

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
MINUTES OF DEFERRED REMOTE COUNCIL MEETING OF
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 11.00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. Peter Keaveney
Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway

Baill: Comh./Cllr. T Broderick, J. Byrne, I. Canning, L. Carroll, J. Charity, D. Collins, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, G. Cronnelly, D. Ó Cualáin, J. Cuddy, T. Ó Curraoin, S. Curley, Albert Dolan, G. Donohue, G. Finnerty; D. Geraghty, S. Herterich Quinn, M. Hoade, C. Keaveney, D. Kelly, D. Killilea, M. Kinane, G. King, P. Mac an Iomaire, M. Maher, E. Mannion, J. McClearn, A. McKinstry, P.J. Murphy, Dr. E. Francis Parsons, A. Reddington, P. Roche, J. Sheridan, N. Thomas, S. Walsh and T. Welby.

Oifigh: Mr. J. Cullen, Chief Executive, Ms. E. Ruane, Director of Services, Mr. D. Pender, Director of Services, Mr. M. Owens, Director of Services, Ms. J. Brann, Meetings Administrator, Ms. V. Loughnane, Senior Planner, Mr. B. Dunne, A/Senior Executive Planner, Mr. B. Corcoran, Executive Planner, Mr. J. Fleming, Assistant Planner, Mr. L. Ward, Graduate Planner, Ms. L. Keady, Administrative Officer, Ms. A. Power, Senior Staff Officer, Ms. Carol Walsh, Assistant Staff Officer and Mr. S. Keady, Clerical Officer

Apologies: Cllr. McHugh Farag

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

Item No. 1: To consider the Chief Executive's Report on the Submissions received on Material Alterations to the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 under Part 11, Section 12(5) and (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). 3985

Ms. Loughnane commenced proceedings by noting that the Failte Ireland submission was not completed at Meeting on 22/04/2022 and it was agreed to revisit same.

GLW-C20-139 FAILTE IRELAND

Ms. Loughnane advised that the Members had already agreed on the wording related to the NR4 New Accesses on National Roads as per NWRA Recommendation. She advised that what they were dealing with now was additional wording which was included as blue text. She explained that the insertion of this gives flexibility to Failte Ireland for the facilitation of regionally strategic projects on national routes. She advised that will also assist Irish Water when they have small infrastructural works on national routes it will allow the facilitation of same. She advised that it was simply the addition of blue text to facilitate tourism projects and water infrastructure on national routes.

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed by the Members.

GLW-C20-74 -TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IRELAND

Ms. Loughnane advised that a detailed and comprehensive submission has been made by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) which relates to a number of proposed Material Alterations. TII welcomes the Proposed Material Alterations arising from considerations of the Authority's initial submission on the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. As this is an extensive submission there will be a summary of the commentary on each Material Alteration followed by the Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation.

Proposed Material Alteration no. 4.1 to 4.9

The submission notes that there is no Proposed Alteration to Policy Objective RH 16 'Direct Access to National Roads'. As outlined in TII's submission on the Draft Plan, Policy Objective Rural Housing RH 16 outlines that residential development along national roads will be restricted outside the 50 – 60 kph speed zones in accordance with the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities, however, consideration is allowed in the proposed Policy Objective for the needs of farm families to live on the family holding on a limited basis. In TII's opinion, the exception provided for farm families outlined in Policy Objective RH 16 is at variance with Government policy and the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoECLG, 2012). TII suggests the following proposed update to Policy Objective RH 16:

'Residential development along National Roads will be restricted outside the 50-60kmp speed zones in accordance with the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Road Guidelines (2012). Consideration shall be given to the need of farm families to live on the family holding on a limited basis and a functional need to live at this location must be demonstrated. Documentary evidence shall be submitted to the Planning Authority to justify the proposed development and will be assessed on a case by case basis. Where there is an existing access, the combined use of same must be

~~considered and shown to be technically unsuitable before any new access can be considered. Access via local roads shall always be the preferred access and in all cases, it must be demonstrated that this is not possible. An Enurement condition will be attached to grants of planning permission for the above'.~~

Further to the above it is noted that DM Standard 27 and DM Standard 28 of the Draft Plan will require revision.

Chief Executive's Response:

The reference to Policy Objective RH 16 above is noted. However, this policy objective was not amended from what was on display during the Draft Development Plan and as a result is not subject to Material Alteration.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change.

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Killilea, seconded by Cllr. Walsh and agreed by the Members.

Proposed Material Alteration no. 5.1

TII welcomes the clarification that the Council and Galway City Council will prepare a masterplan for the Former Galway Airport site in consultation with all relevant stakeholders including the NTA, TII and Irish Water provided for under the alteration to Policy Objective EL 4 Former Galway Airport. TII recommends that the proposed Policy Objective EL 4 is further amended to confirm that the Masterplan will be subject to an appropriate evidence base and ABTA and will be incorporated into the Development Plan by amendment or variation in accordance with official policy requirements.

Chief Executive's Response:

It is considered that any future Masterplan for these lands will result in a possible Variation to the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 and all necessary studies will be carried out.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Byrne and agreed by the Members.

Proposed Material Alteration no. 5.5

The submission states that the lands in question are removed from the current extents of zoned lands in the Galway Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) area and appear to represent a disjointed approach to zoning in the MASP area. TII notes that

the lands subject to this Proposed Amendment do not appear to have been subject to any evidence-based assessment. As such, TII considers the adoption of the Proposed Amendment in its current form to be premature. Material Alteration no. 5.1 commits to undertaking a Masterplan for the former Airport lands. Having regard to the nature of the disjointed zoning proposals subject to this Proposed Amendment, TII recommends that the Council should consider undertaking a comprehensive masterplan for the area to include proposed zonings subject to this Proposed Amendment as well as the former airport lands.

Chief Executive's Response:

The Chief Executive considers that there is no justification for this Material Alteration. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 7 it is recommended that these lands would revert to unzoned lands as per the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.7

This was already covered in a previous motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Proposed Material Alteration no. 5.4

TII considers the proposed alteration to conflict directly with the provisions of the Section 28 Ministerial Guidance 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoECLG, 2012) concerning development access to national roads; Section 2.5 of the DoECLG Guidelines refer. The submission notes planning history on the subject site and states that the lands in question are removed from the current extents of zoned lands in the MASP area and appear to represent a disjointed approach to zoning in the MASP. TII does not support the amendment.

Chief Executive's Response:

The Chief Executive is not in favour of this Material Alteration as there is no justification for the zoning of these lands. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 7 it is recommended that these lands would revert to unzoned lands as per the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No. 7

This was already covered in a previous motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Proposed Material Alteration no. 6.5

TII acknowledges the above amendment and welcomes the engagement that has occurred with the Council since the Draft Galway County Transport and Planning Study was included in the Draft Plan and welcomes future engagement.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty and agreed by the Members.

Proposed Material Alteration no. 6.13

TII recommends that the policy objective should identify that the standard 'Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads' is a TII publication, as follows:

'To require the design of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure to be in accordance with the principles, approaches and standards set out in the National Cycle Manual, the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets **and TII Publications 'The Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads'.**

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. It is considered appropriate to insert the proposed amendment as requested with reference to TII Publications.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

Insert additional wording as below:

WC1 Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure

'To require the design of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure to be in accordance with the principles, approaches and standards set out in the National Cycle Manual, the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets **and TII Publications 'The Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads'.**

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed by the Members.

Proposed Material Alteration no. 6.20

TII welcomes the new Policy Objective NR 4 New Accesses on National Roads.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. This policy objective has been further amended based on the submission received from the NWRA and Fáilte Ireland.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

This was already covered in Fáilte Ireland Submission. Noted by the Members.

Proposed Material Alteration no. 6.21

TII welcomes the proposed new Policy Objective NR 5 Route Corridor.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed by the Members.

Proposed Material Alteration 15.11

TII is of the opinion that there remains a requirement to review Policy Objective RH 16 and DM Standard 27 to ensure the proposals comply with the provisions of official policy. As currently drafted, TII considers that the provisions of the Draft Plan and proposed amendments conflict with Government policy and the provisions of the Section 28 Ministerial Guidance 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoECLG, 2012). TII's recommendations remain as set out in the Authority's submission on the Draft Plan.

Chief Executive's Response:

The reference to DM Standard 27 above is noted. This DM Standard was amended by the Elected Members to what was contained in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. The recommendation from TII in relation to this DM Standard was included in the Chief Executive's Report and associated recommendation on the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. It is considered that the wording of the DM Standard 27 should revert back to that as per the Draft Plan. The OPR have also made a recommendation on this.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.6

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Proposed Material Alteration 15.12

TII is of the opinion that there remains a requirement to review DM Standard 28 as well as Policy Objective RH 16 and DM Standard 27 to ensure the proposals comply with the provisions of official policy. As currently drafted, TII considers that the provisions of the Draft Plan and proposed amendments conflict with Government policy and the provisions of the Section 28 Ministerial Guidance 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoECLG, 2012). TII's recommendations remain as set out in the Authority's submission on the Draft Plan.

Chief Executive's Response:

The reference to DM Standard 28 above Policy Objective RH 16 is noted. This DM Standard was amended by the Elected Members to what was contained in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. The recommendation from TII in relation to this DM Standard was included in the Chief Executive's Report and associated recommendation on the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. It is considered that the wording of this DM Standard should revert back to the Draft Plan.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

Revert to the Draft Plan.

DM Standard 28: Access to National and Other Restricted Roads for Commercial & Other Developments

Commercial development along National Roads and Other Restricted Roads will be restricted outside the defined settlement centres or the Local Area Plan boundaries as follows:

a) Class I Control Roads (National Road)

In general, commercial and industrial development shall be prohibited outside the 50/60kph speed limits of National Routes. Consideration will be given to substantiated cases for extension and intensification of existing establishments and to the provision of park and ride facilities. All existing and proposed National Roads are included under the Class 1 Control Roads designation.

Remaining Material Alteration 15.12 as per DM Standard 28.

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. McKinstry and agreed by the Members.

Volume 2 Settlement Plans

Proposed Material Alteration no. MASP MA 1

TII welcomes the commitment to undertaking ABTA which will support the identification of an appropriate access strategy for the Framework Plan lands. In

relation to Policy Objective GCMA 24(b) TII is unclear as to what this measure relates to and would welcome clarification.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. The Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) which forms part of Policy Objective GCMA 24(a) was recommended by the Chief Executive. In relation to the wording for part (b) of this policy objective, this was proposed by the Elected Members during the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022. The Chief Executive considers that the additional wording is not required. Therefore, it is considered the additional wording in part (b) is premature to the carrying out of the ABTA referenced in this policy objective.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No. 1

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Proposed Material Alteration no. Maigh Cuilinn MA 2

TII welcomes the Material Alteration.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change.

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Proposed Material Alteration no. SGT LUZ Maigh Cuilinn 8.2a, Proposed Material Alteration no. SGT LUZ Maigh Cuilinn 8.2b and Proposed Material Alteration no. SGT LUZ Maigh Cuilinn 8.4

Noted that the above amendments proposed new or altered zonings in the vicinity of the proposed N59 Moycullen Bypass Scheme. TII notes that no evidence base has been provided to determine critical issues of access and traffic impact and considers it premature to include the proposed amendments in advance of the development of an appropriate evidence base and access strategy demonstrating compliance with provisions of official policy. TII recommends that the amendments are not adopted in the interests of safeguarding the strategic function of the national road network in the area and safeguarding the significant Exchequer investment in the N59 Moycullen Bypass Scheme.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. These Material Alterations relate to the Tourism zonings in the vicinity of the Wildlands complex in Maigh Cuilinn. Each Material Alteration will be outlined as follows:

SGT LUZ Maigh Cuilinn 8.2a:

This Material Alteration relates to lands that were zoned Residential Existing in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. During the course of the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022 the Elected Members by resolution proposed the rezoning of these lands from Residential Existing to Tourism. The Chief Executive is not in favour of the zoning of these lands. As per the OPR Recommendation No. 7 is it considered these lands should revert back to the Draft Plan.

SGT LUZ Maigh Cuilinn 8.2b:

This Material Alteration relates to lands that were zoned Agriculture in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. During the course of the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022 the Elected Members by resolution proposed the rezoning of these lands from Agriculture to Tourism. The Chief Executive is not in favour of the zoning of these lands. As per the OPR Recommendation No. 7 is it considered these lands should revert back to the Draft Plan.

SGT LUZ Maigh Cuilinn 8.4:

This Material Alteration relates to lands that were not included in the plan boundary of Maigh Cuilinn. During the course of the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022 the Elected Members by resolution proposed the inclusion of the lands from unzoned lands to Tourism. The Chief Executive is not in favour of the zoning of these lands. As per the OPR Recommendation No. 7 is it considered these lands should revert back to the Draft Plan.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

SGT LUZ Maigh Cuilinn 8.2a: See OPR Recommendation No.7

SGT LUZ Maigh Cuilinn 8.2b: See OPR Recommendation No.7

SGT LUZ Maigh Cuilinn 8.4: See OPR Recommendation No.7

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Oranmore

In their submission on the Draft Plan, TII identified that the Oranmore Settlement Plan included 'Business and Technology' and 'Industrial' zoned lands to the north of Carrowmoneash adjoining the N67 at a location where TII's records indicate a 100kph speed limit applies. Submission notes that the Council were requested to review the zoning in the area to ensure that the Development Plan zoning and other objectives accord with provisions of official policy. Noted that no amendments have been

included to address this in the Draft Plan. TII's position remains as set out in the Authority's initial observations on the Draft Plan.

Chief Executive's Response:

The reference to the Oranmore Settlement plan and the Business and Technology and Industrial zoned lands. However, this zoning was not subject to a Material Alteration.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

Noted by the Members.

Material Alteration no. MASP LUZ Oranmore 3.3

TII would welcome confirmation prior to adoption of the amendment that no new access or intensification of existing access to the national road will be permitted and that access will be provided from the adjoining local road.

Chief Executive's Response:

The subject Material Alteration is for the zoning of additional lands. There is no indication that there would be direct access onto the national road network.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy and agreed by the Members.

Proposed Material Alteration no. SGT LUZ Headford 7.4 and SGT LUZ Headford 7.10

TII recommends that the proposed zoning objectives are reviewed as the proposed zoning at this location on the N84 subject to an approved 80kph speed limit and reliant on direct access to the national road conflict with Section 28 Ministerial Guidance 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoECLG, 2012) and raises significant road safety concerns.

Chief Executive's Response:

This Material Alteration relates to lands that were not included in the plan boundary of Headford. During the course of the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022 the Elected Members by resolution proposed the inclusion of the lands from unzoned lands to Residential Phase 2. The Chief Executive considers that this additional zoning is not required. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 3 it is recommended that these lands revert as per the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.3

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Proposed Material Alteration no. RSA LUZ Galway Airport 17.1

TII notes again that the lands in question are removed from the current extents of zoned lands in the MASP and appear to represent a disjointed approach to zoning in the MASP area. Noted that the subject lands and cumulative impact on the national road do not appear to have been subject to any evidence-based assessment. TII recommends that the Council should consider undertaking a comprehensive masterplan for the area to include proposed zonings subject to this Proposed Amendment as well as the former airport lands.

Chief Executive's Response:

This Material Alteration relates to lands that were not zoned in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. During the course of the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022 the Elected Members by resolution proposed the inclusion of the lands from unzoned lands to Business and Enterprise. The Chief Executive considers the additional zoning of lands outside the settlement boundary is not justified. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 7 it is recommended that these lands revert to unzoned lands.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.7

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

The Meeting adjourned for 15 minutes due to Technical Difficulties and resumed at 11.50 a.m.

Proposed Material Alteration no. RSA LUZ Glennascaul 18.1

TII considers the proposed alteration to conflict directly with the provisions of the Section 28 Ministerial Guidance 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoECLG, 2012) concerning development access to national roads; Section 2.5 of the DoECLG Guidelines refer. The submission notes planning history on the subject site and states that the lands in question are removed from the current extents of zoned lands in the MASP are and appear to represent a disjointed approach to zoning in the MASP. TII does not support the amendment.

Chief Executive's Response:

This Material Alteration relates to lands that were not zoned in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. During the course of the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022 the Elected Members by resolution proposed the inclusion of the lands from unzoned lands to Industrial. The Chief Executive considers the additional zoning of lands outside the settlement boundary is not justified. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 7 it is recommended that these lands revert to unzoned lands.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.7

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Appendix 4 Galway County Transport and Planning Study (GCTPS)

TII would welcome the Proposed Amendment also reflecting the requirement to apply the complementary TII Publications Standard 'The Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads' to national roads in addition to DMURS in urban areas that remain on the national road network.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted as per Recommendation on Policy Objective WC 1 Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure above.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

Refer to the amendment Policy Objective WC 1 Pedestrian and Cycle Infrastructure.

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Other observations that TII considers require review prior to finalisation of the Development Plan:

- Confirmation that masterplanning exercises will be subject to incorporation into Development Plans by amendment or variation, in accordance with official policy, particularly where they are relied upon for development management functions.
- Zoning Objectives in the Clifden Settlement Plan; 'Tourism' and 'Residential' zoned lands to the east of Clifden and 'Residential' zoned lands to the north west of Clifden adjoin the N59, national road, at a location where TII's records indicate a 100kph speed limit applies.
- For clarity and to avoid any ambiguity in relation to the delivery of the National Development Plan national road investment objectives, TII would not support the additional requirements of Policy Objective PRP 2 of the Draft Plan relating to Corridor and Route Selection Process being applied, in addition to processes already applied, to national road scheme planning.

- Safeguarding national road drainage regimes.
- Grid Connection Routing options, including for renewable energy developments, should be developed to safeguard the strategic function of the national road network in accordance with Government policy by utilising alternative available options.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. The above bullet points are not subject to Material Alterations.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

Noted by the Members.

GLW-C20-164 - NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

Ms. Loughnane advised that a detailed and comprehensive submission has been made by National Transport Authority (NTA) which relates to a number of Proposed Material Alterations. NTA welcomes the Proposed Material Alterations arising from considerations of the Authority's initial submission on the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. As this is an extensive submission there will be a summary of the commentary on each Material Alteration followed by the Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation.

Summary of Submission

NTA recommend amending Policy Objective GCMA 1 Residential Development to include the text in red below:

The above exceptions will be subject to compliance with the Core Strategy in the County Development Plan, the Policy Objectives in this Metropolitan Plan, the principles of proper planning and sustainable development and to meeting normal planning, access **to public transport, walking and cycling networks** and servicing requirements. Developments will only be permitted where a substantiated case has been made to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority and the development will not prejudice the future use of the lands for the longer-term growth needs of this metropolitan area.

Chief Executive's Response:

The reference to Policy Objective GCMA 1 Residential Development above is noted. However, this policy objective was not amended from what was on display during the Draft Development Plan and as a result is not subject to Material Alteration.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. Mannion and agreed by the Members.

Galway County Transport and Planning Strategy (GCTPS)

Welcomes map of bus services and the greater focus placed on bus services and improvements to bus service infrastructure.

The NTA would welcome the inclusion of reference to the Connecting Ireland bus service programme.

Welcomes MA 6.6 GCTPS 10 to support Park and Stride initiatives. Recommended that wording altered such that emphasis is not on creating new car parks, rather finding suitable existing carparks which can be utilised. These include local car parks, supermarket carparks, church carparks etc which do not have heavy usage between 8-9am.

The wording could be altered as follows:

GTPS 10 Park and Stride

~~"To support the development **identification** of **appropriate existing locations to accommodate Park and Stride initiatives within walking distance to schools.**" car parks/set down areas to accommodate Park and Stride initiatives at appropriate locations, especially within walking distances to school~~

Chief Executive's Response:

It is considered that the wording subject as per Material Alteration 6.6 is appropriate in this instance and the spirit of the wording supports the development of the Park and Stride initiatives.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

Cllr. McKinstry stated that the amendment was recommending the cessation of building new carparks, and he would be in favour of this amendment. Mr. Dunne replied that the material changes that Cllr. McKinstry referred to would only come about pending further studies and advised that the wording in the draft plan will allow some scope for flexibility. In response to An Comh. O Curraoin, Mr. Dunne advised that this was in relation to Park and Stride facilities in towns and villages and supporting of same. An Comh. O Curraoin queried the insurance implications with regards to parking in Church Grounds/School Yards. Mr. Dunne advised that was outside the remit of the CDP.

Cllr. Geraghty raised an issue in relation to road safety at Caltra NS during school drop-offs. He suggested that "identification" and "development" are both included in the wording. He stated that he had sought guidance on this previously from Forward

Planning Team. He stated that road safety around schools in rural Ireland was an issue and that there was a necessity for safe parking areas at schools.

Cllr. Carroll stated that he supported CE Recommendation on this as the wording was satisfactory and supports Park and Stride initiatives.

Cllr. M. Connolly concurred with previous speakers. He referred to earlier comments regarding the proposed increased use of electric cars going forward and commented that these too will require carparking spaces, hence the need for carparks. He stated that there was a deficit in rural Ireland of suitable carparks that will encourage the use of public transport or walking to work. He stated that there was a necessity for them also for commercial vehicles to park, as buses, articulated trucks and other commercial vehicles seldom have anywhere to park in a towns/villages. He stated that the Council should be identifying potential parking areas within rural areas. He stated that if it were not in as an objective in the CDP, then the option for applying for Clar funding would be diminished. He proposed going with CE Recommendation on this.

Cllr. Donoghue agreed with previous speakers. She stated that when she raised this issue previously with Area Engineering Staff, she was advised it was a Garda matter when speeding was involved and queried whether it would be prudent to leave in the current wording.

Cllr. Kinane stated that this was a very important matter and was raised recently at Municipal District level. She advised that correspondence was being issued to the Department of Education on the matter. She suggested that the proposed wording in the policy objective should be strengthened, i.e. "actively support" which would allow more engagement with all relevant stakeholders, i.e. Department of Education and Gardai going forward.

Cllr. McKinstry stated that he agreed with potential wording from Cllr. Kinane. In reply to his colleagues' earlier remarks, he stated that of course there will be cars in the future, but at a greatly reduced level than there is presently. He stated that this meant that there would be an active re-using of car-parks, as the country moves towards public transport. He recommended going with Cllr. Kinane's proposed wording.

Cllr. Hoade concurred with previous speakers and encouraged more engagement between stakeholders such as the Department of Education and Local Authorities.

Cllr. Welby remarked that everyone wanted as much parking as possible. However, he urged caution as Galway County Council may find themselves taking on the role of funders here and Members had to be aware that their funding stream was not bottomless. He stated that if they get actively involved, it will inevitably mean getting involved financially as well.

In response to queries raised by Members, Mr. Dunne advised that there was a policy objective in Chapter 6 regarding Park and Ride facilities and there was a lengthy debate in December/January Meetings regarding same. He stated that they were acutely aware of traffic safety issues around schools and referenced road safety audits being undertaken to further analyse same. He stated that should Cllr. McKinstry wish to modify the wording being approved, there may be implications down the line that are initially unforeseen, such as financially, and that the changed nuance may affect settlement plans as well. He then finalized his remarks by stating that the Executive found the wording to be appropriate in this instance, but it was up to the Members to change if they saw fit, provided any modifications were minor.

Cllr. M. Connolly commented that the Planning Authority have been very accommodating in the past of those set-down areas and safety measures around schools. However, he stated that Clar funding was not as strong as it may have once been regarding car parking at schools. He suggested that there would be some reference to schools in CDP and to highlight the difficulty in delivering funding for same. Mr. Dunne advised that there were policy objectives already included in CDP for schools, for parking and safety issues. He stated that he did not want to identify areas at this stage as these will be coming out of Transport Strategy.

Cllr. Kinane stated that the wording should be strengthened and advised that she would be rejecting CE Recommendation and would be sending in a motion on this. Cllr. McKinstry seconded this motion. Mr. Dune advised that he would liaise with Cllrs. Kinane and McKinstry regarding the proposed wording of the motion prior to going to a vote.

Ms. Loughnane referring to Transport Strategy advised that a lot of the issues raised by the Members were included in that document and encouraged them to revisit it.

Oranmore

Summary of Submission:

Material Alteration Oranmore MA1:

Reference to Material Alteration MA1 is made and support of this is outlined.

Material Alteration Oranmore MA2:

Welcomes the inclusion of Material Alteration MA2 which relates to OMSP 18 Bus Services, Stops and Shelters. However, it is recommended that additional wording would be added as follows:

OMSP 18 Bus Service, Stops and Shelters:

Promote an improved bus service in Oranmore and investigate the potential to provide more frequent stops and bus shelters and improve access to existing bus stops through the provision of/enhancement of crossing points and improved footpaths and through enhanced permeability in existing areas as well as ensuring that new developments are fully permeable for walking and cycling.

Material Alteration Oranmore MA3:

Welcomes the inclusion of policy objective OMSP 19 Public Footpath & Lightening Network. The NTA notes no amendment to include reference to the GTS and the proposed bus routes contained in it or to the Connecting Ireland Programme.

MASP LUZ Oranmore 3.3:

Amendment No. MASP LUZ Oranmore 3.3. proposes to extend the Oranmore settlement boundary and to zone the land CF – Community Facilities. Community uses should be located as centrally as possible in order to allow access by all and to reduce the reliance on the private car.

Where land is required for a community use, that an appropriate site in the town centre or neighbourhood centre is identified for that purpose.

Chief Executive's Response:

Material Alteration MA 1:

Commentary and general agreement in relation to Oranmore MA 1 is noted.

Material Alteration MA 2:

In relation to Oranmore MA 2 it is considered that the additional wording is warranted and will be recommended to be included.

Material Alteration MA 3:

Commentary and general agreement in relation to Oranmore MA 3 is noted.

MASP LUZ Oranmore 3.3:

In relation to MASP LUZ Oranmore 3.3 it is considered that the inclusion of these lands adjacent to the established residential estate is appropriate in this instance. There are no other lands in the centre of Oranmore that could accommodate this large tract of Community Lands.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

Material Alteration Oranmore MA1: No Change

Material Oranmore Alteration MA2: Amend Policy Objective OMSP 18 as follows:

OMSP 18 Bus Service, Stops and Shelters:

Promote an improved bus service in Oranmore and investigate the potential to provide more frequent stops and bus shelters and improve access to existing bus stops through the provision of/enhancement of crossing points and improved footpaths and through enhanced permeability in existing areas as well as ensuring that new developments are fully permeable for walking and cycling.

Material Alteration MA3:

No Change

MASP LUZ Oranmore 3.3:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Cuddy and agreed by the Members.

Baile Chláir

Summary of the Submission:

No amendment proposed to include mention of the GTS and the proposed bus routes contained in it or to the Connecting Ireland programme.

MASP LUZ Baile Chláir 1.4b and 1.5:

The lands subject to these material alterations resulted in additional zoning of lands for Community Facilities and Infill Residential respectively. It is considered that this is not in accordance with policies to encourage modal shift to sustainable modes and reduce car reliance. Community Facilities should be located as centrally as possible to allow widest possible access.

The NTA recommends that MASP LUZ Baile Chláir is removed and that the community zoning remain or that an alternative site located more centrally within the town is identified for that purpose.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. As per OPR Recommendation's No.2 and 3 it is proposed that these Material Alterations would revert to the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation's No 2 and 3.

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Bearna

Submission notes there is no MA to include mention of the GTS and proposed bus routes contained in it or Connecting Ireland Programme.

Noted by the Members.

Briarhill

Submission notes inclusion of ABTA MA MASP MA 1 and continued reference to UFP. NTA notes the OPR submission to the Draft Plan which supports a '*joint Local Area Plan or at the least a joint strategy to form part of the draft plan, including a transport strategy and/or local transport plan for the connected metropolitan settlements of Garraun, Ardaun and Briarhill. This should also involve engagement with all other relevant stakeholders, particularly TII, NTA and OPW*

. On that basis the NTA recommends that in the absence of a joint local area plan, that a joint transport plan for the foregoing settlements is prepared in consultation with both the NTA and TII. NTA considers that GCMA 24 should be removed and that these type of access and mode details are more appropriately dealt with at ABTA/LTP and Framework Level. The inclusion of this element of the objective has the potential to jeopardise the long term sustainable planning of the area.

Noted that the plan does not reference the *Parkmore Area Strategic Transport Framework*. NTA are currently pursuing the recommendations of this Framework. This work will have a bearing on the future Briarhill UFP and associated LTP.

Submission states that in the absence of evidence base supporting the UFP it is difficult to determine potential implications for the operation of the existing and future national road network in the area. Number of access proposals included in the UFP appear to conflict with Government Policy concerning access to national roads for example 'future indicative access to the N83'.

Recommends that Part (b) of the proposed Policy Objective GCMA 24 is removed and that reference to the Parkmore Area Strategic Transport Framework be included in this objective or at an appropriate location in the Plan.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. It is not considered that Policy Objective GCMA 24 Area Based Transport Assessment part (a) should be removed in favour of Joint LAP/Joint Local Transport Plan. As per OPR Recommendation No.1 it is proposed that part (b) of Policy Objective GCMA 24 would be removed.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No. 1

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Galway Airport

The NTA welcomes MA 5.1 which includes additional wording for consultation with the NTA.

Regarding RSA LUZ Galway Airport 17.1 to rezone land from Business and Enterprise submission notes that the subject lands are in the vicinity of former airport site and the cumulative impact on the national road of the development of the Airport Masterplan lands and the lands subject to this Proposed Amendment do not appear to have been subject to any evidence based assessment. Submission therefore considers that the adoption of the Proposed MA would be premature.

Having regard to MA 5.1 and the nature of the disjointed zoning proposals, it is recommended that the Council should give consideration to undertaking a comprehensive masterplan for the area to include proposed zonings subject to this proposed MA as well as former airport lands.

Recommends that MA RSA LUZ Galway Airport 17.1 is not progressed in its present form, but rather be included in the Masterplan boundary associated with proposed amendment 5.1.

Chief Executive's Response:

The Chief Executive is not in favour of this Material Alteration. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 7 it is recommended that these lands would revert to unzoned lands as per the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.7

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Other Zoning Proposals

Submission notes MA RSA LUZ Glenascaul 18.1 to rezone land from Rural Countryside to Industrial. The inclusion of an industrial zoning removed from the current extents of zoned lands and without access to public transport infrastructure is questioned at this rural location. Recommends MA RSA LUZ Glenascaul 18.1 does not proceed.

Chief Executive's Response:

The Chief Executive is not in favour of this Material Alteration. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 7 it is recommended that these lands would revert to unzoned lands as per the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.7

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

MA RSA LUZ Woodlawn 20.1

Regarding MA RSA LUZ Woodlawn 20.1 to rezoned land from Rural Countryside to Residential, submission states that there is no settlement of scale at this location which would provide associated amenities and services for a future residential population. In order for development to proceed at this location it would need to be of sufficient scale with an accompanying LAP/masterplan and associated LTP with phased provision of infrastructure and services to ensure the proposed residential development would not be an entirely car dependent development. Recommends this amendment does not proceed as it is currently proposed.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. The Chief Executive is not in favour of this Material Alteration. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 2 it is recommended that these lands would revert to unzoned lands as per the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.2

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Walking and Cycling

Submission welcomes MA 6.14 to include reference to the *Permeability: Best Practice Guide* in Objective WC1 Pedestrian and Cycle Infrastructure.

Welcomes MA 6.15 to amend Objective WC3 Sustainable Transport Movement.

Welcomes MA 6.16 to amend Objective WC5 Traffic Free Cycle Routes to include reference to filtered permeability.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed by the Members.

Planning for Public Transport

Submission welcomes MA 6.17 to amend objective PT2 to include facilitating access to public transport and the implementation of the GTS bus network.

Submission reiterates that objective PT4 *Rural Transport* could include reference to the Connecting Ireland bus programme. Revised PT4 could state *To continue to support the 'Local Link' rural transport service and to encourage operators to improve the service to meet the social and economic needs of the rural communities in the County.*

NTA wishes to reiterate that there is currently no sanction for a Western Rail Corridor project and the potential delivery of any such project would be unlikely to occur within the lifetime of the plan. Reference to *WRC Financial and Economic Appraisal Report* and the all island Strategic Rail Review.

Regarding PT8, the extension of the WRC to Loughrea did not form part of the review. Stated that demand at this location or the growth projections for the town would justify the expenditure. The delivery of rail infrastructure to Loughrea is not part of any plan or programme and unlikely to be delivered in the lifetime of the plan. Recommendation that Objective PT8 clearly set out that this is a future aspiration and does not form part of any current plan or programme.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. Support for Material Alteration 6.17 is welcomed. Reference to other policy objectives in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 is also noted but they do not form part of the Material Alterations.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed by the Members.

Strategic Road Network

Welcomes MA 6.22 to objective NNR3 Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. Supports Observation 11 of the OPR submission to the Draft Plan which emphasises the importance of a plan-led approach to the development of the Strategic Economic Corridor (SEC) and Atlantic Economic Corridor (AEC) concepts. NTA suggests this could be strengthened by reference to the requirement to consult with the national transport agencies including TII and NTA.

Chief Executive's Response:

Support for Material Alteration 6.22 is welcomed. Reference to consultation as per Observation 11 of the OPR submission on the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 is also noted but this element does not form part of the Material Alterations.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Byrne and agreed by the Members.

Development Management

Reference to MA 15.2 Densities, in particular relating to the MASP and for key towns. NTA would question whether these densities appear low and very rigid in the context of creating sustainable settlements in particular in the existing built up areas and towns. Densities should be dependent on central locations with access to services and on the availability of public transport networks. NTA currently working to deliver improved bus infrastructure and networks in the MASP area on foot of the GTS as well as delivering the Connecting Ireland programme.

NTA notes amendment 15.13 which adds text to DM standard 32 Parking Standards *“In relation to infill sites and sites adjacent to public transport corridors or civic parking facility, a flexible application of standards will be considered”*.

NTA welcomes MA 15.14 which includes a footnote in Table 15.5.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. Support for Material Alterations 15.13 and 15.14 is welcomed. In relation to Material Alteration 15.2 and the concerns expressed it is considered that table 15.1 is appropriate and is in accordance with the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas2009 and Circular 02/2021. In addition, under the OPR Observation No.1 additional footnotes have been added.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Observation No.1

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Mode Share

NTA notes there is no amendment to mode share targets proposed. Suggested that an appropriate place to reference the inclusion of mode share targets for individual settlements is part of the LTP.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed by the Members.

GLW-C20-190 - IRISH WATER

Ms. Loughnane advised that a detailed submission has been made by Irish Water which raises a number of Material Alterations from Volume 1 and Volume 2 of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. As this is an extensive submission there will be a summary of the commentary on each Material Alteration followed by the Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation.

An Cheathrú Rua (Policy Objective WW9, MA 2.12, MA 2.3, MA 7.23, Vol 2 MA LUZ 11.1, MA LUZ 19.1)

It is stated that Irish Water are disappointed at the continued inclusion of Policy Objective WW9 which relates to the minimum 100m setback for all new wastewater treatment plants in An Cheathrú Rua. It is considered that the continued inclusion of the policy objective would cause uncertainty over the timeline for the delivery of the ongoing project to provide wastewater treatment for this untreated agglomeration and mean that Irish Water are unable to commit to the provision of a WWTP for An Cheathrú Rua within the lifetime of the Draft Plan. The inclusion of Policy Objective

WW9 would negatively impact on the delivery of Material Alterations MA SGV LUZ An Cheathrú Rua MA2.12 Core Strategy and MA 2.3 Infrastructural Assessment. The submission states that this policy objective would conflict with others in the Draft Plan and negatively impact Irish Water's ability to facilitate same. The concerns of Irish Water are outlined in detail. It is strongly recommended that Policy Objective WW9 is removed.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. The Chief Executive concurs with the sentiments from Irish Water but the Policy Objective WW9 is not subject to Material Alteration. The reference to Material Alterations listed above and notes the relationship with the policy objective in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. McKinstry and agreed by the Members.

MA 2.3 Infrastructural Assessment, Appendix 2

It is stated that the Infrastructural Assessment should take into account the updates included in MA 7.16.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

Infrastructure Audit will be updated and is attached in Appendix B.

Cllr. Byrne queried the ability of Irish Water to cater for the wastewater facilities included in the CDP and would have concerns of adopting a plan if there was not adequate capacity for wastewater facilities in place.

Cllr. Carroll gave the example of a proposed Strategic Housing Development (SHD) application where ABP sought a commitment from Irish Water that wastewater facilities were sufficient to support the development. He stated that commitment was not provided, and the application was withdrawn as a result. Ms. Loughnane confirmed that it was an SHD and advised that it had not gotten to application stage. She advised that she had been in contact with Irish Water who have assured that there was adequate water and wastewater capacity for everything included in the CDP.

In response to An Comh. O Curraoin regarding 100m Buffer Zone in Carraroe, Ms. Loughnane advised that this was as the Members had agreed and was not subject to

Material Alteration. She advised that Irish Water did outline potential difficulties vis a vis funding should the policy be enacted.

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed by the Members.

MA 2.6 SH1 Affordable Housing

It is recommended that the provision of affordable housing on the outskirts of An Spidéal should be in appropriately zoned lands with existing water services infrastructure and spare capacity.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 4 it is recommended that this policy objective would be removed.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.4

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

MA 2.12 Core Strategy

Irish Water note that it is likely that additional upgrades will be required to cater for the projected growth to 2031 beyond the Plan period. The increase in the housing allocation over the plan period is noted.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed by the Members.

MA 3.2 CGR 11 Strategic Sites

Irish Water supports the preparation of Development Briefs for strategic brownfield and infill sites. It is noted that these should include consideration of how the site can be serviced from a public water services perspective. Amended wording as follows: '(b) Development Briefs for lands identified in the database will be prepared and reviewed accordingly and where required. ***This will include consultation with relevant stakeholders, including Irish Water.***'

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. It is considered that the modification of this wording is appropriate.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

CGR 11 Strategic Sites

(a) It is a policy objective of the Council to establish a database of strategic brownfield and infill sites so that brownfield land re-use can be managed and co-ordinated across multiple stakeholders as part of an active land management process.

(b) **Development Briefs for lands identified in the database will be prepared and reviewed accordingly and where required. This will include consultation with relevant stakeholders, including Irish Water.'**

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty and agreed by the Members.

MA 3.6 PM 13 Public Realm Opportunities

Irish Water welcomes the proposed policy objective. Noted that in identifying suitable opportunities, consideration should be given to the following:

- The inclusion of nature-based sustainable drainage systems is strongly encouraged.
- Planned public realm and road projects have the potential to impact on Irish Water assets and projects.
- Development in the vicinity of Irish Water assets should be in accordance with their Standard Details and Codes of Practice, and Diversion Agreements required where an Irish Water asset is diverted or altered.
- Early engagement is requested in relation to planned road and public realm projects.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Kinane and agreed by the Members.

MA 5.1 EL 4 Masterplan for the Former Galway Airport Site

Irish Water welcomes the proposed material alteration to prepare a masterplan.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Kinane, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed by the Members.

MA 5.4 Zoning of lands from Rural Countryside to Industrial RSA LUZ Glennascaul
18.1

Irish Water recommend that this Material Alteration is not accepted as the site is not contiguous to any settlement or zoned site and is not serviced by public wastewater infrastructure.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 7 it is recommended that these lands would revert to unzoned lands.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.7

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

MA 5.5 Zoning of lands from Rural Countryside to Industrial RSA LUZ Galway Airport
17.1

The submission queries whether this area will be included in the Former Galway Airport Site masterplan and notes that it is not serviced by public wastewater infrastructure.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 7 it is recommended that the lands would revert to unzoned lands as per Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.7

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

MA 6.20 NR 4 New Access on National Roads

The submission notes that there are a number of water and wastewater projects planned in County Galway over the coming years which may require the creation of

additional access points or the generation of increased traffic from existing accesses to national roads with speeds limits over 60kph. It is stated that provision should be made for these projects under the County Development Plan and Irish Water would be happy to engage further with TII and GCC to ensure necessary provisions are made in the development plan.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. Based on the submission from NWRA and Fáilte Ireland it is considered appropriate to modify the policy objective NR4 as follows:

NR 4 New Accesses Directly onto on National Roads

'The policy of the Planning Authority will be to avoid the creation of any additional access point from new development or the generation of increased traffic from existing accesses to national roads to which speed limits greater than 60 kmh apply. This provision in accordance with the relevant TII Guidelines applies to all categories of development. Consideration will be given, where appropriate, for the facilitation of regionally strategic projects and utility infrastructure.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See NWRA and Fáilte Ireland Recommendations.

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

MA 7.2 7.5.1 Irish Water Investment Plan

Noted that Irish Water communicated details of the planned investments included in the 2020-2024 Investment Plan in each county in 2021.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed by the Members.

MA 7.5 WS 8 Proliferation of Septic Tanks

It is recommended that this amendment is not accepted in order to minimise the risk of groundwater pollution.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 6 it is recommended that this policy objective would revert to the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.6

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

MA 7.8, 7.9, 7.10 Regional/ county sludge facilities in Ballinasloe and Tuam

Irish Water does not consider there to be justification for the inclusion of these material alterations and considers they would compromise the achievement of local and national policy with regard to sludge management. Irish Water strongly recommend that these Material Alterations are not adopted in the final Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 10 it is recommended that the narrative, policy objectives subject to these Material Alterations would be omitted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.10

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

MA 7.13 WW10 Integrated Wetland Wastewater Treatment Systems

Proposed wording amendment as follows:

Galway County Council will consider the use of integrated wetland wastewater treatment systems that accord with **the prevailing regulations and standards including the relevant** EPA Code of Practice.'

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. It is considered that the modification of this wording is appropriate.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

WW10 Integrated Wetland Wastewater Treatment Systems

Galway County Council will consider the use of integrated wetland wastewater treatment systems that accord the **prevailing regulations and standards including the relevant** with the EPA Code of Practice.

Cllr. Thomas proposed that CE Recommendation would be rejected and advised that he had sent in a motion on this.

Cllr. Thomas proposed the following motion:

*Galway County Council will **consider encourage** the use of integrated wetland wastewater treatment systems for both one off and multi unit housing developments that accord with the prevailing regulations and standards including the relevant EPA Code of Practice.*

Cllr. Thomas that he was proposing the inclusion of both one-off and multi-unit housing developments and the proposed amendments gave scope for the encouragement of these systems to improve.

Ms. Loughnane stated that she understood where Cllr. Thomas was coming from but advised that Galway County Council cannot actively encourage or advocate the use of any single system as it was not within their remit to do so.

Cllr. McClearn suggested that “consider” was appropriate wording and accepted the importance of one-off and multi-unit developments as an important insertion.

Cllr. Carroll queried if both “consider” and “encourage” could be included in the policy objective.

Ms. Loughnane sought to provide clarity in response to the points raised by the Members. She advised that there would be no issue should “One off housing” be included in wording. However, in relation to proposal to include “multi-unit housing developments”, she advised there was legacy issues associated with privately operated WWTP’s and it would be difficult to accommodate this with the number of treatment plants around the county that are not functioning fully as it is. She further stated that the inclusion of “Multi Unit Housing” contradicted existing policies contained within CDP and advised against it.

Cllr. Thomas stated that at the end of the day they were directed by EPA Code of Practice and if they were satisfied then surely that was all that mattered. He stated that there was a lot encouraged throughout the Plan and queried why they could not encourage this too. In response, Ms. Loughnane advised that the Plan encouraged certain things from a sustainability point of view. However, she reiterated that the CDP cannot encourage the use of a particular type of system.

Motion was proposed by Cllr. Thomas, seconded by An Comh. O Curraoin and agreed by the Members.

Ms. Loughnane advised that it would be screened for EIA and AA assessment.

MA 8.5TI 5 Camper Van Parking Facilities

MA 8.7 TI 7 Bearna Golf Club

MA 15.18 DM Standard 44 Tourism Infrastructure and Holiday Orientated Developments

The submission notes the Draft Water Services Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Jan 2018), Section 5.3 in relation to servicing developments in non-serviced lands. It is noted that the viability or connecting to an Irish Water network will be assessed through their new connections process.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. As outlined above these policy objectives are considered to be aspirational only and may result in proposals coming forward through the Development Management process that may experience difficulties with respect to servicing (water and wastewater).

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

Revert to Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 as follows:

- ~~TI 5 Camper Van Parking Facilities~~
- ~~County Council will support, where practical, and in the interest of proper planning and sustainable development of the area locations for overnight parking with facilities for camper vans in South Connemara from An Spidéal back to An Ceathrú Rua.~~
- ~~TI 7 Bearna Golf Club~~

~~Facilitate the development of an integrated tourism and recreational complex at Bearna Golf and Country Club, including the development of a hotel, leisure centre, conference centre, golf apartments, apart-hotel and associated residential units.~~

• DM Standard 44: Tourism Infrastructure and Holiday Orientated Developments

~~While seeking to ensure that most tourism development locate in or close to towns and villages, the Council recognises that by its nature, some tourism development may require other locations.~~

~~While seeking to ensure that tourism development in towns and villages flourishes, the Council recognises that by its nature, some tourism development may require other locations.~~

Developments that may be open to consideration outside settlement centres include: indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, golf courses, swimming, angling, sailing/boating, pier/marina development, equestrian and pony trekking routes, adventure/interpretative centres and associated ancillary uses, tourist related leisure facilities including walking and cycling.

~~In these circumstances the Council shall promote the reuse of existing buildings outside of settlements for holiday homes/guest accommodation where it can be demonstrated that the redevelopment work is bona fide (replicates and/or is similar in scale and design to the existing building) and will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.~~

The Council shall promote the reuse of existing buildings for holiday homes/guest accommodation where possible.

a) Tourism Infrastructure Development

The Council recognises that golf courses and certain other tourism infrastructure facilities may require ancillary facilities (e.g. club houses, hotel, holiday or short term letting residential accommodation/development and other associated tourism related facilities) to ensure long term viability. Where the provision of such facilities complies with the other requirements of the County Development Plan as set out and the requirements of proper planning and sustainable development, the Council will consider the provision of same subject to the submission of the following:

- Comprehensive justification of need for the facility;
- Overall master plan of the facility;
- Documentary evidence of compliance with the other requirements of the Development Plan.

b) Holiday Orientated Developments

Holiday villages shall have regard to the following:

- The scale of the development should be of modest proportions and should relate to the size of the settlement;
- The design of the scheme should be to a high standard and should include the preservation of boundary characteristics and significant site features as well as car parking provision, segregated waste storage area, public lighting;
- **In general, stand alone holiday orientated development schemes or new tourism facilities which cannot demonstrate connectivity to existing settlements shall not be permitted in the open countryside. In exceptional cases, where it can be demonstrated that facility is dependent on physical or locational constraints which are site specific, consideration may be given to such facilities;**
- ~~In general, new standalone holiday orientated development schemes or new tourism facilities which cannot demonstrate connectivity to existing settlements shall not be encouraged in open countryside.~~
- ~~Consideration may be given to facilities such as; schemes can be extended or added to where it can be demonstrated that the facility is well established that there is justification or need for the extra accommodation.~~
- All new developments must have regard to the Galway Design Guidelines for the Single Rural House.

An Comh. O Curraoin proposed that MA 8.7 T1 7 Bearnána Golf Club be reinserted into Plan as it was a wonderful facility and there was room for expansion to draw more tourists and people into the area. This was seconded by Cllr. Thomas.

I, Comh. O Curraoin, propose to reject CE Recommendation on MA 8.7 T1 7 Bearnána Golf Club

An Comh. Mac an Iomaire proposed that MA 8.5T1 5 Camper Van Parking Facilities be reinserted into Plan. This was seconded by An Comh. O Curraoin.

I, Comh. Mac an Iomaire, propose to reject CE Recommendation on MA 8.5 T1 5 Camper Van Parking Facilities

Cllr. Mannion stated that as tourism was so important, there must be a specific policy objective for camper vans going forward as they are now so common and given the lack of facilities for them, there were persistent issues regard to litter etc. Cllrs. D. Connolly and McKinstry also supported this proposal. Cllr. Kinane stated that as an owner of a campervan herself for over 15 years, agreed that the facilities for camper vans were needed. She stated that as a tourism county that encouraged visitors to drive and visit the county, there needed to be appropriate facilities to meet and match the volume of tourists. She stated that the provision of waste management facilities like bins and recycling facilities were the bare minimum of what was required.

Cllr. Byrne stated that he concurred with previous speakers regarding camper van parking facilities. He then stated that there needed to be an examination of the existing byelaws in place which prohibits caravan parking in Kinvara and advised that there were over 15 no. of them parked there at the weekend. He stated that the byelaws in place were not being implemented. He further commented that there was a lot of unauthorized development going on throughout the county and this was largely due to a lack of enforcement action. He stated that this was a large and pressing issue for Galway County Council.

Cllr. Sheridan stated that he would like to support Cllr. Byrne's comments and stated that byelaws in the county required to be tidied up and agreed that there needed to be dedicated areas and facilities for camper vans.

Cllr. Geraghty also supported previous comments and queried the absence of any mention of rainwater harvesting in these proposed sites and suggested that it be included. This was supported by Cllr. Donoghue. Ms. Loughnane advised there was a policy objective already included in Chapter 7 of CDP to cover this.

Cllr. Hoade stated that as the tourism strategy was being worked on now, caravan parks and facilities must be factored into the CDP.

Cllr. Roche stated that he fully supported the concept. He suggested that they had to also be mindful of potential situations where people parked illegally and suggested that it had to be strictly tourist focused and on temporary set-down basis only.

Cllr. Cuddy fully endorsed Cllr. Byrnes' comments, particularly in relation to enforcement. He stated if unauthorized developments were not being dealt with then people's faith in the system would be diminished.

Cllr. McClearn advised that Galway County Council and Waterways Ireland had developed campervan facilities in Portumna which has a Caretaker in place. Noting Cllr. Roche's earlier comments, he advised it was for campervans only and no caravans were allowed. He encouraged his colleagues to visit the Marina in Portumna to view the facilities in place. As such he stated that it was a template for what the county should be basing the development of any future campervan facilities on.

Referring to Cllr. Byrne's earlier comments, Cllr. King stated byelaw enforcement was a significant issue in his area. He referred particularly to the entry of campervans/ caravans on to commonage, beaches etc. and stated that camping was a major issue as well. He stated that he would support any such proposal regarding campervans, provided that commonages were duly factored in.

Cllr. Reddington stated that they did not have as much of a problem with illegal parking of campervans in North Galway but suggested that the provision of a set-down area would be welcomed. He suggested that the tourism strategy must factor this in as well.

In reply to Cllr. King, Ms. Loughnane advised that commonage was privately owned and therefore not under the remit of Galway County Council.

The CE Recommendation in relation to MA 15.18 DM Standard 44 Tourism Infrastructure and Holiday Orientated Developments was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed by the Members. It was agreed to reject CE Recommendation in relation to MA 8.5 TI 5 Camper Van Parking Facilities and MA 8.7 TI 7 Bearna Golf Club on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed by the Members.

Chapter 15 Development Management, DM Standard 49: Coastal Management and Protection(b) Sea Level Change and Flooding

The submission notes the following amendment, which was not included with the Material Alterations, and request its inclusion in the adopted Plan:

'No new building or new development within 100m of 'soft' shoreline. Any planning applications within this setback must demonstrate that any development would not be subject to potential rising sea levels as a result of climate change including global warming, and must address any issues with regard to rising sea levels, with regard to the siting of any development.'

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. This policy objective was not subject to Material Alteration.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Welby, seconded by Cllr. McKinstry and agreed by the Members.

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Bearna MA 1 BMSP 9 Coastal Setback

The submission notes that the Draft Plan should allow for access to and maintenance of existing Irish Water infrastructure.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change.

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Kinane and agreed by the Members.

Baile Chláir

MASP LUZ Baile Chláir 1.2- Submission notes that a wastewater network extension may be required.

MASP LUZ Baile Chláir 1.3- Submission notes that a wastewater network extension may be required.

MASP LUZ Baile Chláir 1.4a- Submission notes that a wastewater network extension may be required.

MASP LUZ Baile Chláir 1.4b- Submission notes that a wastewater network extension may be required.

MASP LUZ Baile Chláir 1.5 – Submission notes that a wastewater network extension may be required.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

The OPR has made numerous recommendations relating to the lands above and are outlined in the Recommendations No. 2, 3 and 8 above.

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Bearna

MASP LUZ Bearna 2.2- Submission notes that these are unserviced sites.
MASP LUZ Bearna 2.3 – Submission notes that these are unserviced sites.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. The OPR has made recommendation relating to the lands subject to Material Alterations MASP LUZ MA 2.2. Commentary relating to MASP LUZ MA 2.3 is noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.2.

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Oranmore

MASP LUZ Oranmore 3.4b – Submission notes that ongoing Drainage Area Plan (DAP) will identify medium-long term solutions and review capacity issues in Deerpark.
MASP LUZ Oranmore 3.6 – Submission notes 225mm diameter sewer crossing through this site must be protected/ diverted. Water network connectivity to be confirmed, third party agreement may be required to connect to private water services infrastructure.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Byrne and agreed by the Members.

Briarhill

MASP LUZ Briarhill 4.2 – Submission notes localised network extensions and upgrades are likely to be required.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Collins and agreed by the Members.

Garraun

MASP LUZ Garraun 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 – Submission notes Servicing of Garraun will be assessed in the DAP, localised upgrades and extensions are likely to be required. Sequential approach to development recommended.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Byrne and agreed by the Members.

Clifden

SGT LUZ Clifden 6.1 – Wastewater network extension of approximately 150m required.

SGT LUZ Clifden 6.2 – Nearest Irish Water wastewater network approximately 350m away.

SGT LUZ Clifden 6.4, 6.5 - On-site boosting of water supply may be required due to proximity to Clifden Reservoir. Extension to sewer and main on N59 required.

Submission notes that an additional 13.5ha of Phase 2 Residential lands has been proposed in Clifden which exceeds the residential land requirement. It is noted that the need for this level of additional lands is unclear and could compromise the achievement of compact growth objectives.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. Based on the OPR Recommendation No.3 it is recommended that these lands revert as per the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.3

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Headford

SGT LUZ Headford 7.2 – it is recommended that this material alteration is not adopted. Policy Objective SGT 11 Public Utilities will be applicable in this instance.

SGT LUZ Headford 7.7 – it is recommended that the extents of this zoning be reviewed. Policy Objective SGT 11 Public Utilities will be applicable in this instance. Submission notes that significant additional Phase 2 Residential lands has been proposed in Headford. It is noted that the need for this level of additional lands is unclear and could compromise the achievement of compact growth objectives.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. Based on the OPR Recommendation No. 3 it is recommended that these lands revert as per the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.3

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Ms. Loughnane ask that it be noted that Irish Water has concerns about servicing of extra land zoned by Members.

Maigh Cuilinn

SGT LUZ Maigh Cuilinn 8.1 – Submission notes this parcel of land is not served by wastewater network and an extension of >200m and river crossing required. Phase 2 site to north would require extension >100m. Consider provision of future-proofing duct in planned by-pass road project.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

Cllr. Thomas enquired whether a proposal could be put forward to have a wastewater duct in place given the proposed construction of the bye-pass. He explained that a large housing development had been granted permission and suggested that wastewater ducting be in place prior to the bye-pass being completed. He asked Mr. Pender to clarify the situation if possible. In response, Mr. Pender stated that there was extensive consultation work undertaken but would need to familiarize himself with the particulars before making comment on it.

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. McKinstry, seconded by Cllr. Thomas and agreed by the Members.

Oughterard

SGT LUZ Oughterard 9.1 – Submission notes extensions and/or upgrades may be required.

SGT LUZ Oughterard 9.3 – Submission notes connection to existing water services likely to be via adjacent Phase 1 Residential site. These two sites should be developed in a sequential manner.

SGT LUZ Oughterard 9.4, 9.6. 9.8, 9.9 – Submission notes these sites are not serviced by wastewater network.

SGT LUZ Oughterard – Submission notes that localised upgrade and extensions likely to be required.

It is noted that additional Phase 2 Residential lands has been proposed in Oughterard. If developed, strategic upgrades and extensions would be required to service the Phase 2 lands.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. The OPR has made recommendation relating to the lands subject to Material Alterations Oughterard 9.1, 9.4, 9.6, 9.8, 9.9. Commentary in relation to 9.3 is noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No. 2, 3 & 7.

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

An Cheathrú Rua

SGV LUZ An Cheathrú Rua 11.1 – Irish Water notes that significant additional Phase 2 Residential lands has been proposed in An Cheathrú Rua. It is noted that the need for this level of additional lands is unclear and could compromise the achievement of compact growth objectives. Protection of the water source at Loch an Mhuilinn should be a key consideration when assessing any development proposals in the area.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. The OPR has made recommendation relating to the lands subject to Material Alteration SGV LUZ An Cheathrú Rua 11.1.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.3

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

An Spidéal

SGV LUZ An Spidéal 12.2 and 12.3 – Submission notes that network extensions are required.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. The OPR has made recommendation relating to the lands subject to Material Alteration SGV LUZ An Spidéal 12.2.

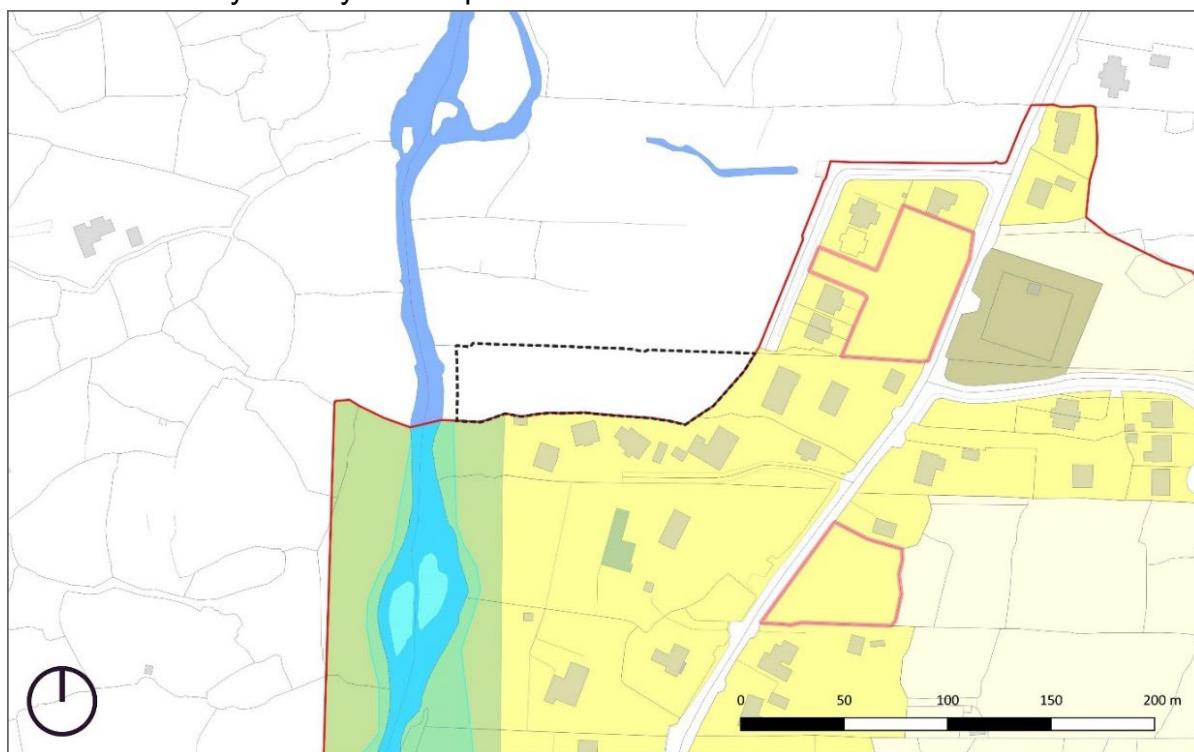
Commentary noted in relation to SGV LUZ An Spidéal 12.3 however based on location and servicing issues it is considered that these lands would revert to unzoned lands as per the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

- See OPR Recommendation No.2 in relation to Material Alteration SGV LUZ An Spidéal 12.2

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

- Revert lands the subject of Material Alteration SGV LUZ An Spidéal 12.3 as per the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028



Ms. Loughnane stated that in relation to SGV LUZ An Spideal 12.3, that it was outside plan boundary and Irish Water have advised that they cannot fulfil the supply demands due to the required extension to their network.

Cllr. Byrne queried what exactly Irish Water meant in saying that the area cannot be serviced. He wished to know whether they meant that a pumped rising main was required or that it was not physically possible to connect. In reply, Ms. Loughnane clarified that she understood it to mean that a significant extensive network expansion

would be required to service the area. She further advised that it was not included in the Draft Plan.

Cllr. Thomas remarked that the site is located to the rear of an existing semi-derelict site and that services were right across the road from this location. He suggested that there should be no big issue in getting it connected in the future. Ms. Loughnane stated that it would likely be very expensive to do so and that was what Irish Water were intimating in their submission.

Cllr. Thomas proposed the following Motion:

I, Cllr. Thomas propose to reject the CE Recommendation and revert to Material Alteration as agreed in December/January Meetings

Motion was proposed by Cllr. Thomas, seconded by An Comh. O Curraoin and agreed by the Members.

Ballygar

MA 13.2 – Submission states that part of this site has been acquired for the planned expansion of the adjacent WWTP and should be zoned Public Utility. It is recommended that consideration is given to revising the zoning boundary. Policy Objective SGV 11 Public Utilities will be applicable in this instance.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. There is limited additional zonings that can take place at this stage of the plan making process, and this would not be regarded as a minor modification.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

Cllr. Byrne queried whether there would be an issue if Irish Water put in an application now to provide a WWTP in the CDP that was not zoned Public Utility. Ms. Loughnane advised that it would not be an issue.

Cllr. M. Connolly stated that his understanding was that a deal has been done with Irish Water on it and were awaiting Irish Water to progress this. He stated that it was a very minor modification taking place.

In response to Cllr. Geraghty's query, Ms. Loughnane advised that if all standards are reached, zoning will not be an issue in this instance. She stated that they did not know what was going to come out of this planning application and it would be unwise to pre-empt it. Cllr. Welby enquired whether it would be possible to change the matrix. Ms. Loughnane advised that she understood the concerns expressed by the Members and while she could not speak for ABP in this instance, it was an extension of an existing

development on adjacent lands and in her opinion ABP would be more favourably disposed to it.

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly and agreed by the Members.

Dunmore

SGV LUZ Dunmore 14.1, 14.2 – Irish Water wastewater network within these sites is to be protected/ diverted.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Killilea, seconded by Cllr. King and agreed by the Members.

Kinvara

SGV LUZ Kinvara 15.1 – Noted that network reinforcements likely to be required.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. The OPR under Recommendation no. 3 has requested that these lands subject to Material Alteration SGV LUZ Kinvara 15.1 would revert to the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.3

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Woodlawn

RSA LUZ Woodlawn 20.1 – Submission states that the zoning of this site as Residential Phase 1 is inappropriate and not in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development.

Chief Executive's Response:

Noted. The OPR has made recommendation relating to the lands subject to Material Alteration RSA LUZ Woodlawn 20.1.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

See OPR Recommendation No.2

Cllr. M. Connolly stated that as part of the submission a letter was sent in from the Local Group Water Scheme stating that there was sufficient water (4" mains pipe passing that site- Kilkerrin Public Scheme) to service this area and the hinterlands.

This was already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

Ms. Loughnane advised they go back to NTA Submission on Page 82 – GTPS 10 Park and Stride.

Cllrs. McKinstry & Kinane submitted the following Motion:

GCTPS 10 Park and Stride

To actively support the development of existing appropriate locations car parks/set down areas to accommodate Park and Stride initiatives at appropriate locations, especially within walking distance to school.

Motion was proposed by Cllr. McKinstry, seconded by Cllr. Kinane and agreed by the Members.

GLW-C20-210 OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. Loughnane gave an overview of submission received from Office of Public Works. The Office of Public Works (OPW), lead Agency for flood risk management in Ireland. The OPW welcomes the amendments to the Constrained Land Use Objective and the Land Use Zoning Matrix for Small Growth Towns and Small Growth Villages. The OPW welcomes the proposed land use zoning alterations for previously undeveloped land in Flood Zones A and B to Open Space/Recreation & Amenity in Baile Chláir, Oranmore, Garraun, Clifden, Maigh Cuilinn, Oughterard, Portumna, An Cheathrú Rua, Ballygar, Dunmore and Kinvara.

In relation to the Material Alteration and the Sequential Approach and where necessary the Justification Test has not been demonstrated for a number of proposed zoning amendments in Flood Zones A and B and it is considered these are not in compliance with the Guidelines.

Highly vulnerable Residential development has been proposed in Flood Zones A or B, as follows:

- MASP LUZ Baile Chláir 1.2
- MASP LUZ Bearná 2.1b
- MASP LUZ Bearná 2.4

- MASP LUZ Oranmore 3.5
- MASP LUZ Headford 7.4
- MASP LUZ Headford 7.10

In relation zoning amendments SGT LUZ Portumna 10.2 and SGT LUZ Portumna 10.4 propose Tourism land use zoning, which may include highly vulnerable development in Flood Zone A.

Chief Executive's Response:

Reference to the amendments of land use zonings in a number of settlements is noted and compliance with the Development Plan Justification Test.

The Material Alterations identified above that are not in compliance with the Development Plan Justification Test will be outlined as follows:

MASP LUZ Baile Chláir 1.2

This parcel of land was zoned Open Space/Recreation & Amenity based on the Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment which was carried out on the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. During the course of the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022 the Elected Members by resolution proposed that these lands would be zoned Residential Phase 1. The OPR has recommended that this parcel of land would revert to the lands as per the settlement boundary in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

MASP LUZ Bearna 2.1b

This parcel of land was zoned Open Space/Recreation & Amenity based on the Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment which was carried out on the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. During the course of the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022 the Elected Members by resolution amended the zoning on these lands to Town Centre/Infill Residential. The Chief Executive considers that the proposed zonings as per Material Alteration are contrary to the Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment carried out on the Draft Plan and the associated 2009 Flood Guidelines. As a result of OPR Recommendation No.8 it is considered that these lands would revert back to Open Space/Recreation & Amenity.

MASP LUZ Bearna 2.4

This parcel of land was zoned Open Space/Recreation & Amenity based on the Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment. During the course of the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022 the Elected Members by resolution amended the zoning on these lands to Town Centre/Infill Residential. The Chief Executive considers that the proposed zonings as per Material Alteration are contrary to the Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment carried out on the Draft Plan and the associated 2009 Flood Guidelines. As a result of OPR Recommendation No.8 it is considered that these lands would revert back to Open Space/Recreation & Amenity.

MASP LUZ Oranmore 3.5

These lands were not included in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. During the course of the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022 the

Elected Members by resolution added these lands and zoned them Residential Phase 2. As a result of OPR Recommendation No. 3 & 8 it is considered that this parcel of land would be removed from the Oranmore settlement boundary and unzoned as per the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

MASP LUZ Headford 7.4

These lands were not included in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. During the course of the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022 the Elected Members by resolution added these lands and zoned them Residential Phase 2. The Chief Executive considers that the proposed zonings as per Material Alteration are contrary to the Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment carried out on the Draft Plan and the associated 2009 Flood Guidelines. As a result of OPR Recommendation No. 3 & 8 it is considered that these lands would revert back to Open Space/Recreation & Amenity.

MASP LUZ Headford 7.10

These lands were not included in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. During the course of the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022 the Elected Members by resolution added these lands and zoned them Residential Phase 2. The Chief Executive considers that the proposed zonings as per Material Alteration are contrary to the Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment carried out on the Draft Plan and the associated 2009 Flood Guidelines. As a result of OPR Recommendation No. 3 & 8 it is considered that these lands would revert back to Open Space/Recreation & Amenity.

SGT LUZ Portumna 10.2

These lands were not included in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. During the course of the Council Meeting in December 2021/January 2022 the Elected Members by resolution added these lands and zoned them Tourism. As a result of OPR Recommendation No. 7 & 8 it is considered that these lands would not be included in the settlement boundary for Portumna.

SGT LUZ Portumna 10.4

These lands were not included in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. A submission was received in relation to these lands as part of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. As the proposed use is tourism the Justification test was applied, and it is considered that a Tourism land use zoning would be appropriate in this instance subject to the additional text under section 4.5 Land Use Zoning Matrix for Small Growth Town. Permissible Uses shall be constrained to those water compatible and less vulnerable uses.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

- MASP LUZ Baile Chláir 1.2-See OPR Recommendation No.2 & 8
- MASP LUZ Bearna 2.1b- See OPR Recommendation No. 8
- MASP LUZ Bearna 2.4- See OPR Recommendation No. 8
- MASP LUZ Oranmore 3.5- See OPR Recommendation No.3 & 8
- MASP LUZ Headford 7.4- See OPR Recommendation No.3 & 8

- MASP LUZ Headford 7.10- See OPR Recommendation No.3 & 8
- SGT LUZ Portumna 10.2- See OPR Recommendation No.7 & 8

These were already covered in a previous Motion on 21/04/2022. Noted by the Members.

- SGT LUZ Portumna 10.4 - Retain the lands zoned Tourism as per Material Alteration. Additional text as per section 4.5 Land Use Zoning Matrix for Small Growth Town. Permissible Uses shall be constrained to those water compatible and less vulnerable uses.

CE Recommendation proposed by Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed by the Members.

**It was agreed to adjourn Meeting until after Lunch.
Meeting resumed again at 3.00 p.m.**

It was agreed to go back to Page 37 – OPR Submission – MA Recommendation 6 – Rural Housing Criteria – (i) MA 4.2 – RH1 Rural Housing Zone (Rural Metropolitan Area).

Ms. Loughnane advised that some motions have been received and advised that Mr. Dunne would be managing this section.

Mr. Dunne stated that this had been deferred from a previous Meeting as they had looked for more commentary from the Members. He advised that this is a new zone in the CDP for 2022-2028 that was identified in RSES and there required to be a clear differentiation between RH 1 and RH 2. For ease of reference for Members, he brought CE Recommendation up on screen. He advised there was some previous discussions around the inclusion of word “links” which was proposed by Cllr. Geraghty. He advised Cllr. Collins had submitted a motion which sought the inclusion of “link” and “farm holdings”. He explained that if “farm holdings” was included, there was no need to insert time-period of 7 years and stated that CE was recommending wording as per Draft Plan. He again advised the Members that the discussion on RH 1 concerned the MASP area only and re-emphasised the need to make a distinction between RH 1 and RH 2.

Cllr. Collins stated that there was a lot of landowners within the MASP area who do not farm, and his proposal would allow non-farm families with land to avail of planning permissions.

Cllr. Geraghty proposed that they revert to what was agreed by the Members in December/January Meetings and that the 10-year time-period be reduced to 7 years.

Mr. Dunne again clarified for the Members that the inclusion of “family lands”, meant there was no necessity for a time-based requirement as that would be implicit within the definition “family lands” and advised against over-complicating it.

Cllr. Geraghty stated that he would withdraw his motion if Cllr. Collins would allow “links” to be included in this motion. Cllr. Collins stated that he had no issue with this. Mr. Dunne enquired if they could be combined as a single motion.

Cllr. McKinstry stated that they must ensure that those who need to live on the land can do so. He stated that there was a real danger that if the rules were relaxed too much, a situation could develop whereby the quota for the county is reached within 1 / 2 years. He suggested that it should be limited to those who actually need to live in the area. He voiced his objection to the removal of “Family Farm Holdings” as farm families have an actual necessity to live in the area. He stated that they were in danger of depopulating the farm community if they go with this proposal.

Cllr. Thomas stated that the Members had to understand the area they were talking about and advised that the MASP area was huge. He stated that by going with those proposed amendments it was ruling out the possibility for a huge number of people of living in that area. He proposed that they revert to wording as agreed by the Members in December/January Meetings.

Cllr. Killilea stated that they needed to be mindful that this was in relation to MASP area only. He stated that he could not support Cllr. Collin’s motion and stated that it was far too stringent for people who wish to live in that area. He stated that the proposal could be framed as anti-rural and would make life very difficult for all involved. He suggested going back to their original decision with exception to the 10-year time period.

Cllr. Carroll stated he was prepared to second Cllr. Collin’s motion. He too reminded the Members that they were dealing with the Rural Metropolitan Area and agreed with Cllr. Thomas’s comment that it was a huge area. He said that if a person has family lands and can demonstrate a need that was workable in his opinion.

Cllr. McClearn stated that he found it ironic that in all the time spent during the entire CDP process, that a fellow Member could say something could be anti-rural. He stated they were dealing with an area that was under severe developmental pressure already. He suggested that they needed to be very careful about getting a balance of what they would like to happen and what they can expect to happen. He stated that having an open-ended planning regime in an area close to Galway City in an area that was already under serious developmental pressure would be a dangerous strategy

and he held concerns that the Members could risk losing it all by trying to be too liberal on this issue. He concluded by stating that he did however fully understand the concerns of his fellow Councillors.

An Comh. O Curraoin stated that he too saw a big problem with this. He stated that many people own land but weren't farming it, and the land continues to be passed down to the family over years. He stated that he would have an issue with people not being able to build on these lands and that people should have the right to build on it whether it is farmed or not. He stated that he would be opposing the motion on that basis.

Cllr. Geraghty stated that he was proposing to revert to original motion that they approved in December/January and was rejecting CE Recommendation.

Cllr. Cronnelly stated that if the words "substantial" and "continuous" could be removed from original motion, it would be acceptable to him.

Cllr. Byrne stated that there had to be a difference between RH 1 and RH 2. He stated that in their Plan and Core Strategy they were over 3,000 houses zoned within the MASP area as compared to South Galway which has 400/500 houses zoned. He stated that there had to be clearly differential objectives for both of those areas. He suggested that a large proportion of young couples would be availing of the Affordable Housing Scheme in the MASP area if it was first time owners they were talking about. He supported Cllr. Collins' motion and stated that it was a good move that they have one-off housing for rural Galway.

Cllr. Thomas stated that they were already operating under very strict planning guidelines anyway. He again reiterated that the MASP area was a large area that was still quite rural. He stated that there were adequate guidelines in place to assist people in rural Ireland to build should they want to build. He stated that he could not go with what was being proposed here and seconded Cllr. Geraghty's proposal to go with original motion approved in December/January.

Cllr. Donohue suggested that they needed to look at this in detail and see what impact it will have on rural areas. She stated that she was not getting the clarity she was looking for, suggested that it was all a bit vague and requested a bit more time on it.

Cllr. Walsh remarked that it was noted in OPR submission that the Members may be contributing to urban generated housing which was not the case in his opinion. He outlined to the meeting the definition of Urban Generated Housing and stated that they were not attempting to do that. He stated that when he put in the 10-year time-period, it was because it related to the MASP area. He again gave the example of a Garda that came to live in MASP area, who bought a site, built a house and reared his family in the area but because they were not landowners, they were precluding their family

from living locally. He stated the same applied to Nurses/Teachers etc. He again restated that urban generated housing had absolutely nothing to do with RH 1. He concluded by saying that other Councillors may not have experienced the planning restrictions that are experienced by those in Conamara as he and his constituents have, and as such the CDP should cater to all within the county.

Cllr. Collins stressed that he absolutely did not intend for the exclusion of Gardai, Nurses, etc. with his proposed motion. He stated that all he sought to do was to ensure that those within the MASP area who were not farmers could get planning permission. He too stated that he needed further time on the issue. He advised that he would be withdrawing his motion until he learned more on the issue.

Cllr. Cuddy stated that this was an important issue for many people and stated that "family lands" should be separate from "farm holdings". He stated that the idea that the first-time person who wants to build their house cannot do so unless they are not involved in farming was ridiculous. He stated that what they wanted to do is maintain the rural community, allow people to be able to build in their rural community and keep the rural community alive. He advised that he was only referring to a first-time family that want to build in their own community and have links to that area. He stated that he would go along with 7 years term as proposed.

Mr. Dunne sought to clarify a few aspects for the Members. In relation to An Comh. O Curraoin's comments, he stated that it has already been changed to "family lands" and restated years should not come into consideration whatsoever once "family lands" were included. He stated that they had to make a clear distinction between RH 1 and RH 2 as per the very clear guidelines set out, to address the sprawling growth of Galway City which was one of the fastest growing cities in the country. He stressed that the distinction between RH 1 and RH 2 was critical. He implored on the Members to pause the issue for the moment, so that the Members could work further on their wording.

Ms. Loughnane acknowledged that there were a number of Members who are also Members of the NRWA and the importance of making a distinction between RH 1 and RH 2 was particularly referenced in the RSES. She advised that once the Plan was adopted, the OPR can disagree or bring up anything that the Members had disregarded previously and could be imposed by Ministerial direction. She too suggested that the issue be paused temporarily so that the Members could further reflect on the issue and agreed that an element of restraint was required in this decision.

Cllr. Charity stated that the one issue he always had regarding the GTPS area was that it was a one-size-fits-all approach. He stated that the benefits of MASP area was that there were 4/5 key areas within it, and these were the areas that were going to get the benefit of the Metropolitan Plan. He stated that it also included areas that

would not benefit from the MASP area that were constrained by the restrictions applied in rural areas as well. As such, he agreed that a little more pause for thought was required on this.

Cllr. Donohue stated that family dynamics have changed significantly in recent years. She referred to wording “schooled in the area” and stated that “schooled” often means primary school, and that children who may live in rural areas but are schooled in urban areas because of their parent’s commute should not be ignored because of this. She suggested that they really need to think about this before making a final decision.

Cllr. Thomas stated that they were already under severe restrictions for planning in place now under this plan. He suggested that being threatened by OPR to sacrifice their constituents’ interests for the MASP area was ridiculous.

In reply to Cllr. Donoghue’s comments, Cllr. Walsh advised that “schooled in the area” was included in every plan he has been aware of. He stated that in his experience it was only necessary in proving housing need, and that the supply of a birth certificate along with a letter from the national school would almost always be sufficient. He stated that the Planners have always been fair about this.

Ms. Loughnane lamented the lack of progress made on the RH 1 issue and stated that it may be prudent to pause the issue for now and move to the rest of the submissions and defer decision on this until later. This was agreed by Cllr. Mannion.

Cllr. Thomas stated that there was no further clarity that could be given at this juncture.

Cllr. Walsh proposed that they finish out this motion and put it to a vote.

Cllr. Dr. Parsons stated that usually with issues that are complicated, they become more straightforward as debate and discussion progresses. However, in this scenario, she stated this was not the case and it may be very helpful to come back with a few different scenarios detailing who would be affected and giving examples etc.

Cllr. Byrne acknowledged that the Members were making honest opinions on this but remarked that the MASP area was brought in for a reason (NPF & RSES). He stated that while he respected the motion being put forward, the Members needed to ask themselves do they want to treat rural housing within the MASP area differently to the remainder of the GTPS area, and if so, he suggested they vote for Cllr. Geraghty’s motion. He stated that he would be voting for CE Recommendation and going with change in relation to family lands. He respectfully asked that it be put to a vote.

Ms. Loughnane sought clarification from the Members on what they were putting to the floor. She advised that should the CE’s Recommendation be rejected, then the Members would be returning to the struck-out wording, with the inclusion of the

amendment of 10 years to 7 years. She stated that should the Members wish to accept the CE's Recommendation, then the wording would be exactly as it is in the CE's Report. She then enquired as to whether there were any counter motions being proposed, as the Planners needed to examine the clarity of wording of any motion before it could be voted on.

Mr. Dunne advised that further clarity was necessary regarding the wording of motions. He respectfully requested that the issue be revisited later with these motions clarified given that two motions were already withdrawn in relation to it. He stated that it was imperative that all Members were fully aware and sure of what exactly they were voting on. Ms. Loughnane reiterated to the Members that only minor amendments to the wording were acceptable at this stage in CDP process and that clarity was paramount, as all Members should be fully aware of what they were voting on.

It was agreed to defer a decision on this issue.

IT WAS AGREED TO DEAL WITH SUBMISSIONS ON PAGE 111 ONWARDS.

GLW-C20-167 CUMANN FORBARTHA CHOIS FHARRAIGE

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the submission as follows:

The submission is requesting that Indreabhán is recognised in the settlement area at Level 7 (a). The submission has outlined a wide range of services why Indreabhán should be included in the Level 7 (a) Rural settlement. In addition, the Cois Fharraige Development Association welcomes the recognition given to Ros Mhíl and An Tualagh/Baile na hAbhann as Level 7 (a) Rural settlement.

Chief Executive's Response

Table 2.10 Settlement Hierarchy was subject to Material Alteration under Material Alteration 2.4, however Indreabhán was not included as part of this Material Alteration.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No Change.

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. Maher and agreed by the Members.

GLW-C20-105 MARK GREEN

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the submission as follows:

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A comprehensive submission has been made which has addressed a number of the proposed Material Alterations.

Material Alteration 2.11

In relation to MA 2.11 the submission states that the mechanics of how a “**co-ordinated approach** to active land management between the Council and stakeholders” should be spelled out.

Material Alteration 3.1

The submission believes that a timescale for the ‘analysis and study of building heights’ needs to be defined.

Material Alteration 3.2

The submission requests a timescale for the establishment of ‘a database of strategic brownfield and infill sites.’

Material Alteration 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4

This submission believes that the loosening of restrictions for the building of unsustainable one-off houses in this and other amendments runs contrary to national policy, national spatial strategy and planning guidance and is likely to be opposed by the planning regulator and subsequently the minister.

Material Alteration 4.8 and 15.7

The submission believes that the removal of clauses will contribute to the proliferation of unsustainable rural sprawl and that it is contrary to national policy and believes should be reinstated.

Material Alteration 4.16

Submission requests a timescale for ‘link provided on the Galway County Council website for the ePlanning and iPlan system for the mapped quarries.’

Material Alteration 5.1

The submission believes that a timescale is needed for ‘masterplan for the Former Galway Airport Site’.

OPR Recommendation 1 of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028

The submission states that the decision of Elected Members to ignore and overrule the Planning Regulator and Chief Executive’s Recommendation on the Core Strategy by disregarding the limit on allowable one-off houses (911 in Tier 7) is contrary to national policy.

OPR Recommendation 7 of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028

The submission disagrees with the decision made by Councillors to ignore the OPR Recommendation 7 on Residential Phase 2 zoned land in relation to Oranmore and Oughterard.

The submission believes that the coastal development line setback in Bearna from 50m to 15m is an unsustainable policy in terms of climate change and notes that there is minimal planning in the Development Plan for the effects of rising sea levels.

The submission notes the lack of plans on how to encourage a modal shift of transport from public to private and from cars to walking/cycling and believes there is a need for dedicated resources in the county council for public transport and walking/cycling initiatives/ coordination.

Chief Executive's Response

There is close collaboration between the statutory stakeholders and the land management approach will be further developed during the course of the Development Plan.

It is a policy objective of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 to undertake an analysis and study of Building Heights and it is anticipated that this will be carried out within the lifetime of the Plan.

It is a Policy Objective (GCR 11 Strategic Sites) of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 to establish a database of strategic brownfield and infill sites and it is anticipated that this will be carried out within the lifetime of the Plan.

As per the OPR Recommendation No.5 and No.6 the recommendation is to revert to the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

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It is anticipated that this mapping service will be available once the Galway County Development Plan is adopted.

It is a Policy Objective (EL4 Masterplan for the Former Galway Airport Site) of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 to prepare a masterplan for the Former Galway Airport Site and it is anticipated that this will be carried out within the lifetime of the Plan.

In the OPR submission on the Material Alteration reference is made to the omission of the rural housing number on greenfield sites under the Settlement Hierarchy and distribution of growth. It is stated that there is potential to cause difficulties in implementing this through Development Management process. The Chief Executive concurs with this sentiment. Therefore, it is recommended that this allocation of 911 for rural housing on greenfield sites would be reinserted.

Noted. See OPR Recommendation No. 3 on the Material Alterations.

The request to increase the building setback to 50m has been considered. It should be noted that the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, under Policy Objective BSMP 9-Coastal Setback had indicated a 30m setback. During the Council Meeting in December 2021 /January 2022 the Elected Members, by resolution, amended this policy objective and reduced coastal setback from 30m to 15m. The Chief Executive is not in favour reducing this buffer zone. It is considered that the 30m buffer zone as per the Draft Plan should be re-instated as it is considered that this is an appropriate setback distance.

The Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 contains a suite of policy objectives in relation to public transport. Policy Objective PT 1 Sustainable Modes of Transport encourages a model shift from use of the private car towards more sustainable modes of transport.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

- Delete the "911" figure for housing units from the "Brownfield/Infill" column and reinsert this figure in the "Greenfield" column of the Core Strategy as per the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028
- See OPR Recommendation No.3,5 & 6
- See Recommendation to Galway City Council submission in relation to Bearná Material Alteration MA1 (Policy Objective BSMP 9 Coastal Setback)

The Members agreed to defer this Motion until meeting of 05/05/2022

GLW-C20-171 LIDL

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the Submission as follows:

This submission relates to Material Alterations outlined in Volume 1 and Volume 2 of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Material Alteration 3.4

The submission expresses support for *Objective CGR 13 Town Centre First*. However, it is stated that conflicting objectives must be addressed if it is to have a possibility of being implemented. The inappropriate restriction of town centre use in the town centre, as well as the undermining of the flood risk assessment process by sterilising flood-prone lands prematurely and unnecessarily. According to the submission, a "town centre first" approach cannot be achieved with such barriers in place.

Material Alteration 5.2

This submission also supports Policy Objective RET 3 Joint Retail Strategy, regarding the preparation of a Retail Strategy, based on a commitment to complete the strategy within one year of the County Development Plan's adoption.

Material Alteration 5.3

There is concern raised in relation to this submission. Concerns about the Hierarchy are expressed in this submission. The inclusion of Loughrea in Level 3 is supported, but many of the towns' proposed positions in Levels 4 and 5 are inappropriate, given their existing and/or planned roles in the County.

Oranmore has a significant retail sector that far exceeds that of a *Neighbourhood Centre*, and similarly, Baile Chláir is an important urban settlement. The designation of these town settlements should reflect the town's current and planned role in the retail hierarchy, which is more akin to Level 2 or 3. Furthermore, Briarhill is designated as District Centre in the Galway City Development Plan, the author believes the Galway County Development Plan should align to be consistent. In addition, the submission notes that the settlement ambitions for Bearna and Garraun would go beyond a Level 4 Neighbourhood Centre.

Many of the Level 5 towns, according to the submission, are out of context within their settlement and population roles in the county; for example, Clifden, Maigh Cuilinn, Oughterard, Portumna, Headford, An Cheathrú Rua, and An Spidéal are all more appropriately positioned in Level 3 hierarchy.

The submission notes that the designation of these towns as Level 5 centres render the hierarchy as proposed wholly unreliable as a valid reference point as it would not reflect either the existing or planned roles of the settlements.

In addition, the submission also outlines that under Policy Objective RET 1 the Planning Authority will promote a hierarchy of retail functions that complements the settlement hierarchy, however, this would not be possible under the revised Retail Hierarchy as published.

Material Alteration 14.2

This submission supports the additional text amendment to Policy Objective FL 8, as the changes are deemed significant in the context of a proposed loss of zoning.

Material Alteration MASP MA12

It is considered that the Land Use Zoning Matrix is a source of concern. The submission notes that Shops – Large Scale Convenience Centre are only Open for Consideration under the amendment, whereas, typically such use would or should be Permitted in Principle in most cases because Nodal Centres are designed to be important retail centres. It is suggested that there is a lack of a distinction between convenience and comparison retail uses. It is suggested that land use matrix table should refer to categories and types that are easy to understand, as defined in the Retail Planning Guidelines (Supermarket, Superstore, Department Store etc)

Furthermore, the submission states that Shops – Large Scale Convenience /Comparison Centre use is not permitted under the Town Centre/ Infill Residential row. Such a strategy would be in direct opposition to all national and local planning policies, including the Town Centre First approach. Large Scale Convenience/Comparison Centres should be classified as Permitted in Principle in the town centre zone or any variation of the term, including Town Centre/Infill Residential. Restricting town centre uses in the town core would be contrary to the area's proper planning and sustainable development, as well as the National Planning Framework etc.

As a result, the submission recommends that the matrix be amended to accommodate for Shops – Large Scale Convenience /Comparison Centres in Town Centre/Infill Residential areas.

Material Alteration MASP LUZ Baile Chláir

The submission notes that 4.9 hectares of additional residential lands have been added to Baile Chláir, while 0.51 hectares of Town Centre lands have been changed to Open Space/Recreational & Amenity. As a result, there is now a fundamental imbalance in Baile Chláir's residential and town centre zoning. The author contends that the Town Centre and Infill Residential zone is untenable and will act as a major impediment to development in the town centre and Metropolitan Area, notwithstanding the amendments made under MASP MA 11. The submission implies that the Town Centre / Infill Residential designation be reverted to a conventional C1 – *Town Centre* designation, to avoid potential confusion caused by two overlapping zoning objectives and to make it clear that the lands are intended for the town centre development. It is requested that the Town Centre / Infill Residential should be removed in Baile Cháir for several reasons, the most important of which is the fundamental changes proposed in Amendment Reference no's. 1.1, 1.2, 1.4a, 1.5, 1.7, & 1.9 necessitate a consolidation of town centre and residential lands.

Material Alteration SGT LUZ Portumna 10.10

The submission suggests that a small portion of the site (about 0.1 hectares or 25%) be preserved in town centre use to avoid jeopardizing the planning process for other, more appropriate proposals on the site. The submission also acknowledges that Lidl is preparing a planning application for a portion of the lands in question and that the proposed rezoning would be an unnecessary impediment to a scheme on the site being considered on its merits, including taking into account a Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment. Furthermore, the shape of the area in question would substantially undermine the orderly development of the site if the open space zoning footprint were to be used as a barrier to development.

Chief Executive's Response

The support for Policy Objective CGR 13 is welcomed. It is not considered that there are conflicting policy objectives that would affect the town centre first approach.

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The support for Material Alteration 5.2 is noted.

The comments in relation to Material Alteration 5.3 is noted. The concerns expressed in relation to the positioning of the various settlements within the retail hierarchy have been reviewed however it is considered that the settlements are listed based on their capacity to absorb retail potential.

The support of this Policy Objective FL8 is welcomed.

In relation to the Nodal Centre for the Briarhill and the Garraun Frameworks, it is considered appropriate that the Land Use Matrix Table would remain “Open for Consideration” for Shops-Large Scale Convenience/Comparison Centre. It is considered that the Nodal Centres would complement surrounding areas and therefore it is considered appropriate to retain the “Open for Consideration”.

On review, it is considered appropriate to amend Table 1.10.2 to have *Shops – Large Scale Convenience/Comparison Centre* use as ‘Open for Consideration’ under the Town Centre/ Infill Residential zoning.

The commentary in relation to the additional lands zoned residential has been noted. Some of the additional zonings have been added by resolution by the Elected Members during the deliberations of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. Under Material Alteration MASP MA 11, the objective and description of Town Centre/ Residential Infill was amended in Table 1.10.1 to include reference to ‘appropriate commercial developments.’

A full review of the zonings was undertaken as part of the submission received from the Office of Public Works (OPW) and these lands were identified at risk of flooding. They are un-developed Town Centre Lands, and the Development Plan Justification Test would not pass at this location as there are alternative lands for Town Centre uses within Portumna.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation

Amend the Land Use Matrix table and Town Centre/Infill Residential relating to Shops-Large Scale Convenience/Comparison Centre

Land Uses	TC/C1	C2	*NC	R	TC/IR	CF	OS	T	I	BE	BT	CE	PU	TI
Shops – Large Scale Convenience/Comparison Centre	PO	N	O	N	N-O	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed by the Members.

GLW-C20-206 CONRADH NA GAEILGE

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the Submission as follows:

Conradh na Gaeilge outlines a number of recommendations that should be implemented as part of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, including:

- Independent Language Impact Assessment
- Housing Estates and Language Clauses
- Holiday Homes
- Social Housing and Sheltered Housing
- Affordable Housing
- Gaeltacht Language Planning
- Gaeltacht Cooperatives
- Gaeltacht Tourism

The submission has also noted changes to Policy Objective Change GA4 (b) to 'An Enurement clause will be applied to some residential units in developments of two or more units in Gaeltacht Areas other than Area D Cois Fharraige. When the percentage of households with an enurement clause is at least 35% or the proportion of those who use Irish on a daily basis, in accordance with the most recent published Census, whichever is greater, **taking into account that the applicant will be of level B2 TEG except in cases where he or she is a native of the area.**'

The submission also highlights a number of 'other recommendations' for the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Chief Executive's Response

There is a suite of Policy Objectives contained in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 and further amended through the Material Alterations to cover the recommendation made under the submission. The 'other recommendations' outlined in the submission do not fall under the remit of the County Development Plan.

In relation to the proposed wording relating to Material Alteration 13.2, it is not considered appropriate or necessary to include the proposed text.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No Change.

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and agreed by the Members.

GLW-C20-178 J & F CORLESS

Mr. Dunne gave an overview of the Submission as follows:

This submission relates to Material Alteration 4.5 (RH7 Renovation of Existing Derelict Dwelling) which is outlined in Volume 1 of the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. There is concern expressed in relation to the additional wording as per the Material Alteration:

“Rural housing need” for the demolition of, reconstruction/restoration of or extending of derelict rural homes with the exception of historical listed buildings from this requirement. This Housing Need Requirement will not apply to Rural Housing Zone 3 (Structurally Weak Area).

The submission outlines a number of reasons for their concern as follows:

- 1) The sentence is incoherent and could cause interpretation issues for prospective applicant, it discusses an issue that the Planning Authority does not require a substantiation of Housing Need in its assessment of “Renovation of Existing Derelict Building” projects making the additional sentence unnecessary
- 2) There is no need to provide for an exception for the demolition of ‘historical listed buildings’ as the demolition of such buildings is prohibited by the planning system.
- 3) The wording of the material amendment gives the impression that the substantiation of housing need would be required for the restoration and extension of derelict rural homes in all of the other Rural housing zones apart from Zone 3. They believe that this will cause confusion for applicants who will think that housing need is required for all restoration/ renovations of derelict buildings within Zones 1,2,4 and 5, thus the majority of County. This would be contrary to plans to accommodate 20% of rural housing on brownfield sites.

It is requested that the additional wording be deleted to avoid future confusion for applicants. They request that the wording of Objective RH7 as set out in the Draft CDP 2022-2028, and which currently exists under Objective RHO7 of the 2015- 2021 CDP is adopted.

Chief Executive’s Response

Noted. During the course of the Council Meetings in December/January 2022 the Elected Members by resolution proposed the additional wording in relation to Policy Objective RH7 Renovation of Existing Derelict Dwelling.

In essence the wording is requesting that Rural Housing need will be required by Applicants in relation to Rural Housing Need for the demolition of reconstruction/restoration of derelict dwellings.

The wording has been reviewed as per the Material Alteration and it is considered that the following modification to the Policy Objective would be carried out:

RH 7 Renovation of Existing Derelict Dwelling

~~*“Rural housing need” for the demolition of, reconstruction/restoration of or extending of derelict rural homes with the exception of historical listed buildings from this requirement. This Housing Need Requirement will not apply to Rural Housing Zone 3 (Structurally Weak Area).”*~~

In this instance rural housing need will be required in accordance with the Policy Objectives (RH1, RH2, RH4 and RH 5) outlined in this chapter, with the exception of those included on the Record of Protected Structures.’

Chief Executive’s Recommendation

RH 7 Renovation of Existing Derelict Dwelling

It is a policy objective of the Council that proposals to renovate, restore or modify existing derelict or semi-derelict dwellings in the County are generally dealt with on their merits on a case by case basis, having regard to the relevant policy objectives of this plan, the specific location and the condition of the structure and the scale of any works required to upgrade the structure to modern standards. The derelict/semi derelict dwelling must be structurally sound and have the capacity to be renovated or extended and have the majority of its original features in place. A structural report will be required to illustrate that the structure can be brought back into habitable use, without compromising the original character of the dwelling. Where the total demolition of the existing dwelling is proposed an Enurement Clause for seven years duration will apply.

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‘In this instance rural housing need will be required in accordance with the Policy Objectives (RH1, RH2 and RH4) outlined in this chapter, with the exception of those included on the Record of Protected Structures.’

Ms. Loughnane advised that there were two motions received from Cllrs. Murphy and Thomas. The first to be discussed was from Cllr. Murphy.

Cllr. Murphy submitted the following Motion:

RH 7 Renovation of Existing Derelict Dwelling

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In this instance rural housing need will be required in accordance with policy objective RH 1 and RH 2 outlined in this chapter, with the exception of those included on the Record of Protected Structures. 'Rural housing need' for the demolition or reconstruction/restoration of or extending of derelict rural homes with the exception of historical listed buildings from this requirement.

Cllr. Murphy stated that it was never his intention for anywhere to be affected other than Zones 1 and 2 in this proposal and it strictly related to rural areas. He stated that local young couples were being prevented from availing of rural one-off housing. He explained that in the area where he lives when a derelict house came up for sale, local young couples were outbid by outside bidders. He stated that his desire was that these derelict/semi-derelict houses be treated in a similar manner as greenfield sites for people from those areas. He stated that his intention was to help people who need to be helped which are young couples from the locality. He stated that while some may suffer regarding pricing and land valuation, that he needed to help local couples in the area and that this was the opportunity for him to do so.

Cllr. M. Connolly sought clarify of what was being proposed. Ms. Loughnane advised that the RH 06 in the existing plan was a different policy objective to RH 07. Cllr. M. Connolly stated that they were in a time where they had to build energy efficient housing and stated that in his own area there were issues with radon levels and all those things should be factored into new buildings. He stated that this needed to be factored into the processes of new builds and urged caution as to what exactly they were adopting here.

Cllr. Thomas stated that while he could see where Cllr. Murphy was coming from in terms of his motion, he stated that even with family links, families such as this would not get planning permission as they cannot prove a housing need and for that reason he could not go with this motion.

Cllr. Killilea supported the sentiment of what Cllr. Murphy was trying to do. He referred to GCC's derelict housing stock some of which is up for sale presently and queried

would this proposal devalue this stock. He stated that he seen six properties sold in the RH 2 area recently. He stated that anyone involved in the construction industry understood that to knock a house to build a new one was very expensive, much more so than it was five years ago. He stated that perhaps consultation with the Housing Department was necessary to confirm this. He suggested that this proposal might suit first-time buyers, but it would not do anything for people who want to upgrade their houses as they would not qualify for housing need.

Cllr. Welby stated that the discourse highlighted the pressures of East Galway compared to the Conamara area. He queried was there a map showing the RH 1 and RH 2 areas clearly. He stated that while he understood what Cllr. Murphy was trying to do, what was an issue in Gort, may not be an issue in Ballyconneely. Mr. Dunne advised that it was the old GTPS boundary in 2015-2015 CDP and brought it up on-screen for the Members attention.

Cllr. Murphy, in response to Cllr. Thomas' comments on Housing Need, stated that people who have derelict sites, that there were still other criteria under rural housing need to allow such people to build on such sites. In response to Cllr. Killilea's comments, he stated that it was his intention to exclude a certain cohort from the market so that young couples may benefit at their expense.

Cllr. Byrne stated that Cllr. Murphy's proposal was well merited, and he seconded this proposal. He stated that they had been discussing RH 1 within the MASP area for the past hour and now there was an opportunity to allow young couples to buy up derelict housing. He stated that Members risked contradicting themselves if they did not support this motion.

Cllr. Killilea responding to Cllr. Byrne's comments stated that they were talking about a completely different policy to that which he referred. He stated that the only issue he had with this motion was that if a person was looking to upscale and move from town to out the country, if they own a house, they won't qualify as they don't have a housing need. In response, Cllr. Murphy stated that this proposal applied to Zones 1 and 2 only. Cllr. Killilea replied stating that the area he was referring to was massive and covered parts of Ballinasloe and Milltown.

Cllr. Walsh stated that there was no need to put in a housing need on a rural house and that it only applied to those who wanted to build on a greenfield site. He stated that it will affect some people and will be an issue for those people who have inherited old houses and may not be entitled planning on it due to a housing need on it. He advised that he would be voting against such a proposal.

Cllr. Mannion stated that this proposal highlighted how difficult it was to get the balance right and stated that there was significant buying up of summer and holiday homes over recent years which has badly affected locals in the market and was difficult for people in the area to compete with.

Cllr. Sheridan stated that he would advocate a caveat to be added to Cllr. Murphy's motion, that doing good for a few may cause damage to many. He stated that it must be left as open as possible to prevent depopulation.

Cllr. Murphy stated that he couldn't disagree with a lot of the comments that were made by his colleagues. However, he stated that there was massive demand for rural houses whenever a rural derelict house comes up on the market. He stated that it was highly unlikely that young local couples would be able to take advantage of these as it currently stands, and they were being bought up by outsiders for holiday homes. He restated that this proposal was for areas under serious urbanization pressures only.

Cllr. Thomas stated that when it comes to local couples, that he didn't know any local couple that would opt for a derelict house over a greenfield site if they were seeking to build for the first time. Cllr. Thomas advised that he had submitted a Counter Motion.

Mr. Dunne advised that Cllr. Thomas' motion went much further than a simple modification of what was on public display, and that only a very small section of it was subject to material alteration. As such, he advised that he could not take the motion in its current form.

Cllr. Thomas submitted the following amended Motion which reflected the policy objective RH 7 from Draft County Development Plan:

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Walsh.

RH 7 Renovation of Existing Derelict Dwelling

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Ms. Brann, Meetings Administrator advised that as Cllr. Thomas's motion was a counter motion, this motion would be taken first.

As the Motion was not agreed, the Cathaoirleach called for a vote. A Vote was taken, and the following was the result:

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Minutes of Special Meeting held on 4th May 2022

Cllr. Charity
Comh. O Cualáin
Cllr. Dolan
Cllr. Geraghty
Cllr. C. Keaveney
Cllr. King
Cllr. Walsh

Cllr. M. Connolly
Cllr. Curley
Cllr. Donohue
Cllr. Herterich Quinn
Cllr. Killilea
Cllr. Sheridan

Cllr. Cronnelly
Comh. O Curraoin
Cllr. Finnerty
Cllr. Hoade
Cllr. Kinane
Cllr. Thomas

Against: 14

Cllr. Broderick
Cllr. D. Collins
Cllr. Mac an Iomaire
Cllr. McClearn
Cllr. Reddington

Cllr. Byrne
Cllr. D. Connolly
Cllr. Maher
Cllr. McKinstry
Cllr. Welby

Cllr. Carroll
Cllr. Kelly
Cllr. Mannion
Cllr. Murphy

Abstain: 3

Cllr. Cuddy

Cllr. C. Keaveney

Cllr. Roche

No Reply: 3

The Cathaoirleach declared the motion carried.

IT WAS AGREED TO GO BACK TO DISCUSS RH 1 ON PAGE 37

Cllr. Geraghty advised that he had submitted a motion on this.

Mr. Dunne summarized the proposed changes in the motion. Ms. Loughnane requested Cllr. Geraghty modify the wording from “needs” to “need” for the sake of consistency with other parts of the plan. This was agreed.

Cllr. Collins advised if the motion accommodates family owners, he was happy to accept amendments and seconded the Motion.

Cllr. Welby asked for clarity as to how “7 years continuous” would be proven in practical terms and if it would be by way of a year-by-year proof?

Cllr. McClearn stated that he was not in agreement with what was being proposed and stated that he had a great concern how it would be viewed by OPR. He stated that there could be several unintended consequences which may arise as a result of this proposal and in his view, it was certainly not in any way with the spirit of what it was intended and for that reason he would not be supporting it.

Cllr. Thomas queried if there was a conflict of interest in relation to the 2nd paragraph. Ms. Loughnane advised that this was Cllr. Geraghty's motion and he needed to clarify that query. Cllr. Thomas suggested that that it should not be restricted to just family holdings or land. He asked Cllr. Geraghty whether he would be amenable to removing that aspect of the motion.

Cllr. Byrne suggested that should the Members wish to go with this motion, Cllr. Geraghty could simply include the word "or" between each paragraph or he would be contradicting himself. However, he stated that he would not be supporting the motion.

Cllr. Charity stated that he had a concern about "7 years continuous" wording and queried whether there would be any flexibility there. He suggested that it should be a cumulative period of 7 years, or it may have unintended consequences as proposed.

An Comh. O Curraoin queried whether people like him, who come home from living abroad, have the right to build on a site in their town or village and enquired where the children born in these villages and towns were going to live as they get older.

Cllr. Sheridan commented that the wording in the CDP 2015-2021 was the same wording being used and that has prevailed for 20 years in the Development Plan. He didn't see where the confusion was coming from.

Cllr. Welby reminded the Members that currently they were in control of the CDP. However, he noted that once the Plan was adopted, this control would be lost. He stated that the issue over the interpretation of "continuous" persisted. He again reiterated that it was not clear to him how "continuous" could be proven.

Cllr. King asked for clarification from the Forward Planning Team on their interpretation of "continuous" and "substantial".

Ms. Loughnane advised that this wording had not caused many issues previously. She advised that "continuous" contained in current CDP has a different context to it in this plan. She concluded by stating that she did not believe the term "continuous" would cause too many problems.

Cllr. Walsh referred to Page 61 of existing Plan and stated that has always been there. He queried why Ms. Loughnane was saying that it was out of context when it was contained in the current plan. He stated that he was amazed that it was such a big issue now.

Cllr. McClearn commented that the discussion taking place was in relation to the MASP area so previous plans' wordings had no bearing as the MASP area was a new concept introduced with this Development Plan.

Cllr. Charity queried when the 7 years continuous term would begin, and whether it was an inflexible period.

Cllr. Byrne stated that if it was left in it was going to lead to total confusion and would mean that there was no difference between the MASP and the GTPS areas. He advised that he would not be able to support it.

Ms. Loughnane stated that they did not include the 7-year continuous period for the same reasons of inflexibility which were raised by Cllrs. Charity & Byrne. As explained earlier, the MASP area was new and there must be a clear distinction between RH 1 and RH 2 to secure additional URDF funding. She advised that if they turned it into a policy which was no different to RH 2, it would run into difficulties.

Cllr. Geraghty advised that he had updated his motion and included "or" in two places. He stated that he was seeking to find common ground with his fellow Councillors so they would all agree with the wording.

Ms. Loughnane advised that this motion seemed to contradict itself and was potentially the same as RH 2 which did not make any sense.

Cllr. Walsh stated that this was an add-on that would allow so many people to be able to build and live in their areas and was better than what was on public display last May.

Mr. Dunne asked Cllr. Geraghty if he was 100% satisfied with the wording that was displayed on screen.

Cllr. Geraghty stated that he believed that he had addressed the concerns of everybody in this motion and proposed that a vote be taken on it.

Mr. Cullen addressed the Members and offered them advice ahead of their vote on such a critical issue. He stated that the potential for unintended consequences was significant, and this concerned him greatly. He stated that using a handful of local examples and the accommodation of a few people in policy-making decisions was very likely to result in unintended consequences arising. He stated that the MASP area was the most under threat from urban generated housing, and that as such, he was worried about possible proliferation of this threat should the motion be passed. He stated that the Motion was not an example of sustainable planning and was not aligned with the RSES. In relation to OPR, he stated that the goal was to strike a balance between them and Galway County Council's mutual interests. As such, this may well be the tipping point and stated that he was concerned that this will inevitably attract attention with the OPR. He stated that for all those reasons he urged the Members accept the CE Recommendation on this.

Cllr. Geraghty submitted the following Motion:

RH 1 Rural Housing Zone 1(Rural Metropolitan Area)

It is policy objective to facilitate rural housing in this Rural Metropolitan Area subject to the following criteria:

Those applicants with long standing demonstrable economic and/or social Rural Links or needs to the area through existing and immediate family ties, seeking to develop their first home on the existing family holdings or Lands.*

Applicants who have long standing demonstrable economic and/or social Rural Links or

Need to the area, i.e. who have grown up in the area, schooled in the area or who have spent a substantial, continuous part of their lives in the area and/or have or have had,*

immediate family connections in the area e.g. son or daughter of longstanding residents of the area seeking to develop their first home within the Rural Metropolitan Area.

Applicants will be requested to establish a substantiated Rural Housing Need and only this category of persons will be allowed to construct a dwelling on a greenfield site in these areas. To have lived in the area for a continuous seven years or more is to be recognised as a substantial, continuous part of life and also as the minimum period required to be deemed longstanding residents of the area.*

Documentary evidence shall be submitted to the Planning Authority to justify the proposed development and will be assessed on a case by case basis. An enurement condition shall apply for a period of 7 years, after the date that the house is first occupied by the person or persons to whom the enurement clause applies.

As the Motion was not agreed, the Cathaoirleach called for a vote. A Vote was taken, and the following was the result:

For: 24

Cllr. Collins	Cllr. M. Connolly	Cllr. G. Cronnelly
Comh. O Cualain	Cllr. Cuddy	Cllr. Curley
Comh. O Curraoin	Cllr. Dolan	Cllr. Donoghue
Cllr. Finnerty	Cllr. Geraghty	Cllr. Herterich Quinn
Cllr. Hoade	Cllr. C. Keaveney	Cllr. P. Keaveney
Cllr. Kelly	Cllr. Killilea	Cllr. Kinane
Cllr. King	Comh. Mac an Iomaire	Cllr. Roche
Cllr. Sheridan	Cllr. Thomas	Cllr. Walsh

Against: 8

Cllr. Broderick	Cllr. Byrne	Cllr. Carroll
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Cllr. Mannion
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Cllr. Welby

Cllr. McKinstry

Abstain: 3

Cllr. Charity

Cllr. D. Connolly

Cllr. Murphy

No Reply: 4

The Cathaoirleach declared the motion carried.

Mr. Owens advised that the remainder of Rural Zonings on Pages 38-41, the remaining public submissions including submission from Mark Green and the Infrastructure Audit were outstanding. He reminded the Members that if there were any motions that relate to what was being raised at tomorrow's meeting, it would be helpful to have them submitted this evening.

Cllr. Byrne queried if they were complying with Standing Orders in terms of people contacting the Meetings Administrator advising they were leaving the Meeting.

Cllr. McClearn stated that they had to get out of this habit of the Meetings Administrator having to ring Members in relation to voting. He assumed if a member was not on-line, they would not be allowed to vote. Cllr. M. Connolly agreed and stated that they should be present for the debate.

Ms. Brann advised that she had to check to ensure there were no connectivity issues. She noted the Members who sent in apologies, and they were not contacted. She further advised that she checked with Members when contacted if they were present for the debate or not.

The Meeting was then adjourned to the 5th May 2022.

Chriochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin

Submitted, Signed and Approved



Cathaoirleach: _____

Date: _____ 27/06/2022 _____