detailed design stage any potential for a project element to impact on the European site could, and will, be resolved through the exploration of alternative locations or designs. If, despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposal will adversely affect the integrity of the European site, the Greenway or that particular portion of the greenway, will not be progressed unless an alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/ reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European site(s) is (are) unaffected.	?	+	O	?	?	-	-	-	+	?	?
	BLMD OBJ 14	To liaise with and support Irish Water to endeavour to provide adequate water services to meet the development needs of Bettystown, Laytown, Mornington East and Donacarney within the Plan period.	?	O	+	?	+	O	O	O	O	O	O
	BLMD OBJ 15	To manage flood risk and development in the East Meath area in accordance with policies and objectives set out in section 6.10 of Volume 1 of the County Development Plan ‘Flood Risk Management’.	+	O	+	+	+	O	O	+	O	O	O
	BLMD OBJ 16	To promote the preservation of individual trees or groups of trees as identified on the land use zoning map and to manage these trees in line with arboricultural best practice.	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O	O
	BLMD OBJ 17	To support the design and construction of a beach facilities building of high architectural quality at the entrance to Bettystown beach that will improve the provision of amenities and services available at the beach.	?	+	O	?	?	O	O	O	?	O	?
	BLMD OBJ 18	To identify and secure a site for the provision of a library to meet the needs of the entire East Meath area, subject to the availability of finance.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	BLMD OBJ 19	To identify an appropriate site and support the delivery of a community centre, subject to the availability of funding.	?	+	+	?	?	O	O	O	+	?	O

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 3: Draft Towns (Settlements) Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
	KIL OBJ 2	To support and facilitate the residential development of Kilcock Environs having regard to its proximity to the town centre and available amenities.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Objective	KIL OBJ 3	To liaise with and support Irish Water to endeavour to provide adequate water services to meet the development needs of Kilcock within the Plan period.	?	O	+	?	+	O	O	O	O	O	O
	KIL OBJ 4	To manage flood risk and development in Kilcock in accordance with the policies and objectives set down in Volume 1 of the County Development Plan in relation to ‘Flood Risk Management’.	+	O	+	+	+	O	O	+	O	O	O
Objectives – Movement	KIL OBJ 5	To reserve the corridor for the permitted Local Distributor Road within Kilcock Environs area extending from the R148 (Maynooth Road) to the roundabout along the R158 (Summerhill Road). Details of suitable links and tie-ins to the adjoining road network in County Kildare shall be designed in conjunction with Kildare County Council.	?	+	O	?	?	-	-	-	?	?	?
	KIL OBJ 6	To facilitate in conjunction with Kildare County Council the provision, in tandem with development, of the section of the Local Distributor Road extending from the R148 (Maynooth Road) to the existing R125 (Dunshaughlin Road).	?	+	O	?	?	-	-	-	?	?	?
	KIL OBJ 7	To carry out general road improvements in the Kilcock Environs, including junction tie-in works and upgrades to facilitate the provision of a new spine road.	?	+	O	?	?	-	-	-	?	?	?
	KIL OBJ 8	To examine the feasibility of a one-way traffic management system at Meath Bridge and traffic management plans for the Kilcock area in conjunction with Kildare County Council. All traffic management proposals in this area shall include suitable provisions for pedestrians and cyclists.	O	+	+	O	O	+	+	+	O	O	O
	KIL OBJ 9	To facilitate the provision of new and enhanced cycling and walking connections to Kilcock Town Centre.	O	+	+	O	O	+	+	+	O	O	O
Objectives	KIL OBJ 10	To develop a riverside walk and linear amenity area adjacent to the Rye Water River in accordance with a landscaping and amenity development programme that maintains a facility for vehicular access to the river for periodic cleaning purposes and provides connections for walking routes.	?	+	+	?	?	O	O	O	O	?	?
Objectives	KIL OBJ 11	To facilitate the creation of an urban environment of quality in a visual sense with good urban design with appropriate attention to orientation and landscaping.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	+
Maynooth Environs													
Policy	MAY POL 1	To ensure that the development of the Maynooth Environs is accommodated in an environmentally sensitive manner that will: 1. Create a centre of excellence for innovation and employment; 2. Protect the existing natural environment and built heritage and utilise it to frame new development, and; 3. Build a distinctive and attractive mixed-use place to work and live.	+	+	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	+	+
	MAY POL 2	To provide for high technology / bio technology industries/medical uses inclusive of associated advanced manufacturing, office, research and development uses in a high quality campus style environment on the strategic employment lands.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	MAY POL 3	To provide for high technology / bio technology industries/medical uses inclusive of associated advanced manufacturing, office, research and development uses in a high quality campus style environment on the strategic employment lands.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	O	O
Objectives – General	MAY OBJ 1	(Master Plan 1): It is an objective of the Planning Authority to require the submission with any application for development of lands at Moygaddy of a Master Plan for the prior written agreement of the Executive of the Planning Authority which shall address the following: 1. A Design Statement outlining the evolution of the design process for the proposed development. An emphasis on exemplar sustainable design and aesthetic quality shall be required 2. Proposals for the accessing of lands which shall adhere to the permitted Part VIII realignment of the junction of the R157 Regional Road and Moygaddy Road. 3. Proposals providing for the delivery of the Maynooth Outer Relief Road which shall be developer driven in tandem with the overall development; 4. Proposals for piped water services to be agreed with Irish Water compliant with any existing consents in place; 5. Mobility Management Plan for the development . This Plan shall be to the fore in establishing the agreed quantum of employees which can be accommodated within individual locations predicated on maximising public transport opportunities and the use of innovation in reducing associated carbon footprint. 6. Urban design and landscape design statement. Any development within the subject lands shall be subject to compliance with the requirements of the Habitats Directive and shall be phased with the delivery of the MOOR in Phase 1 for the majority of the plan area with the exception of already planning permitted development.	+	+	O	?	+	-	-	-	?	?	+
	MAY OBJ 2	(Master Plan 2): It is an objective of the Planning Authority to require the submission of a Master Plan for the prior written agreement of the Executive of the Planning Authority with any application for development within Carton Demesne which shall address the following: 1. An assessment prepared by a suitably qualified conservation architect which demonstrates and concludes that the proposed development is sited and scaled such that it ensures that the character and integrity of this sensitive designed landscape and setting of Carton House within this landscape is respected and not adversely impacted upon. The assessment shall include reference to the significance of the designed landscape within the Development Framework lands to the overall evolution of the demesne. 2. Proposals for piped water services to be agreed with Irish Water and compliant with any existing consents in place; 3. Proposals for the accessing of lands identified which shall adhere to the permitted Part VIII realignment of the junction of the R157 Regional Road and Moygaddy Road; inclusive of works to the Moygaddy Gate entrance to the demesne. 4. A Design Statement outlining the evolution of the design process for the proposed development. An emphasis on exemplar sustainable design and aesthetic quality shall be required. 5. Mobility Management Plan for the development. This Plan shall be to the fore in establishing the agreed quantum of employees which can be accommodated within individual locations predicated on maximising public transport opportunities and the use of innovation in reducing associated carbon footprint. 6. Urban design and landscape design statement. Any development within the subject lands shall be subject to compliance with the requirements of the Habitats Directive.	?	+	+	?	+	?	?	?	?	+	+
	MAY OBJ 3	To facilitate the development of appropriately designed student accommodation to allow Maynooth University to continue to develop as a national and international centre for education and research.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	MAY OBJ 4	To support and facilitate in conjunction with Kildare County Council and private developers and landowners, the construction of the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route	?	+	O	?	?	-	-	-	?	?	?
	MAY OBJ 5	To require that the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route connects with the MOOR being delivered in the administrative area of Kildare County Council. Said route shall incorporate the construction of a sewer and ring main linking the sewer and trunk main in the Dublin Road to the residential development in the Mariavilla area.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 3: Draft Towns (Settlements) Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
	MAY OBJ 6	To ensure the provision of improved cycle and walking connections to Maynooth Town Centre.	O	+	+	O	O	+	+	+	O	O	O
	MAY OBJ 7	To upgrade the R157 between Kildare Bridge and Offaly Bridge.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	MAY OBJ 8	To require the implementation of cycle lanes and associated cycle infrastructure upgrades as identified within the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan, in the area in partnership with the National Transport Authority and other relevant stakeholders.	O	+	+	O	O	+	+	+	O	O	O
	MAY OBJ 9	To ensure that all development proposals provide for a permeable network that promotes direct linkage and encourages the use of alternative modes of transport and contributes to enhanced linkages to the train station.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	+	?	?	?
	MAY OBJ 10	To require that any development in the Maynooth Environs respects the built and natural heritage of the area, its landscape quality, protected structures, historic demesne, archaeological heritage, natural heritage and general landscape character.	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	+
	MAY OBJ 11	To ensure all development in the area has no negative impact on the Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC site or on the environmental characteristics of the area including woodland, rivers and tributaries.	+	O	O	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O
	MAY OBJ 12	To encourage the sympathetic re-use or rehabilitation of Moygaddy House and outbuildings and encourage their sensitive conversion to residential or tourist accommodation or other appropriate use in accordance with the land use objective applicable to the said lands.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	+	O
	MAY OBJ 13	To facilitate the provision of community facilities including a hospital and/or associated educational/research and residential facilities.	?	+	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	MAY OBJ 14	To promote a high standard of architectural design, and quality of materials utilised throughout the Development Framework area, that is appropriate in scale, and form to its location.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Navan													
Policy	NAV POL 1	To consolidate and strengthen Navan’s position a Key Town and the principle economic and service centre in Meath by continuing to support economic and population growth based on the principles of a sustainable community and a high quality and attractive urban environment.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Objectives - Settlement and Housing]	NAV OBJ 1	To secure the implementation of the Core Strategy of the County Development Plan, in so far as is practicable, by ensuring the householdallocation for Navan as set out in Table 2.11 of the Core Strategy is not exceeded.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	?	O	O
	NAV OBJ 2	To encourage a minimum density of 45 units/ha on centrally located new residential, town centre, or mixed use zoned lands and on lands in proximity to future rail stations.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	NAV OBJ 3	To support and encourage residential development on under-utilised land and/or vacant lands including ‘infill’ and ‘brownfield’ sites, subject to a high standard of design and layout being achieved.	?	+	O	+	?	O	O	+	+	O	O
	NAV OBJ 4	To continue to support the implementation of the Active Land Management Strategy in Navan.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	NAV OBJ 5	To support the progression and delivery of projects funded by the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, including: i) The Flowerhill Regeneration Project ii) The Land Activation Scheme iii) The County Hall Regeneration Project including the restoration of St. Patrick’s Classical School.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	NAV OBJ 6	To support the prioritisation of residential development in locations that adjoin, or provide easy access to the town centre.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	NAV OBJ 7	To operate an Order of Priority for the release and development of residential lands with any lands identified as being ‘Post 2026’ not available for development until after 2026	?	+	O	?	?	O	O	O	O	?	?
Objectives - Economy and Employment	NAV OBJ 8	To promote Navan as the primary centre for enterprise and employment in the County.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	NAV OBJ 9	To promote the further development of the Navan IDA Business & Technology Park as one of the key strategic sites for employment in Meath as identified in the Economic Development Strategy 2014-2022 for County Meath.	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	NAV OBJ 10	To support the development of the employment lands on the Trim Road (MP10) as a strategic location for employment in the town.A190	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	NAV OBJ 11	To support the delivery of a ‘live work’ community at Farganstown and Nevinstown as recommended in the Meath Economic Development Strategy 2014-22.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	NAV OBJ 12	To support the appropriate redevelopment of Pairc Tailteann as a modern sports hub comprising of an upgraded Pairc Tailteann and complementary uses.	O	+	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	NAV OBJ 13	To promote the redevelopment of the former County Council offices on Railway Street as a key town centre opportunity site.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	NAV OBJ 14	To support the delivery of the Boyne Valley Food Innovation District at a suitable location.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	NAV OBJ 15	To support the implementation of the recommendations of the Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
	NAV OBJ 16	To continue to develop Navan as a Level II Town Centre and primary retail location within the County. A variety of comparison shopping will be encouraged within the town in order to stem the comparison retail leakage to the wider region.	O	+	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Objectives	NAV OBJ 17	To liaise with and support Irish Water in the provision of adequate water services to meet the development needs of Navan within the Plan period.	?	O	+	?	+	O	O	O	O	O	O
	NAV OBJ 18	To manage flood risk and development in Navan in accordance with policies and objectives set out in section 6.10 of Volume 1 of the County Development Plan ‘Flood Risk Management’.	+	O	+	+	+	O	O	+	O	O	O
	NAV OBJ 19	To prepare a Local Transport Plan for Navan in consultation with the National Transport Authority and in accordance with the Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area.	O	+	O	O	O	?	?	?	O	O	O
	NAV OBJ 20	To identify a suitable location a bus-based Park and Ride facility in Navan	?	+	O	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 3: Draft Towns (Settlements) Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Objectives - Movement	NAV OBJ 21	To support the delivery of the following key road projects: i) Distributor Road LDR 1a) Trim Road to Dublin Road ii) Distributor Road LDR 1b) Kilcarn Link Road iii) Distributor Road LDR 2a) Commons Road to Trim Road iv) Distributor Road LDR 2b) Commons Road and Athboy Road v) Distributor Road LDR 4 Ratholdron Road to Kells Road vi) Distributor Road LDR 6 Kentstown Road to Boyne Road Development of these road projects will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where adverse effects on European site integrity are identified, alternative routes or designs will be developed to ensure that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Sites, either alone or in-combination with any other plans or projects. If, despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), the project will not be progressed unless an alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/ reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is(are) unaffected.	?	+	0	?	?	-	-	-	?	?	?
	NAV OBJ 22	To support improvements to the local road network and in particular between Metges Road and Casey’s Cross.	?	+	0	?	?	-	-	-	+	?	?
	NAV OBJ 23	To support improvements to the bus network, including accessibility, facilities, and services and junction upgrades, in partnership with the National Transport Authority.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	NAV OBJ 24	To support the progression of Phase II of the Navan railway line project and rail services in cooperation with other relevant agencies.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	NAV OBJ 25	To examine the feasibility of the requirement and case for a bridge crossing and distributor road link connecting the Slane Road to the Boyne Road.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	NAV OBJ 26	To support the upgrade of Clonmaggadan Lane by the relevant stakeholders.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	NAV OBJ 27	To support improvements to the junction between Academy Street and the Dublin Road.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	?
	NAV OBJ 28	To safeguard lands zoned R1 from inappropriate development and reserve the lands for the delivery of the Navan strategic rail corridor linking Navan to Dunboyne.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	NAV OBJ 29	To support and facilitate the implementation of cycle lanes and associated cycle infrastructure upgrades as identified within the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan, within the town centre in partnership with the National Transport Authority and other relevant stakeholders.	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0
Objectives	NAV OBJ 30	To promote Navan’s heritage value and streetscape character to continually improve the visitor and resident’s experience of the town centre.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	NAV OBJ 31	To support and facilitate the wide range of improvements to the accessibility, environmental quality and amenity of Navan Town Centre under the ‘Navan 2030’ initiative.	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objectives – Green Infrastructure	NAV OBJ 32	To support and facilitate the delivery of the Boyne Greenway within the town area and integration with associated amenities and connections to the urban form.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	NAV OBJ 33	To support the provision of access and facilities for active recreation and water sports on the River Boyne. The delivery of such proposals will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. If adverse effects on European Site integrity are identified, alternative locations, procedures and/or designs will be developed to ensure that proposals will not adversely affect the integrity of European Sites, either alone or in-combination with any other plans or projects. If, despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will adversely affect the integrity of any European Sites, the project will not be progressed unless an alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is(are) unaffected. The proposals must also assess the impact of increased visitor numbers and activity on European sites as well as the potential for introduction of invasive species via active recreation/watersports. It is reasonable to assume that at the detailed design stage any potential for a project element to impact on European Sites could, and will, be resolved through the exploration of alternative locations or designs whilst still fulfilling their function/role.	?	+	0	0	?	0	0	0	0	0	0
	NAV OBJ 34	To support the preparation of a ‘Green Space Strategy’ in Navan during the lifetime of the Plan.	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	NAV OBJ 35	To promote the preservation of individual trees or groups of trees or woodlands identified on the Heritage Map for Navan (Map no.22b) and to manage these trees in line with arboricultral best practice.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Objectives	NAV OBJ 36	To support the appropriate provision of additional education, health and recreation facilities in advance of residential population growth.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	NAV OBJ 37	To ensure the provision of appropriately located schools as required Department of Education.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objectives	NAV OBJ 38	To support and facilitate the improvements to the Kennedy Road Civic Square to reinforce its civic function.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	NAV OBJ 39	To implement the ‘Navan 2030’Public Realm Strategy and support the progression and delivery of projects funded by the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, including: i) The Flowerhill Regeneration Project ii) The Land Activation Scheme iii) The County Hall Regeneration Project including the restoration of St. Patrick’s Classical School.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oldcastle													
Policy	OLD POL 1	To maintain and support the function and success of Oldcastle as an established employment and service centre for North Meath and the surrounding rural hinterland, whilst facilitating indigenous enterprise, and encouraging improved quality of life and urban environment.	?	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Objectives	OLD OBJ 1	To secure the implementation of the Core Strategy of the County Development Plan, in so far as is practicable, by ensuring the household allocation for Oldcastle as set out in Table 2.11 of the Core Strategy is not exceeded.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	0	0
Objective	OLD OBJ 2	To encourage the re-development of backland infill sites within the town that includes residential uses.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Objectives - Employment and Development	OLD OBJ 3	To facilitate growth in the established manufacturing base, whilst encouraging continued diversity in enterprise and employment activities on enterprise zoned land, north of the town.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	0	?	?	?
	OLD OBJ 4	To facilitate the provision of new convenience retail offer within the defined town centre in accordance with the Retail Strategy.	0	+	0	0	0	?	?	0	0	0	0

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 3: Draft Towns (Settlements) Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Objective - Economic Employment	OLD OBJ 5	To encourage the use of upper floors within the town centre for a diversity of living and working uses where such uses would contribute to the function and vibrancy of the town centre.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objectives - Movement	OLD OBJ 6	To require new residential development to provide safe and convenient vehicular, pedestrian and cycling provision, circulation and accessibility through new developments, and with the town centre.	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0
	OLD OBJ 7	To explore opportunities with relevant landowners to provide pedestrian / cycle route between Ardfrail Close and the Square via lands adjacent and to the rear of St. Bride’s Church of Ireland.	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0
	OLD OBJ 8	To provide for new/enhanced pedestrian connectivity and footpaths on Coughlan Road, Copplers Road and Parkview in order to enhance the accessibility between Gilson Park (area), the town centre, and other neighbourhoods.	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0
	OLD OBJ 9	To provide for new / enhanced pedestrian connectivity and footpaths between playground, the town centre, and other neighbourhoods.	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0
Objectives - Cultural.Natural Heritage	OLD OBJ 10	To encourage the provision of multi-functional and interconnected green spaces, routes, and corridors within the existing urban area, and as part of new development proposals, for the management and enhancement of urban and rural resources and for the benefit of residents.	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+
	OLD OBJ 11	To protect and maintain; the trees identified for preservation on the Heritage Designations Map, and areas of functional and passive open-space.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
	OLD OBJ 12	To explore the feasibility of using the ‘Market House’ for community uses.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	OLD OBJ 13	To support the Oldcastle ‘Renaissance Working Group’ and other groups/interests to implement the community projects identified in the Oldcastle Community Plan (2013)’ where they would contribute to the wider objectives of this Plan, and subject to availability of resources.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Objective - Urban & Public Realm	OLD OBJ 14	To preserve the character of ‘The Square’ inclusive of the group of structures and its townscape setting, which are considered of special interest and value, by way of Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) designation.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	OLD OBJ 15	To encourage reuse and adaptation of historical buildings within the ACA including contemporary design interventions, where such uses respect and reflect the historical grain of development, established townscape character, existing plot size, building heights and proportions	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	OLD OBJ 16	To implement and ensure compliance with the Public Realm Plan for Oldcastle which provides for a themed strategy for the provision of street furniture, planting, traffic and parking, lighting, building colours, signage (local and tourist) and surface materials etc within the town.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	OLD OBJ 17	To encourage more intensive use of Gilson Park and the adjacent lands identified on the land use zoning objectives map for sport, recreational, amenity and community uses for the benefit of the town.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
	OLD OBJ 18	To explore potential for the existing “Cow Plot” on the outskirts of the town to provide a community amenity for the town.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
Ratoath													
Policy	RATH POL 1	To ensure Ratoath develops in a consolidated and sustainable manner which facilitates and supports employment opportunities, accommodates local services and reinforces the existing town centre.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Objectives – General	RATH OBJ 1	To secure the implementation of the Core Strategy of the County Development Plan, in so far as is practicable, by ensuring the household allocation for Ratoath as set out in Table 2.11 of the Core Strategy is not exceeded.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	0	0
	RATH OBJ 2	(Master Plan 1) To support the provision of appropriate and sustainable employment, visitor and tourist facilities on lands zoned as White Land in accordance with an approved Master Plan which shall be agreed with the Executive of the Planning Authority and shall accompany any planning application on the lands subject to the provision of necessary physical infrastructure. Any planning application made for development on these lands shall be accompanied by a Master Plan detailing development proposal for the full extent of the lands. This shall include details of the overall site and building layout for the lands, building height and design principles, landscaping, mix of uses for the site, traffic impact assessment and management proposals and service arrangements.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	RATH OBJ 3	(Master Plan 2) To promote the development of employment uses on E2 zoned lands located to the west of the R155 in accordance with an approved Master Plan which shall be agreed with the Executive of the Planning Authority and shall accompany any planning application on the lands subject to the provision of necessary physical infrastructure. The development of these lands shall also provide for reservation of a 4 acre site for the provision of a swimming pool site and include the realignment of the Fairyhouse Road and provision of footpaths, cycleway and public lighting along the road frontage of the site. Any planning application made for development on these lands shall be accompanied by a Master Plan detailing development proposals for the full extent of the lands. This shall include details of the overall site and building layout for the lands, building height and design principles, landscaping, mix of uses for the site, traffic impact assessment and management proposals and service arrangements. The development of these lands shall be on a phased basis with the reservation of the swimming pool site forming part of the first phase.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	RATH OBJ 4	(Master Plan 3) To identify lands for commercial purposes to the south east of the R125 Ashbourne Road. This area shall provide for a mix of commercial and local retail services and include the reservation of a 1 acre site for an enterprise centre (of appropriate design) to be developed by Meath Local Enterprise Office. Any planning application made for development on these lands shall be accompanied by a Master Plan detailing development proposals for the full extent of the lands. This shall include details of the overall site and building layout for the lands, building height and design principles, mix of uses for the site, traffic impact assessment and management proposals and service arrangements. The first phase of development with the exception of the residentially zoned lands shall include the construction of the adjoining section of the Ratoath Outer Relief Road. Notwithstanding the zoning matrix an enterprise centre and car sales/repair uses shall be permitted in principle, subject to compliance with relevant planning criteria, on the subject lands.	?	+	0	?	?	-	-	-	?	?	?

APPENDIX A8.1 Table 3: Draft Towns (Settlements) Assessment

Policy / Objective	Ref No.	Description	B_1	PHH_1	PHH_2	SG_1	W_1	AN_1	AN_2	CC_1	MA_1	CH_1	LV_1
Objective	STA OBJ 13	To promote the preservation of individual trees or groups of trees as identified on the land use zoning map and to manage these trees in line with arboricultural best practice.	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	STA OBJ 14	To facilitate the provision of a riverside walk adjacent to the Delvin River.	?	+	+	?	?	0	0	0	0	?	?
	STA OBJ 15	To develop a ‘green link’ throughout the town, with a view to linking existing and proposed open space areas within existing and proposed developments	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objectives - Urban Design	STA OBJ 16	To facilitate the delivery of a town playground on land identified east of Stadalt House or alternatively on land zoned as open space along the Delvin River.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	STA OBJ 17	To identify suitable lands for a new graveyard when necessary subject to the completion of all required testing.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	STA OBJ 18	To provide for the expansion of existing community facilities on lands surrounding Stadalt House subject to the availability of services.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	0	0
	STA OBJ 19	To facilitate infill and other developments within the town centre in the context of their contribution towards the enhancement of the existing streetscape and the visual amenities of the central part of Stamullen.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Trim													
Policy	TRM POL 1	To continue to support the consolidation of Trim as an attractive heritage town with a diverse modern economy and a vibrant centre complementing its nationally significant cultural heritage and picturesque setting	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	+	?
Objectives – General	TRM OBJ 1	To secure the implementation of the Core Strategy of the County Development Plan, in so far as is practicable, by ensuring the household allocation for Enfield as set out in Table 2.11 of the Core Strategy is not exceeded.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	0	0
	TRM OBJ 2	(Master Plan 1) To provide for the development of high-end Business and/or Corporate Headquarters primarily FDI, on the southern side of the Navan Road, in Trim. Development should be on a phased basis. Enterprise and employment proposals shall be developed in tandem with Executive style housing to facilitate the development of a sustainable ‘live work’ community. This Master Plan shall include proposals for the delivery of the RT 1 distributor road and bridge linking the Dublin and Navan roads. The Master Plan shall be agreed in writing with the Executive of the Planning Authority prior to the lodgement of any planning application.	?	+	0	?	?	-	-	-	?	?	?
	TRM OBJ 3	(Master Plan 2) To provide for the development of a mixed use residential and community development as part of overall proposals for the former Potterton cattle sales yard to the north of the Summerhill/Longwood Road roundabout off the Trim Inner Relief Road. Development shall be on a phased basis within the life of the Trim Development Plan as identified on the land use zoning objectives map. The Master Plan shall be agreed in writing with the Executive of the Planning Authority prior to the lodgement of any planning application.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	TRM OBJ 4	To facilitate infill and backland development within the town centre in the context of their contribution towards the enhancement of the existing streetscape, the ACA and the visual amenities of the central part of Trim.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	+	+
	TRM OBJ 5	To address the identified need to increase the supply of social housing in Trim, by seeking the provision of social housing additional to that required by way of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, subject to funding.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	TRM OBJ 6	To promote the development of available sites for appropriate employment uses at Scurroughstown Business Park and Oaktree Industrial Park.	?	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	TRM OBJ 7	To support the development of Trim’s tourism product as a key focus for enterprise and employment generation.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	TRM OBJ 8	To facilitate the improvement of visitor centre facilities in Trim having regard to the provisions of the Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy 2016-2020.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	TRM OBJ 9	To support the reuse of the former Town Hall on Castle Street as a visitor centre for Trim Castle.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	TRM OBJ 10	To support and encourage the redevelopment of the Trim Library and St Patricks former Chapel for the provision of a cultural facilities.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	TRM OBJ 11	To work in partnership with key stakeholders to promote Trim as a centre for cultural heritage education and learning through activities such as community excavation and field / summer schools, for example Blackfriary Archaeology Site.	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
	TRM OBJ 12	To support and promote existing festivals and events to increase the cultural, heritage and lifestyle profile of Trim, subject to the satisfactory location, access, parking provision and protection of the surrounding environment.	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0
	TRM OBJ 13	To prioritise the delivery of the Boyne Greenway and plan for associated amenities and connections to the urban form. The provision of the Boyne Greenway will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where likely significant effects on European Sites are identified, alternative locations and/or deigns will be developed to ensure that the greenway will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Sites, either alone or in-combination with any other plans or projects. It is reasonable to assume that at the detailed design stage any potential for a project element to impact on the European Site could, and will, be resolved through the exploration of alternative locations or designs. If, despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposal will adversely affect the integrity of the European site, the greenway or that particular portion of the greenway, will not be progressed unless an alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/ reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is (are) unaffected.	+	+	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

APPENDIX A8.2 TABLE 1: PROTECTIVE POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

Appendix A8.2: Protective Policies & Objectives from the Draft Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026

Table 1: Protective Policies & Objectives

SEO	SEO Description	Selected Protective Policies / Objectives from the Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026
Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna) (B)	(B_1) Preserve, protect, maintain and where appropriate restore the terrestrial, aquatic and soil biodiversity, including internationally, EU and nationally designated sites and protected species.	SOC POL 39: To protect the integrity of Natura 2000 sites during the identification of suitable sites for recreation, in particular in terms of their design and use. HER POL 27: To protect, conserve and enhance the County's biodiversity. HER POL 29: To raise public awareness and understanding of the County's natural heritage and biodiversity. HER POL 33: To have regard to the views and guidance of the National Parks and Wildlife Service in respect of proposed development where there is a possibility that such development may have an impact on a designated European or National site or a site proposed for such designation. HER OBJ 32: To ensure an Appropriate Assessment in accordance with Article 6(3) and Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directives (92/43/EEC) and in accordance with the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government <i>Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland - Guidance for Planning Authorities</i>, 2009 and relevant EPA and European Commission guidance documents, is carried out in respect of any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary for the management of the site but likely to have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 site(s), either individually or in-combination with other plans or projects, in view of the site's conservation objectives. HER OBJ 33: To protect and conserve the conservation value of candidate Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas as identified by the Minister for the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and any other sites that may be proposed for designation during the lifetime of this Plan in accordance with the provisions of the Habitats and Birds Directives and to permit development in or affecting same only in accordance with the provisions of those Directives as transposed into Irish Law. HER POL 35: To ensure, where appropriate, the protection and conservation of areas, sites, species and ecological / networks of biodiversity value outside designated sites and to require an appropriate level of ecological assessment by suitably qualified professional(s) to accompany development proposals likely to impact on such areas or species. HER OBJ 34: To ensure that development does not have a significant adverse impact, incapable of satisfactory avoidance or mitigation, on plant, animal or bird species protected by law. HER POL 43: To promote best practice in the control of invasive species in the carrying out its functions in association with relevant authorities including TII and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. DM OBJ 116: Existing trees and hedgerows of biodiversity and/or amenity value shall be retained, where possible.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Appendix A8.2

SEO	SEO Description	Selected Protective Policies / Objectives from the Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026
Population & Human Health (PHH)	(PHH_1) Provide high quality residential, community, working and recreational environments with access to sustainable transport options. (PHH_2) Protect human health and well-being.	CS OBJ 2: To ensure that sufficient zoned lands are available to satisfy the housing requirements of the County over the lifetime of the Plan. SH POL 1: To ensure that all settlements, in as far as practicable, develop in a self-sufficient manner with population growth occurring in tandem with the provision of physical and social infrastructure. SH OBJ 3: To ensure the implementation of the population and housing growth targets set out in the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy. SH OBJ 13: To secure the implementation of the Meath Housing Strategy 2019-2025. SOC POL 2: To support the provision and distribution of a range of community infrastructure facilities in accordance with the Settlement and Core Strategies to meet the needs of the County's population in conjunction with other statutory, voluntary, private sector and community groups. SH POL 7: To encourage and foster the creation of attractive, mixed use, sustainable communities that include a suitable mix of housing types and tenures with supporting facilities, amenities, and services that meet the needs of the entire community and accord with the principles of universal design, in so far as practicable. MOV POL 1: To support and facilitate the integration of land use with transportation infrastructure, through the development of sustainable compact settlements which are well served by public transport. MOV POL 2: To carry out strategic studies to identify and set out the delivery mechanisms for the necessary transport infrastructure to implement the Economic Development Strategy for County Meath. INF POL 8: To continue to work with Irish Water to ensure the protection of public health through the ongoing provision of high quality drinking water in compliance with drinking water standards. INF OBJ 60: To seek to ensure, in cooperation with relevant authorities, that waste management facilities are appropriately managed and monitored according to best practice to maximise efficiencies to protect human health and the natural environment. SOC POL 26: To ensure that adequate lands and services are available for the improvement, establishment and expansion of health services. SOC POL 36: To ensure that new leisure facilities, where possible, are located in proximity to public transportation routes and where they can best meet the needs of the community that the facilities are intended to serve. DM POL 5: To promote sustainable development, a range of densities appropriate to the scale of settlement, site location, availability of public transport and community facilities including open space will be encouraged.
Soil & Geology (SG)	(SG_1) Safeguard sensitive soil resources.	RUR OBJ 30: To facilitate the development of agriculture while ensuring that natural waters, wildlife habitats and conservation areas are protected from pollution. RUR POL 44: To ensure that development for aggregates / mineral extraction, processing and associated processes does not significantly impact in the following areas:

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Appendix A8.2

SEO	SEO Description	Selected Protective Policies / Objectives from the Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026
		1) Existing and proposed Special Areas of Conservation (SACs); 2) Special Protection Areas; 3) Natural Heritage Areas and Proposed Natural Heritage Areas; 4) Other areas of importance for the conservation of flora and fauna; 5) Areas of significant archaeological potential; 6) In the vicinity of a recorded monument; 7) Sensitive Landscapes; 8) World Heritage Sites; and 9) Tentative World Heritage Sites. HER POL 46: To maintain the geological and geomorphological heritage values of County Geological Sites listed in Table 8.5 and, through consultation with the Geological Survey of Ireland, protect them from inappropriate development. DM POL 45: To comply with the Seveso III Directive in reducing the risk and limiting the potential consequence of major industrial accidents.
Water (W)	(W_1) Protect and where necessary improve and maintain water quality and the management of watercourses, groundwater and the marine environment, in compliance with the requirements of the WFD objectives and measures.	INF OBJ 7: To promote the sustainable use of water and water conservation in existing and new development within the County and encourage demand management measures among all water users. INF OBJ 8: To protect both ground and surface water resources and work with Irish Water to develop and implement Water Safety Plans to protect sources of public water supply and their contributing catchment. HER POL 47: To protect the ecological, recreational, educational, amenity and flood alleviation potential of navigational and non-navigational waterways within the County, towpaths and adjacent wetlands. INF POL 31: To protect and develop, in a sustainable manner, the existing groundwater sources and aquifers in the County and to manage development in a manner consistent with the protection of these resources. INF OBJ 14: To require the use of SuDS within Local Authority Developments and other infrastructural projects in accordance with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works INF OBJ 22: To ensure flood relief measures are suitably designed to protect the conservation objectives of Natura 2000 sites, and to avoid direct or indirect impacts upon qualifying interests or Natura 2000 sites that would result in adverse effects on site integrity. INF OBJ 23: To protect and enhance the County's floodplains, wetlands and coastal areas subject to flooding as "green infrastructure" which provide space for storage and conveyance of floodwater, and ensure that development does not impact on important wetland sites within river / stream catchments.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Appendix A8.2

SEO	SEO Description	Selected Protective Policies / Objectives from the Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026
Air Quality & Noise (AN)	(AN_1) Minimise emissions of pollutants to air associated with transport. (AN_2) Minimise noise emissions associated with traffic and transport.	INF OBJ 72: To continue to monitor air and noise quality results submitted from selected locations throughout the County in co-operation with the Health Service Executive and the Environmental Protection Agency. INF OBJ 73: To support the collation of air quality and greenhouse gas monitoring data in support of a regional air quality and greenhouse gas emission inventory. INF OBJ 74: To support and facilitate the preparation of strategic noise maps and action plans, in conjunction with EMRA, that support proactive measures to avoid, mitigate and minimise noise, in all instances where it is likely to have adverse impacts. MOV OBJ 62: To ensure that residential development in areas likely to be affected by levels of noise inappropriate to residential use is avoided.
Climate Change (CC)	(CC_1) Minimise contribution to Climate Change by adopting adaptation and mitigation measures.	CS OBJ 13: Support the implementation of the National Climate Change Strategy and the National Climate Change Adaption Framework Building Resilience to Climate Change 2012 through the County Development Plan and through the preparation of a Climate Change Adaptation Plan in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders. MOV POL 1: To support and facilitate the integration of land use with transportation infrastructure, through the development of sustainable compact settlements which are well served by public transport. MOV POL 10: To ensure that new developments in Regional Growth Centres, Key Towns, Self-Sustaining Growth Towns and Self-Sustaining Towns are laid out so as to facilitate the provision of local bus services and the provision of Park and Ride facilities as appropriate. MOV OBJ 25: To implement in conjunction with the NTA, the recommendations of the NTA strategy with regard to walking and cycling infrastructure. INF POL 20: To require that a Flood Risk Assessment is carried out for any development proposal, where flood risk may be an issue in accordance with the "Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities" (DoECLG/OPW, 2009). This assessment shall be appropriate to the scale and nature of risk to and from the potential development and shall consider the impact of climate change. INF POL 34: To promote sustainable energy sources, locally based renewable energy alternatives, where such development does not have a negative impact on the surrounding environment (including water quality), landscape, biodiversity natural and built heritage, or local amenities. INF POL 36: To support the implementation of the National Climate Change Strategy and to facilitate measures which seek to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. INF OBJ 40: To seek to reduce reliance on fossil fuels in the County by reducing the energy demand of existing buildings, in particular residential dwellings. HER OBJ 43: To maintain and enhance our natural coastal defences to increase resilience to climate change.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Appendix A8.2

SEO	SEO Description	Selected Protective Policies / Objectives from the Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026
		DM POL 37: To encourage renewable development proposals which contribute positively to reducing energy consumption and carbon footprint. DM OBJ 166: All car parks shall include the provision of necessary wiring and ducting to be capable of accommodating future Electric Vehicle charging points, at a rate of 10% of total space numbers
Material Assets (MA)	(MA_1) Make best use of existing infrastructure and promote the sustainable development of new infrastructure to meet the needs of the Meath's population.	INF POL 2: To utilise the existing water supply in an efficient and equitable manner and in the best interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the County. INF POL 8: To continue to work with Irish Water to ensure the protection of public health through the ongoing provision of high quality drinking water in compliance with drinking water standards. INF OBJ 11: To ensure that all development shall connect to the public foul sewer network where available within the County subject to sufficient capacity being available in the relevant wastewater treatment plant. INF POL 61: To facilitate the implementation of National Waste legislation and National and Regional Waste Management Policy. INF POL 65: To adopt the provisions of the waste management hierarchy and implement policy in relation to the County's requirements under the current or any subsequent Waste Management Plan. All prospective developments in the County shall take account of the provisions of the regional waste management plan and adhere to the requirements of the Plan. Account shall also be taken of the proximity principle and the inter-regional movement of waste. INF OBJ 58: To continue to expand environmental awareness initiatives designed to create increased public awareness of waste prevention, minimisation and reuse and resource efficiency. MOV OBJ 36: To facilitate the delivery of all of the roads projects outlined in the National Development Plan 2018-2027 and National Transport Authority's Transport Strategy for the GDA 2016-2035, in conjunction with the NTA, TII, and Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and other stakeholders. Development of these road projects will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. Where adverse effects on European site integrity are identified, alternative routes or designs will be developed to ensure that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), either alone or in combination with any other projects. If despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s), the project will not be progressed unless and alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is (are) unaffected. MOV OBJ 38: To develop in consultation with the TII, a programme for the upgrading, improvement and maintenance of the national road network within the County. MOV POL 32: To ensure the protection of the existing roads infrastructure while improving the capacity and safety of the road network to meet future demands.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Appendix A8.2

SEO	SEO Description	Selected Protective Policies / Objectives from the Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026
		INF POL 54: To facilitate the delivery of a high capacity Information and Communications Technology (ICT) infrastructure and broadband network and digital broadcasting throughout the County. INF OBJ 52: To support the delivery and implementation of the National Broadband Plan. INF OBJ 39: To support Ireland's renewable energy commitments outlined in national policy by facilitating the development and exploitation of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, geothermal, hydro and bio-energy at suitable locations within the County where such development does not have a negative impact on the surrounding environment (including water quality), landscape, biodiversity or local amenities so as to provide for further residential and enterprise development within the county. DM OBJ 155: Encourage the location of telecommunications structures at appropriate locations within the County, subject to environmental considerations.
Cultural Heritage (CH)	(CH_1) Protect places, features, buildings and landscapes of cultural, archaeological and / or architectural heritage from impact as a result of development.	HER POL 1: To protect archaeological sites, monuments, underwater archaeology and archaeological objects in their setting, which are listed on the Record of Monuments and Places for Meath. HER POL 2: To protect all sites and features of archaeological interest discovered subsequent to the publication of the Record of Monument and Places, in situ (or at a minimum preservation by record) having regard to the advice and recommendations of the National Monuments Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. HER OBJ 2: To ensure that development in the vicinity of a Recorded Monument or Zone of Archaeological Potential is sited and designed in a sensitive manner with a view to minimal detracting from the monument or its setting. HER POL 6: To protect the Outstanding Universal Value of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne in accordance with the relevant guidelines and national legislation, so that its integrity, authenticity and significance are not adversely affected by cumulative inappropriate change and development. HER POL 12: To recognise and respect potential World Heritage Sites in Meath on the UNESCO Tentative List – Ireland. HER POL 14: To protect and conserve the architectural heritage of the County and seeks to prevent the demolition or inappropriate alteration of Protected Structures. HER POL 16: To protect the setting of protected structures and to refuse permission for development within the curtilage or adjacent to a protected structure which would adversely impact on the character and special interest of the structure, where appropriate. HER POL 19: To protect the character of Architectural Conservation Areas in Meath. HER POL 26: To encourage the protection and enhancement of heritage gardens and demesne landscapes, to support, in consultation with the owners, the provision of public access to these sites as appropriate.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Appendix A8.2

SEO	SEO Description	Selected Protective Policies / Objectives from the Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026
		RUR POL 25: To facilitate the development of environmentally sustainable agricultural activities, whereby watercourses, wildlife habitats, areas of ecological importance and other environmental assets are protected from the threat of pollution, and where development does not impinge on the visual amenity of the countryside. Developments shall not be detrimental to archaeological and heritage features of importance.
Landscape & Visual (LV)	(LV_1) Protect and maintain the special qualities of the landscape character including coastal character within Meath.	HER OBJ 47: To support the aims and objectives of the European Landscape Convention by implementing the relevant objectives and actions of the <i>National Landscape Strategy 2015-2025</i>. HER POL 53: To discourage proposals necessitating the removal of extensive amount of trees, hedgerows and historic walls or other distinctive boundary treatments HER POL 54: To protect the archaeological heritage, rural character, setting and amenity of the Tara landscape and Loughcrew and Slieve na Calliagh Hills. HER OBJ 55: To preserve the views and prospects listed in Appendix 10, in Volume 2 and on Map 8.4 and to protect these views from development which would interfere unduly with the character and visual amenity of the landscape. HER POL 55: To recognise the economic, social, environmental and physical value of Green Infrastructure. INF OBJ 33: To protect the special character of the coast by preventing inappropriate development, particularly on the seaward side of coastal roads. New development, wherever possible, shall be accommodated within existing developed areas. HER OBJ 34: To promote awareness, understanding and best practice in the management of the County's woodland, tree and hedgerow resource. HER POL 49: To protect the character, visual, recreational, ecological and amenity value of the coast and provisions for public access, in assessing proposals for development. HER OBJ 41: To undertake conservation works in accordance with best practice on the coastal dune systems subject to ecological impact assessment and Appropriate Assessment, as appropriate. DM OBJ 124: To require that buildings are sited appropriately in order to minimise obtrusion on the landscape, having regard to the Landscape Character Assessment contained in Appendix 5.

APPENDIX A8.3 TABLE 1: RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA (EPA - State of the Environment)

Appendix A8.3: EPA - 7 Key Environmental Actions

Table 1: Protective Policies & Objectives

EPA Environmental Actions	Selected Protective Policies / Objectives from the Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026
Environment Health and Wellbeing: Recognition of the benefits of a good quality environment to health and wellbeing	SOC POL 31: To support the implementation of the Healthy Meath Strategy 2019-2021 in consultation with the relevant agencies and authorities. INF POL 2: To utilise the existing water supply in an efficient and equitable manner and in the best interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the County. INF POL 8: To continue to work with Irish Water to ensure the protection of public health through the ongoing provision of high quality drinking water in compliance with drinking water standards. SOC POL 38: To promote the development of a wide variety of high quality accessible open space areas, for both active and passive use, and formal and informal activities in accordance with the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy and the standards set out in Chapter 11 Development Management Standards and Land Use Zoning Objective taking into account any environmental sensitivities including likely significant effects on European Sites (SACs and SPAs). SOC OBJ 14: To examine existing public open spaces and carry out improvements where necessary to increase their usefulness as recreational spaces. HER POL 29: To raise public awareness and understanding of the County's natural heritage and biodiversity. HER POL 30: To promote increased public participation in biodiversity conservation by supporting and encouraging community-led initiatives. HER OBJ 56: To develop and support the implementation of a Regional and County Green Infrastructure approach by working in partnership with the Eastern Midland Regional Authority and other key stakeholders to identify, protect, enhance and manage existing green infrastructure within the County and to provide additional Green Infrastructure, where possible. DM POL 45: To comply with the Seveso III Directive in reducing the risk and limiting the potential consequences of major industrial accidents.
Climate Change: Acceleration Mitigation actions to reduce GHG emissions and implement adaption measures to increase our resilience in dealing with adverse climate impacts.	MOV OBJ 25: To implement, in conjunction with the NTA, the recommendations of the NTA strategy with regard to walking and cycling infrastructure. INF POL 20: To require that a Flood Risk Assessment is carried out for any development proposal, where flood risk may be an issue in accordance with the "Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities" (DoECLG / OPW, 2009). This assessment shall be appropriate to the scale and nature of risk to and from the potential development and shall consider the impact of climate change. INF POL 34: To promote sustainable energy sources, locally based renewable energy alternatives where such development does not have a negative impact on the surrounding environment (including water quality), landscape, biodiversity natural and built heritage, or local amenities. INF POL 36: To support the implementation of the National Climate Change Strategy and to facilitate measures which seek to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. INF OBJ 40: To seek to reduce reliance on fossil fuels in the County by reducing the energy demand of existing buildings, in particular residential dwellings.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Appendix A8.3

EPA Environmental Actions	Selected Protective Policies / Objectives from the Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026
	INF POL 41: To encourage the development of wind energy, in accordance with Government policy and having regard to the Landscape Character Assessment of the County and the Wind Energy Development Guidelines (2006) or any revisions thereof. INF POL 44: To support Sustainable Energy Communities and local community group initiatives to develop clean energy opportunities within the County. HER OBJ 43: To maintain and enhance our natural coastal defences to increase resilience to climate change. DM POL 37: To encourage renewable development proposals which contribute positively to reducing energy consumption and carbon footprint. DM OBJ 166: All car parks shall include the provision of necessary wiring and ducting to be capable of accommodating future Electric Vehicle charging points, at a rate of 10% of total space numbers.
Implementation of Legislation: Improve the tracking of plans and policies and the implementation and enforcement of environmental legislation to protect the environment.	CS OBJ 13: Support the implementation of the National Climate Change Strategy and the National Climate Change Adaption Framework Building Resilience to Climate Change 2012 through the County Development Plan and through the preparation of a Climate Change Adaptation Plan in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders. INF POL 14: To co-operate with the EPA and other authorities in the continued implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive. INF POL 15: To continue efforts to improve water quality under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977, as amended and by implementing the measures outlined under the Nitrates Directive (91/676/EEC) and complying with the requirements of the European Communities Environment Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009 and other relevant regulations. INF POL 30: To implement the policies and objectives as set out within the National Maritime Spatial Plan to realise the full benefits of our ocean wealth in a managed and sustainable way ensuring climate change is taken into account. INF POL 61: To facilitate the implementation of National Waste legislation and National and Regional Waste Management Policy. HER POL 6: To protect the Outstanding Universal Value of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne in accordance with the relevant guidelines and national legislation, so that its integrity, authenticity and significance are not adversely affected by cumulative inappropriate change and development. HER OBJ 32: To ensure an Appropriate Assessment in accordance with Article 6(3) and Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directives (92/43/EEC) and in accordance with the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government <i>Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland - Guidance for Planning Authorities</i>, 2009 and relevant EPA and European Commission guidance documents, is carried out in respect of any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary for the management of the site but likely to have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 site(s), either individually or in-combination with other plans or projects, in view of the site's conservation objectives.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Appendix A8.3

EPA Environmental Actions	Selected Protective Policies / Objectives from the Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026
Restore and Protect Water Quality: Implement measures that achieve ongoing improvements in the environmental status of waterbodies from source to sea.	INF OBJ 7: To promote the sustainable use of water and water conservation in existing and new development within the County and encourage demand management measures among all water users. INF OBJ 8: To protect both ground and surface water resources and work with Irish Water to develop and implement Water Safety Plans to protect sources of public water supply and their contributing catchment. INF POL 14: To co-operate with the EPA and other authorities in the continued implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive. INF OBJ 24: To identify existing surface water drainage systems vulnerable to flooding and develop proposals to alleviate flooding in the areas served by these systems in conjunction with the Office of Public Works. The delivery of such proposals will be subject to the outcome of the Appropriate Assessment process. If adverse effects on European Site integrity are identified, alternative locations and/designs will be developed to ensure that flood defence structures will not adversely affect the integrity of European Sites, either alone or in combination with any other plans or projects. If, despite the implementation of mitigation measures, there remains a risk that the proposals will adversely affect the integrity of the European Sites, the project will not be progressed unless an alternative solution can be implemented which avoids/reduces the impact to a level that the integrity of the European Site(s) is(are)_unaffected. It is reasonable to assume that at the detailed design stage any potential for a project to impact on European Sites could, and will, be resolved through the exploration of alternatives locations or designs while still fulfilling their function/role. INF POL 32: To ensure, through the implementation of the River Basin Management Plan(s) and the associated Programmes of Measures and any other associated legislation or revised plans with all relevant stakeholders, the protection and improvement of all drinking water, surface water and ground waters throughout the County. INF OBJ 29: To strive to achieve ‘<i>good status</i>’ in all water bodies in compliance with the Water Framework Directive and to cooperate with the implementation of the National River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021.
Nature and Wild Places: Protect pristine and wild places that act as biodiversity hubs, contribute to health and wellbeing and provide sustainable tourism opportunities.	INF OBJ 30: To ensure the County’s natural coastal defences, such as beaches, sand dunes, salt marshes and estuary lands, are protected and are not compromised by inappropriate works or forms of development. HER POL 26: To encourage the protection and enhancement of heritage gardens and demesne landscapes, to support, in consultation with the owners, the provision of public access to these sites as appropriate. HER POL 28: To integrate in the development management process the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and landscape features wherever possible, by minimising adverse impacts on existing habitats (whether designated or not) and by including mitigation and / or compensation measures, as appropriate. HER POL 53: To discourage proposals necessitating the removal of extensive amount of trees, hedgerows and historic walls or other distinctive boundary treatments. HER OBJ 57: To identify and map green infrastructure assets and sites of local biodiversity value over the lifetime of the Plan.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Appendix A8.3

EPA Environmental Actions	Selected Protective Policies / Objectives from the Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026
	ED OBJ 22: To seek to maximise the tourism potential of the significant tourism hub within the Boyne Valley region which includes the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne, the Battle of the Boyne Site at Oldbridge and the coastal area of East Meath stretching from Mornington to Gormonston whilst ensuring the environmental protection of sensitive and protected coastal habitats and landscape. ED POL 23: To support the development of activity tourism facilities, in appropriate locations, within the County subject to standard development management considerations being applied. RUR POL 27: To encourage the development of forestry to a scale and in a manner which maximises its contribution to the economic and social wellbeing of the County on a sustainable basis and which is compatible with the protection of the environment including the avoidance of likely significant effects on European Sites (SACs and SPAs). RUR POL 32: To seek to promote the tourism and amenity potential while retaining adequate tree cover in the general area surrounding Halfcarton forest, Oldcastle.
Sustainable Economic Activities: Integrate resource efficiency and environmental sustainability ideas and performance accounting across all economic sectors.	CS OBJ 14: To support the economic growth of Meath as set out in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and the Economic Development Strategy for County Meath 2014-2022. CS OBJ 15: To continue to promote economic development along the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor. ED POL 1: To facilitate and support the continued growth of the economy in the County in a sustainable manner and in accordance with the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES). ED POL 8: To encourage and facilitate small indigenous industries, at appropriate locations with good communication infrastructure, in recognition of their increasing importance in providing local employment and helping to stimulate economic activity within small communities. ED OBJ 2: To continue to promote Meath as a strategically located economic and employment hub within the Greater Dublin Area. RUR OBJ 1: To recognise the strategic roles the County will play, in a regional and national context, in terms of recreation, heritage conservation, natural resources, safe guarding food production, rural employment creation, safe guarding food production, rural employment creation, and to ensure compatibility between this Plan and regional and national strategies. RUR OBJ 3: To identify and protect, known or potential aggregate resources, where feasible, from development which would prejudice their sustainable future usage. RUR OBJ 8: To identify and provide policies that recognise the contribution that small towns, villages and rural areas contribute to social and economic wellbeing. As part of this policy provision that seeks to support and protect existing rural economies such as valuable agricultural lands to ensure sustainable food supply, to protect the value and character of open countryside and to support the diversification of rural economies to create additional jobs and maximise opportunities in emerging sectors, such as agri-business, renewable energy, tourism and forestry enterprise. RUR POL 17: To maintain a vibrant and healthy agricultural sector based on the principles of sustainable development whilst at the same time finding alternative employment in or close to rural areas to sustain rural communities.

Preliminary Draft Meath County Development Plan (CDP) 2020-2026

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Appendix A8.3

EPA Environmental Actions	Selected Protective Policies / Objectives from the Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026
Community Engagement: Inform, engage and support communities in the protection and improvement of the environment.	SOC POL 5: To require, as part of all new large residential and commercial developments, and in existing developments, where appropriate, that provision is made for facilities including local / neighbourhood shops, childcare facilities, schools and recreational facilities, and to seek their provision concurrent with development. HER OBJ 5: To promote awareness of, and encourage the provision of access to, the archaeological resources of the County. HER OBJ 7: To work in partnership with the community and all other relevant stakeholders to promote, understand, conserve and sustainably manage the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne. HER POL 30: To promote increased public participation in biodiversity conservation by supporting and encouraging community-led initiatives. HER OBJ 35: To promote awareness, understanding and best practice in the management of the County's woodland, tree and hedgerow resource.

Brady Shipman Martin

DUBLIN

Canal House
Canal Road
Dublin 6
+353 1 208 1900

CORK

Penrose Wharf Business Centre
Penrose Wharf
Cork
+353 21 242 5620

LIMERICK

11 The Crescent
Limerick
+353 61 315 127

mail@bradyshipmanmartin.com
www.bradyshipmanmartin.com

