

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH MAY 2022 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. D. Connolly

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill: Cllrs. T. Broderick, M. Connolly, D. Geraghty,
P. Keaveney, Dr. E. Parsons.

Oifigigh: Mr. L. Hanrahan Director of Services, Ms. R. Lowe Senior Engineer, Mr. F. Fahey, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, Executive Engineer, Mr. N. Morrissey, Executive Engineer, Mr. N. Raftery, Technician, Ms. A. Monaghan Staff Officer, Ms. Anne Power, Senior Staff Officer, Ms. Valerie Loughnane, Senior Planner, Mr. Brian Corcoran, Mr. E. Moloney, Meetings Administrator.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD 13th APRIL 2022
MDB22025

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 were proposed by Cllr. Geraghty and seconded by Cllr. Broderick and agreed.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr Broderick queried whether the clarification referred to on page 2 of the minutes item MDB22019 had been sent to Planning and Mr. Hanrahan confirmed that it had been sent. Cllr. Broderick stated he remained unhappy with the Local Area Plan Process in relation this item GLW C15-15. He drew attention to page 109 of the Draft Ballinasloe Local Area Plan 2022-2028 Chief Executives Report and a submission from Finbar Glynn GLW C15-33. The Municipal Council voted to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in this case. He contended therefore in relation to Material Alteration 41 which was published, that he couldn't have submitted the map which went on display as the lands had already been dealt with under the Glynn submission. He therefore had concerns as to the Local Area Plan process if this could happen.

He acknowledged that the land he identified initially was incorrect. However, Cllr. Broderick contends that the balance of lands that went out on public display under Material Alteration were not what he had identified. He stated that he had never referred to GLW-C15-33 – Finbarr Glynn's submission. He queried whether it was possible to put out on public display a parcel of land (Finbarr Glynn's) that the Members had already voted to accept CE Recommendation and therefore had concerns as to the Local Area Plan process if this could happen.

Mr. Hanrahan suggested that further discussion on the matter would continue under item 2 on the agenda and this was agreed.

Cllr. Parsons requested an update in relation to Dunlo Hill MDB22021 and further whether the percent for art would apply. Mr. Hanrahan stated he hoped a Part 8 Planning Application would be brought before the Municipal District before the summer break.

In response to Cllr Parsons in relation to grass cutting in Rathgalss MDB22024 Mr. Fahey confirmed that the Council's ecologist had still not visited the area and he would follow up on same. He further confirmed to Cllr. Parsons in relation to the provision of a columbarium at Creagh that the Environment Section were advancing one in Moycullen and would use the experience gained there to look at putting one into Creagh. Mr. Hanrahan pointed out that it would be subject to planning permission.

A number of members raised the matter of safety at Ballaglee school MDB22021 and it was confirmed a safety officer had visited the area and the Council was awaiting feedback on the inspection.

Cllr. Geraghty wished to acknowledge the recent maintenance works undertaken by the Council on the Williamsown to Dunmore roads and said the works were welcome and completed to a high standard and thanked those involved.

In response to Cllr. Broderick MDB22021 Mr. Fahy confirmed that agreement on the remedial works was almost complete. Cllr. Broderick suggested a bond or deposit be sought in future in similar situations.

BALLINASLOE LOCAL AREA PLAN – CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT ON MATERIAL ALTERATIONS

MDB22026

Ms. Loughnane advised that they were at the final stage of the Ballinasloe Local Area Plan process. The Draft Ballinasloe Local Area Plan 2022-2028 went on public display from 22/10/2021-03/12/2021. The CE Report was circulated to the Elected Members on 13/01/2022. The Elected Members of Ballinasloe Municipal District held a Special Meeting on the 9th and 16th February 2022 and agreed to Material Alterations to the Local Area Plan, thereby necessitating a further public display period. A copy of the proposed Material Alterations and associated environmental reports, were available for inspection from 09/03/2022-07/04/2022. During the public consultation period, 14 no. submissions were received, which are listed in Page 3 of CE Report, in relation to the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Ballinasloe LAP. The full contents of each submission have been considered in the preparation of CE Report.

The submissions received have been divided into groupings comprised of the following:

- Prescribed Authorities
- Members of the General Public

The issues raised by the Prescribed Authorities have been dealt with separately first. She advised that what was in Material Alteration was all that could be dealt with today. The final submission date was 07/04/2022. She then went through CE Report with respect to each Material Alteration.

OFFICE OF PLANNING REGULATOR

Ms. Loughnane went through submission received and read CE Response and Recommendation.

The OPR considers the Draft LAP to be generally consistent with the NPF and RSES. It is stated that the Draft LAP provides a strong framework for development in Ballinasloe with a high level of consistency with the national and regional policy frameworks and the emerging County Development Plan (CDP). The OPR commends the Planning Authority for the presentation of amendments in a systematic and coherent manner. It is also considered that a number of the Material Amendments will strengthen the LAP by delivering on the national and regional policy framework to achieve compact growth and revitalise the town centre of Ballinasloe.

1. Core Strategy and zoning for residential use

The Office has concerns regarding MA 37 and MA 41. These propose to extend the plan boundary at the town's periphery in order to zone further land Residential Phase 1. In addition, MA 40 proposes to amend the subject zoning of land that is serviced and more preferably located relative to the services and amenities of the town centre.

MA 37 and 41 are more than 2km from the edge of the town centre and result in leapfrogging to a remote location removed from services inconsistent with section 4.19 of the *Development Plans, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2007)*. These amendments are unjustified given there are sufficient serviced lands zoned which are more suitably located to provide for consolidated plan led growth in Ballinasloe in accordance with national and regional policy objectives. The Office further notes that MA 40 proposes to zone 1.5 hectares of serviced more sequential land from Residential Phase 1 to Residential Phase 2 in order to facilitate MA 37 and MA 41 within the Core Strategy.

MA Recommendation 1 – Land Use Zoning for Residential Use

Having regard to National and Regional policy objectives NPO 3c, NPO 18a, NPO 11, RPO 3.1 and RPO 3.2, section 4.19 of the *Development Plans, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2007)* and the *Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities, Draft for Consultation (August 2021)*, and the peripheral location of the lands the subject of rezoning amendments MA 37 and MA 41, the planning authority is required to make the Local Area Plan without the following material amendments:

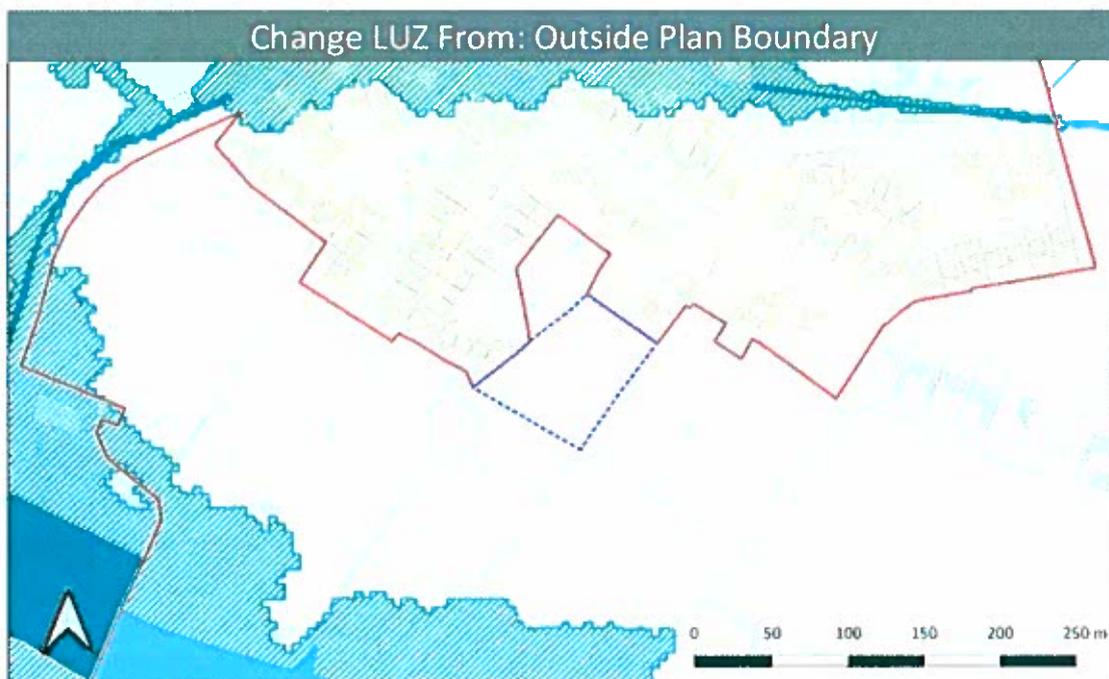
- (i) MA 37 as the proposed rezoning is inconsistent with national and regional policy objectives promoting compact growth and the sequential approach to development.
- (ii) MA 41 as the proposed rezoning is inconsistent with national and regional policy objectives promoting compact growth and the sequential approach to development.
- (iii) In association with (i) and (ii) above, MA 40 as these lands are more sequential to the town centre and should be included as Residential Phase 1.

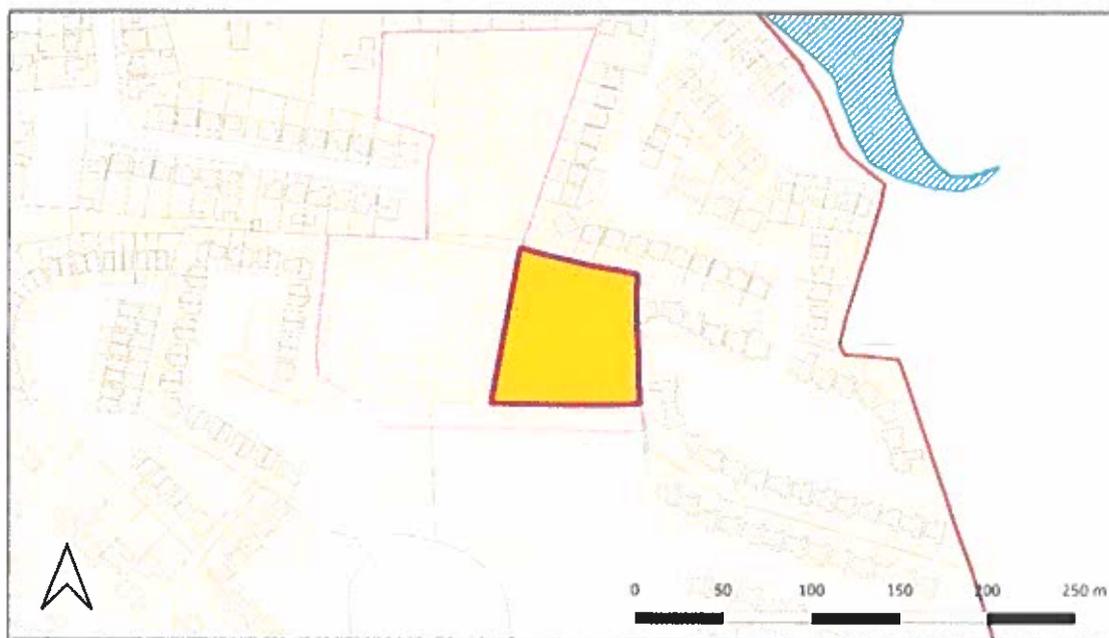
Chief Executive’s Response

The contents of the submission are noted and the Planning Authority concurs with the view of the OPR with regard to MA 37, MA 41 and MA 40 and it is considered that there is no justification for the said MA.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation

- i. **MA 37:** Revert to the provisions of the Draft Plan where these lands were not zoned and lands to the north were zoned Residential Phase 1.





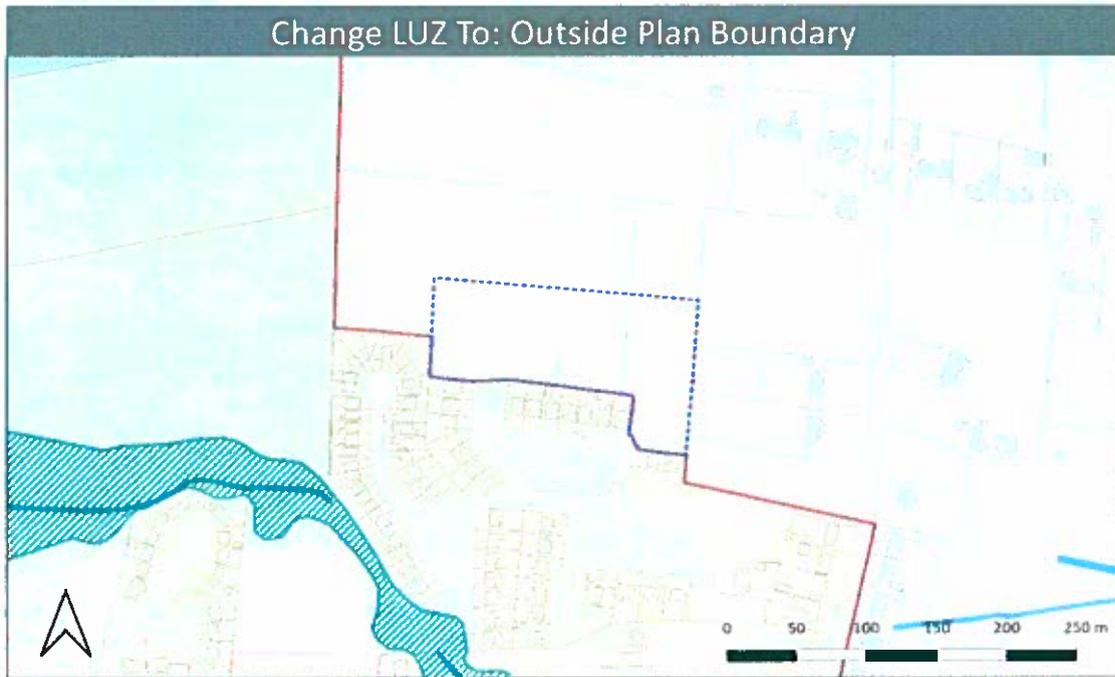
Cllr. D. Connolly submitted the following Motion:

I, Cllr. D. Connolly, propose to reject CE Recommendation in relation to MA 37 and that it remains as Residential Phase 1 and that MA 35 reverts to Residential Phase 2.

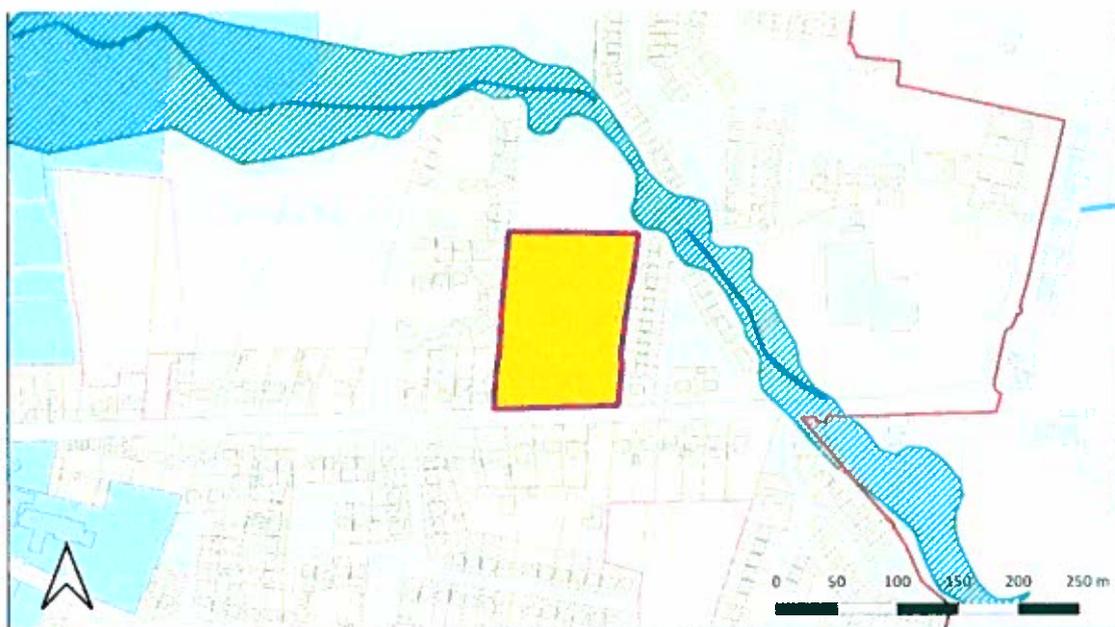
Motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty and agreed by the Members.

It was agreed by Members to take MA 40, MA 41 and Submission No. 12 (Page 22 of CE Report) together as they were all interlinked.

ii. **MA 41:** Revert to the provisions of the Draft Plan where these lands were not zoned.



- iii. **MA 40:** Revert to the provisions of the Draft Plan where these lands were zoned Residential Phase 1. Rezone lands from Residential Phase 2 to Residential Phase 1 as per the Draft Plan.



Sustainable Development

The Office notes that MA 28 proposes to change the land use zoning of 5 hectares of land from 'Business and Enterprise' to 'Commercial Mixed Use'. This change allows for a broader

mix of uses including retail to be considered at this edge of centre location, south of the town centre.

The Office considers that this amendment has the potential to undermine and detract from the revitalisation of the town centre contrary to NPO 6 and RPO 3.1 and would be inconsistent with the strategic aims of the LAP which seek to provide for sustainable compact growth and BKT 9 that seeks to ensure that Ballinasloe Town Centre will remain the primary focus for the location of new retail and commercial development.

SUBMISSION NO. 12 – CLLR. T. BRODERICK

Summary of Issues raised in Submission:

Submission makes reference to MA 41 and submission GLW-C15-15. Highlights that the intention was to reinstate the lands referred to in planning application ref. 21/1907. However, other lands were inadvertently identified.

Submission states that the process has been compromised and the lands included under planning ref. 21/1907 need to be reinstated.

Chief Executive's Response:

Submission noted. The map presented at the meeting is the map that is reflected as Material Alteration 41 and subsequently went on public display.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No Change

Ms. Loughnane advised that OPR were recommending that MA 41 would revert to the provisions of the Draft Plan where these lands were not zoned and MA 40 would revert to the provisions of the Draft Plan (Residential Phase 1) rather than Residential Phase 2 as proposed under MA 40.

Cllr. Broderick referred to MA 41 and re-iterated what he had said earlier that the map put on public display was not the map agreed by the members and could not have been agreed by the members in light of their decision on the Glynn submission referenced earlier. He stated that if the plan is made as presented including this error, then the process was flawed. He again pointed out that what went out on public display was not what he had identified to Forward Planning Personnel.

Ms. Loughnane reminded the Meeting that Cllr. Broderick had himself identified the lands in question with hatching during the Meeting. She also referred to the CDP Plan Making process during which submissions were regularly voted on and subsequent motions were made by Members. Ms. Loughnane confirmed that this was the case with MA 40 and MA

41. She stated that when the members were dealing with the Draft Ballinasloe Local Area Plan 2022-2028 Chief Executives Report and item GLW C15-15 which was deferred to the end of the meeting and was subject to a motion, there was quite a lot of uncertainty in identifying the site for the motion and in producing a map. She is satisfied that what went on public display was what was voted on by the members but does accept it was not what Cllr. Broderick intended. Ms. Loughnane referred to advice given to Cllr. Broderick that any additional zoning must be contiguous to the zoning plan area and that was what resulted in MA 41 as published. She explained it was vitally important maps accompanied any submissions or motions being considered. She advised that a map was not submitted as part of this submission and confirmed that there was no submission made prior to the meeting and effectively as a result there was room for misunderstandings in relation to same. She advised that at this point all that was open to the Members was to accept or reject the CE Recommendation.

Cllr Broderick accepted there was uncertainty with the map for his motion but is quite certain that the map that was published for the material alteration was not the one he had identified to Forward Planning Personnel and not the one put before the members because it could not have been in light of what was decided in relation to the Glynn submission GLW C15-33. He was therefore not satisfied to continue participating in what he believes is a flawed process and left the meeting.

The CE Recommendation in relation to (ii) MA 41 was proposed by Cllr. Geraghty, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly and agreed by the Members.

The CE Recommendation in relation to (iii) MA 40 was proposed by Cllr. Geraghty, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney and agreed by the Members.

The CE Recommendation on Submission No. 12 was proposed by Cllr. Geraghty, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney and agreed by the Members.

Cllr. M. Connolly proposed the following Motion:

I, Cllr. M. Connolly propose that, we deal with the confusion over the Dolan Lands MA 41 and Submission 12. This can be factored into the Minutes to be agreed at our next Meeting. This should help in giving this section of Lands the opportunity of zoning going forward.

Motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty and agreed by the Members.

Ms. Loughnane then went to next section of OPR Submission MA 28 and advised that it was tied in with Submission No. 14 from BTCRG.

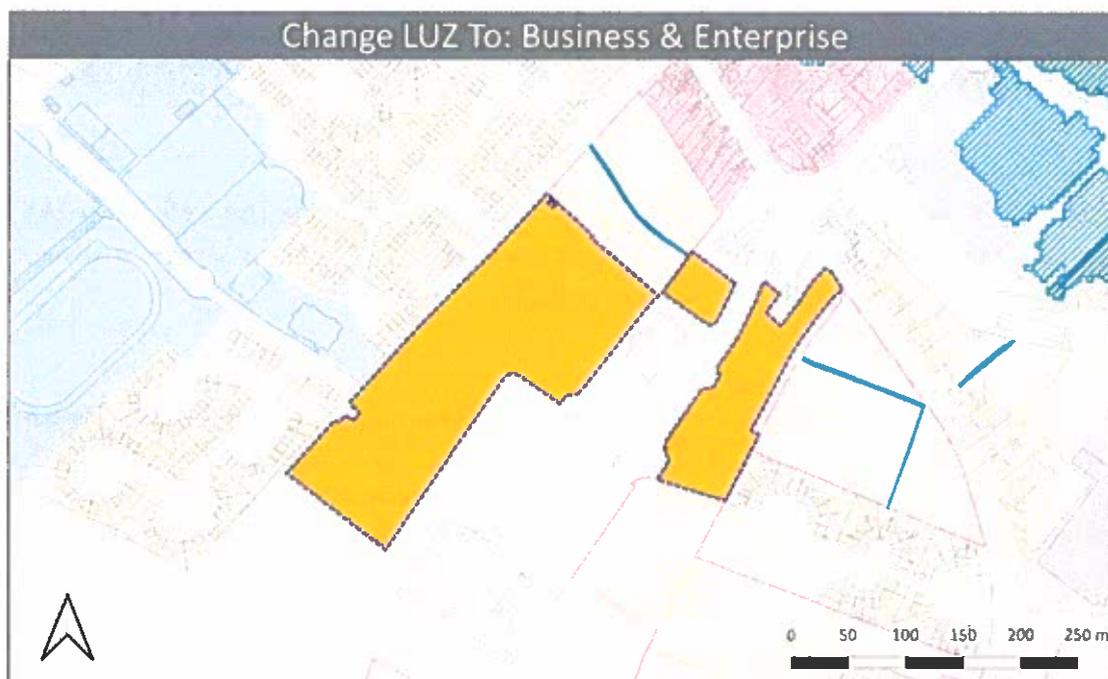
In order to ensure the effective delivery of compact growth for Ballinasloe having regard to National Strategic Outcome 1 and NPO 6 of the National Planning Framework and Regional Policy Objective 3.1 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Northern and Western Regional Assembly area, as well as to ensure consistency with the strategic aim of the Ballinasloe Local Area Plan to provide for sustainable compact growth and to support the regeneration of the town centre, and policy objective BKT 9 which seeks to ensure that the town centre will remain the primary focus for the location of new retail and commercial development, the planning authority is required to make the Local Area Plan without proposed amendment MA 28.

Chief Executive's Response

It is considered that this amendment has the potential to undermine and detract from the revitalisation of the town centre contrary to NPO 6 and RPO 3.1 and would be consistent with the strategic aims of the Draft LAP which seek to provide for sustainable compact growth and BKT 9 that seeks to ensure that Ballinasloe Town Centre will remain the primary focus for the location of new retail and commercial development.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

MA 28: Revert to the provisions of the Draft Plan where these lands were zoned Business and Enterprise.



The Office considers there is merit in the Planning Authority giving consideration to the inclusion of a minor modification to provide for the monitoring for the implementation of the actions of the LTP and LAP with respect to sustainable transport objectives.

Ms. Loughnane advised that a Motion had been submitted in relation to same.

Cllr. D. Connolly submitted the following Motion seconded by Cllr Geraghty:

I, Cllr. D. Connolly, propose that MA 28, Commercial & Mixed Use to revert the lands back to Draft Ballinasloe Local Area Plan from Commercial & Mixed Use to Business & Enterprise and support submission GLW-C22-10 in so doing.

As the Motion was not agreed, the Cathaoirleach called for a vote was taken. The following is a result of the Vote:

For: 3

Cllr. D. Connolly

Cllr. D. Geraghty

Cllr. E. Parsons

Against: 1

Cllr. M. Connolly

Abstain: 1

Cllr. Keaveney

The Cathaoirleach declared the Motion carried.

SUBMISSION NO. 14 – BTCRG

Summary of Submission received:

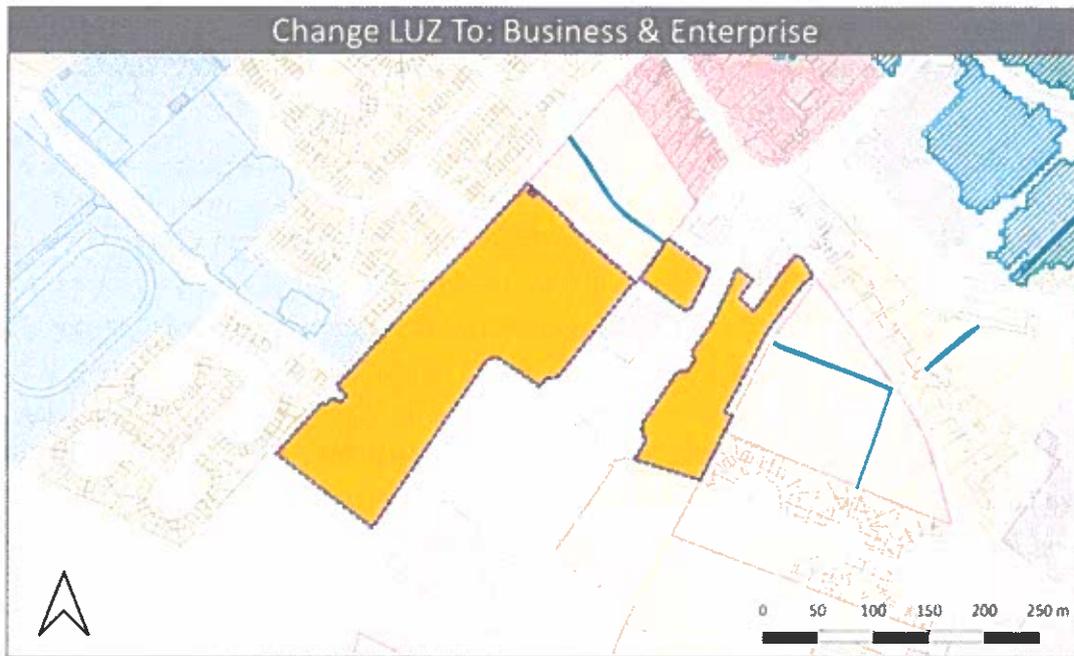
It is requested that a recent zoning change (area plan reference MA28) from business/enterprise to commercial/mixed use is reverted to business/enterprise to protect the integrity and viability of the town centre.

Chief Executive's Response:

Submission noted. It is considered that this amendment has the potential to undermine and detract from the revitalisation of the town centre contrary to NPO 6 and RPO 3.1 and would be consistent with the strategic aims of the Draft LAP which seek to provide for sustainable compact growth and BKT 9 that seeks to ensure that Ballinasloe Town Centre will remain the primary focus for the location of new retail and commercial development.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

MA 28: Revert to the provisions of the Draft Plan where these lands were zoned Business and Enterprise.



The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Dr. Parsons, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty and agreed by the Members.

MA Observation 1 – Local Transport Plan Actions

Arising from the planning authority's response to Recommendation 4 of the Office's submission to the draft Local Area Plan (LAP), which included incorporating the key actions of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) into the LAP, and Observation 5 which advocated for the inclusion of modal share targets to assist in measuring the outcomes of infrastructure measures promoting sustainable transport in the town, and having regard to the requirements under section 10(2)(n) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended), the planning authority is advised to consider including a minor amendment to policy BKT 31 that provides for the monitoring of the implementation of the actions of the LTP and LAP.

Chief Executive's Response

As previously advised, the Galway County Transport Planning Study (GCTPS) provides baseline modal data for identified settlements within the County. Over-arching baseline mode shares for the County as a whole are also set out therein. With regard to future mode shares and monitoring, the setting of modal targets and the prediction of "real world" mode shift activity remains challenging. The Draft GCTPS has sought not to set location specific mode targets for future mode use as it is not possible at a County level to predict the exact degree of change which would occur as a result of particular improvements in

individual settlements such as Ballinasloe. Rather, it is proposed that changes in mode shares for particular journeys (such as those between the two Key Towns including Ballinasloe, Tuam, Strategic Potential of Athenry, Self-Sustaining Towns of Loughrea and Gort and Galway City) should be examined as part of wider CDP monitoring activities and compared to the type and extent of GCTPS measures which have been implemented, so that correlation between mode share changes and implementation of measures can be estimated. This process would also allow for the identification of external factors (such as economic change) which have a bearing on travel behaviour. The impacts of the LTP will initially be assessed through a qualitative means (which will include discussions with bus operators around route patronage changes) with 'before' and 'after' on street surveys used where there are additional facilities proposed for pedestrians and cyclists. The next Census, which has recently been recorded, will be a further source of data which will be assessed to examine changes in mode shares more generally.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change

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

Climate Action

Policy Objective GBI 1 of the Draft Galway County Development Plan only applies to proposals for new large-scale developments. Given that Ballinasloe is a Key Town and having regard to RPO 3.5, the Office considers that there is scope to include such a strategy at a local level and that provision for this should be specifically outlined in the final LAP to ensure the conservation and enhancement of green resources that will assist with climate change mitigation and adaptation at a local level.

MA Observation 2 – Green Infrastructure Strategy

Arising from Observation 8 of the Office's submission on the draft Local Area Plan, and having regard to RPO 3.5 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, the planning authority is advised to give further consideration to incorporating a minor modification to Policy BKT 40 Climate Change to include for the preparation of a green infrastructure strategy, which includes for an initial inventory of green resources, to ensure the conservation and enhancement of green resources for the plan area are safeguarded, rather than only at a large scale development level, as provided for in policy objective GBI 1 of the draft Galway County Development Plan 2022 - 2028.

Chief Executive's Response

The Draft Galway County Development Plan contains policy objective GBI 1 New Developments which states: *'Require all proposals for large scale development to contribute to the protection, management and enhancement of the existing green/blue infrastructure of the County and the delivery of new green/blue infrastructure, where appropriate by including a green/ blue infrastructure plan as an integral part of any planning application. This plan should identify environmental and ecological assets, constraints and opportunities and shall include proposals which protect, manage, and enhance the development of green infrastructure resources in a sustainable manner'*.

Furthermore, Policy Objective GBI2 Green/Blue Infrastructure Network of the Draft Plan seeks to:

/Facilitate the ongoing development and improvement of a green/blue infrastructure network for urban and rural areas, connecting both natural and semi-natural corridors such as including green spaces, open spaces, green amenities, residual land, rivers and canals. Enhancements along natural features may include the provision of riparian buffers, community food programmes (allotments) and wild areas for pollination thus ensuring the provision of natural areas for the benefit of biodiversity, wildlife and climate adaptation'.

It is considered that the two Policy Objectives referenced above are considered to sufficiently provide detail on the approach to green infrastructure across the county including Ballinasloe.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change

Cllr. Dr. Parsons submitted the following Motion:

I, Cllr. Dr. Parsons, propose to accept the OPR Observation 8 and reject the CE recommendation.

I put forward these 2 Ballinasloe Specific motions-

Insert Policy Objective

'Require all proposals for large scale development to contribute to the protection, management and enhancement of the existing green/blue infrastructure of Ballinasloe and the delivery of new green/blue infrastructure, where appropriate by including a green/ blue infrastructure plan as an integral part of any planning application. This plan should identify environmental and ecological assets such as the Suck River Blueway, Suck River Callows , SPA , SACs, NHA, Biodiversity & Ballinasloe Pollination Plan constraints and opportunities for alignment between synergistic plans such as the Ballinasloe Flood Relief Scheme, the Ballinasloe Townspark Inner Relief Road, the Ballinasloe Cycleway Spur, Kellysgrove Peatland Parkland, Beara Breifne Way, Suck River Accessible Swim and Water Recreational area, Croí Conaithe Town Centre Regeneration, Accessible Tourism, Angling, Fishing, Cruising, Commercial Hides and shall include proposals which protect, manage, and

enhance the development of green infrastructure resources in a sustainable manner in line with Environmental Justice'.

Insert Policy Objective Green/Blue Infrastructure Network-

Facilitate the ongoing development and improvement of a green/blue infrastructure network for urban Ballinasloe and rural Ballinasloe areas, connecting both natural and semi-natural corridors such as Suck River Blueway, Beara Breifne Way, Suck River Callows SPA, , including green spaces, open spaces, green amenities ,such as Kellysgrove Peatland, Open Space Amenity Park at Poolboy Rehabilitated Landfill, Ballinasloe Cycleway Spur, Accessible Swim and Water Recreation area, Old Grand Canal Basin, riparian residual buffers, land, rivers community and food programmes, enhancements (allotments) community gardens along natural features thus ensuring the provision of natural areas for the benefit of biodiversity, wild areas for pollination wildlife, environmental justice and climate adaptation'.

Cllr. Dr. Parsons stated she wished to reject CE Recommendation and proposed two policy objectives as outlined in her Motion. Ms. Loughnane advised the Meeting that it would not be possible to introduce new policy objectives to the Plan at this advanced stage of the process. In response, Cllr. Dr. Parsons said that she wished to put forward the wording of Observation 2 as a revised Motion. The Members observed the wording in Observation 2 and voted in favour accordingly.

Revised Motion was proposed by Cllr. Dr. Parsons, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney and agreed by the Members.

Land Use Zones

Section 1.6 does not include a policy objective and description for the Business and Technology land use, notwithstanding that it is included in the land use matrix table (with BT reference) and zoning maps.

Chief Executive’s Response

Section 1.6 will be updated to include reference to Business and Technology.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation

Insert the following row into section 1.6 of the Written Statement:

Business and Technology	To provide for development of Business and Technology.	To facilitate the further development and improvement of existing Business and Technology parks and to facilitate
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		opportunities for the development of new high quality business and technology developments in a good quality environment.
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The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Parsons and agreed by the Members.

This concluded the OPR submission, and it was agreed to move on to NWRA Submission.

NORTH WEST REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Corcoran went through this comprehensive submission as follows:

- A comprehensive submission has been received from the NWRA; it will be summarised as follows:
- The Assembly express general support for the changes to narrative and policy objectives. It is suggested that a target of 30% be included in the brownfield policy objective to ensure consistency with RPO 3.2 (c).
- There are no specific lands identified for nursing home development which is inconsistent with RPO 7.14.
- Regarding water treatment the Assembly suggest the inclusion of data on storage capacities.
- It is noted that there is no rationale provided for zoning additional lands within extended boundaries. The inclusion of any additional residential lands compounds the inconsistency with RSES population targets.
- Consider specific mention to collaboration in respect of using those lands already serviced in Creagh Roscommon in preference to extending the development envelope of Ballinasloe to include unserviced lands.
- Majority of proposed MAs do not create any consistency issues with the RSES.

Chief Executive's Response

- The Council welcomes the submission received from the NWRA and considers that the Core Strategy within the Draft County Development Plan reflects a requirement for a significant portion of development on brownfield lands within the town which is considered suitable for this Key Town.
- Regarding the provision of nursing homes, the land use matrix table includes reference to nursing homes which is considered sufficient to satisfy RPO 7.14 at this stage.
- As previously advised the population allocation for Ballinasloe was determined in accordance with the 'Key Town' status of the settlement. In addition, the town is well served with employment lands and other services. The train station to the northwest of the town provides a sustainable means of travel to existing and future

inhabitants. On that basis, the town was considered to be suitable to accommodate a significant increase in population growth over the coming years.

- Water service capacities are considered by Irish Water.
- Policy Objective BKT 5 Collaboration sufficiently addresses the subject of collaboration with adjoining Local Authorities such as Roscommon County Council.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation

No change

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Keaveney, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty and agreed by the Members.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HERITAGE

Mr. Corcoran outlined the contents of the submission as follows:

Archaeology

The submission raises concern with the absence of policies and objectives relating to archaeological heritage. Submission advises that observations in relation to Archaeology and Archaeology-Underwater as set out in their initial submission remain the positions of the Department.

Nature Conservation

Submission welcomes policy objective BKT 41 referring to the Wildlife Act 1976, the Suck River Callows NHA and Ballinasloe Esker. However, concern is raised that there is no reference to an Ecological Impact Assessment. The Department recommends the inclusion of an objective to ensure non-statutory Ecological Impact Assessment will be carried out for any proposed developments likely to significantly impact on natural habitats or species.

Chief Executive’s Response:

The Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 contains a suite of policy objectives which support the provision of archaeological heritage and ecology. Therefore, it is not considered pertinent to duplication such references in the Draft Ballinasloe LAP.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

No Change

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

Cllr. Dr. Parsons sought clarification on this submission.

Mr. Corcoran stated that they had produced a streamlined and more concise LAP and avoided duplication of CDP. He explained that CDP is the overarching document which applies to the entire county including Ballinasloe.

Cllr. Dr. Parsons stated that with regard to proposed Sludge Management Hub, this was still being considered for Ballinasloe and queried if this protected from such a facility being located in the area. In response, Ms. Loughnane stated that the only time it would come into effect would be when a planning application was lodged, and it was already covered and included in the CDP.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Summary of Submission:

Galway County Council should consult directly with the Regional Waste Management Planning Office.

Chief Executive's Response:

Submission noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No change.

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Geraghty, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney and agreed by the Members.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Summary of Submission:

No specific comment or observations.

Chief Executive's Response:

Submission noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No change

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

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS (OPW)

Mr. Corcoran gave a brief outlined of this comprehensive submission:

Constrained Land Use Zoning

The land-use zoning maps have been overlaid with constrained land use zones, which are referenced in policy objective BKT42. The objective states “this zoning limits new development, while recognising that existing development uses within these zones may require small scale development”. The OPW recommends that the wording be amended to provide a stronger clarification that development is limited to extensions, rebuilds and renovations.

Reference might be made in part 3 of the Plan Making Justification Tests included in the SFRA to these limitations as mitigations.

Furthermore, it should be noted that several of the Plan Making Justification Tests state that, less vulnerable development is appropriate in Flood Zone B. This is not consistent with objective BKT42.

Flood Mapping and Land Use Zoning Maps

The OPW recommend that the land use zoning maps be overlain with the flood zone maps. While the land use zoning maps have been overlaid with the constrained zoning, it is difficult to assess the zonings/sites at flood risk or if the sequential approach has been applied.

Past Flooding

In addition to the flood events reported in table 4-3 and section 5.1 of the SFRA, the OPW have been notified by Galway County Council of a flood event from 18/12/2013.

Flood Relief Scheme

The OPW welcomes policy objective BKT47 to support and cooperate with the OPW in the delivery of the Ballinasloe Flood Relief Scheme. The OPW recommends that the text in this objective could be clarified to ensure zoning or development proposals support and do not impede or prevent the progression of these measures.

Justification Tests

The OPW welcomes the inclusion of Plan-making Justification Tests supplied in the SFRA. However, proposed land use zones which allow development classed as highly vulnerable in the Guidelines are shown within Flood Zones A and B in the settlement zoning map where no commentary has been provided to demonstrate that the Plan-making

Justification Test has been applied. Examples of these are detailed in the ‘Comments on Specific Areas’ section below.

Flood Zones and Appropriate Uses

It is set out in Table 3 of the Written Statement that less vulnerable development in Flood Zone B is deemed inappropriate due to climate change. While the OPW would welcome this commitment by Galway County Council, this does not appear to be consistent with the SFRA.

Table 3-3 of the SFRA, and several of the Plan Making Justification Tests state that less vulnerable development is appropriate in Flood Zone B.

SuDS

The Guidelines recommend that the SFRA provide guidance on the likely applicability of different SuDS techniques for managing surface water run-off at key development sites, and also that the SFRA identifies where integrated and area based provision of SuDS and green infrastructure are appropriate in order to avoid reliance on individual site by site solutions.

Climate Change

The inclusion of Future Scenarios outlines in figure 4-5 of the SFRA is welcomed. However these only show the increase in extents of a 1% AEP flood event, i.e. Flood Zone A. It would be beneficial if these potential future flood extents could also show the increase in the 0.1% AEP flood event, i.e. Flood Zone B, were included as a separate map, and if the maps could be shown overlaid with the land use zonings to demonstrate the developments that could potentially be affected by climate change.

Derrymullan

There is a small margin of Flood Zone A in less vulnerable Business & Enterprise zoned lands to the south of the railway. Less vulnerable development is not appropriate in Flood Zone A, unless a Plan-making Justification Test completed by the local authority can be satisfied.

Sarsfield Road

The Commercial/Mixed Use zoned lands have been justified on the basis that any further development be subject to an FRA that addresses that the sequential approach be followed, that less vulnerable elements of the site should be located in Flood Zone B or preferably C, and that highly vulnerable development is only appropriate in Flood Zone C. Permitting less vulnerable development in Flood Zone B is not consistent with objective BKT42, which limits development within the constrained land use zone to minor development to existing buildings.

Town Centre N and Commercial Mixed Use (east of Suck)

The Town Centre zoned lands have been justified on the basis that within Flood Zone A or B development is restricted to extensions renovations or changes of use. If no new development is to be permitted in the undeveloped Town Centre zoned lands, these might be assigned a Water Compatible zoning such as Open Space.

It is noted in the Justification Test for the Commercial/Mixed Use zoned lands that any further development of the lands should be subject to an FRA that addresses that the sequential approach be followed, and that less vulnerable elements of the site should be located in Flood Zone B or preferably C. This is not consistent with objective BKT42, which limits development within the constrained land use zone to minor development to existing buildings.

Additionally, it should be noted that Commercial/Mixed Use zoning allows for highly vulnerable usage such as Childcare.

Town Centre South

The Justification Test for the Commercial/Mixed Use zoned lands states that there is a limited overlap with Flood Zone A and B, that the sequential approach should be applied, and that less vulnerable elements of the site be located in Flood Zone B or preferably C. It is clear however, that the majority of the Commercial/Mixed Use zoned lands are located in Flood Zone B, with a limited overlap with Flood Zone A. As Commercial/Mixed Use zoning allows for highly vulnerable uses such as Childcare, the Justification Test should clarify that highly vulnerable uses are not appropriate in Flood Zone A or B.

Furthermore, as above, allowing less vulnerable development in Flood Zone B is not consistent with objective BKT42, which limits development within the constrained land use zone to minor development to existing buildings.

It has been noted in the commentary on this area that “The Tourism zoning includes the Shearwater Hotel and this is only impacted by Flood Zone B. In this case the use is considered less vulnerable and as with other sites in the area, risk can be managed in line with approved Policy and the guidance provided within Section 7 of this SFRA.”

As the Tourism zoning potentially allows for highly vulnerable usage such as accommodation, this zoning is not appropriate in Flood Zone B, unless a Plan-making Justification Test completed by the local authority can be satisfied.

Ballinasloe East

The Commercial/Mixed Use zoned lands have been justified on the basis that the sequential approach be applied to future development, that highly vulnerable

development is only appropriate in Flood Zone C, and that less vulnerable development is only appropriate in Flood Zone B or preferably C. This is not consistent with objective BKT42, which limits development within the constrained land use zone to minor development to existing buildings. The Public Utility zoned lands have been justified on the basis that “the sequential approach should be applied, and highly vulnerable elements of the site should be located in Flood Zone C, or raised/bunded/protected”. As the majority of the zoned lands are located within and surrounded by Flood Zone A or B, the sequential approach to development will be difficult to apply, see image below.

Moycarn

The Moycarn area does not pass part 2(iii) of the Justification Test, as it is located on the periphery of the settlement. The Tourism zoned lands have been justified on the basis that any extension of the hotel be restricted to Flood Zone B, and that bedrooms be located on the upper floors. The OPW recommends that a policy objective be attached to this zoning to support these mitigations.

St Brigids

The Justification Test for the Commercial/Mixed Use zoned lands at the St Brigids Hospital site sets out that less vulnerable development can take place in Flood Zone B. This is not consistent with objective BKT42, which limits development within the constrained land use zone to minor development to existing buildings.

St Brigids to Dubarry Area

The St Brigids to Dubarry does not pass part 2(iii) of the Justification Test, as is located on the periphery of the settlement.

The Business & Enterprise zoned lands at the Dubarry factory have been justified on the basis that the sequential approach be applied, and less vulnerable elements be located in Flood Zone B, or preferably C. The Community Facilities zoned lands have been justified on the basis that any future development be subject to an FRA that includes a hydraulic model to confirm levels and extents of the flood risk area, and that the sequential approach be applied, with highly vulnerable elements located in Flood Zone C, and less vulnerable permitted in Flood Zone B. The provisions in these mitigations that less vulnerable development be permitted in Flood Zone B are not consistent with objective BKT42, which limits development within the constrained land use zone to minor development to existing buildings.

Chief Executive’s Response:

The SFRA has updated BKT42 to deal with this issue. It reflects that the justification test will be applied in each individual instance and specifically clarifies the position on infill development and reconstruction in Flood Zone A/B.

The justification tests do make reference to specific limitations on development.

BKT 42 has been amended in relation to this point.

The maps have previously been updated.

This information was included previously

This text has been updated.

The written statement and associated documents have previously been updated to include all sites within Flood Zone A/B.

The written statement and associated documents have previously been updated to reflect the application of the justification test for less vulnerable development in Flood Zone B.

As previously advised, the existing suite of policy objectives set out in the written statement are sufficient without the need for further detail on SuDS techniques.

The SFRA has previously been updated to address this point.

The SFRA has previously been updated to include the application of the justification test for this land use zoning.

BKT 42 has previously been updated to address this issue.

The Justification Test can be applied here and it is considered, based on the application of the test, in accordance with Guidance that the Justification Text passed.

BKT 42 has previously been updated accordingly.

Comment noted.

SFRA has previously been updated with respect to commercial mixed use zoned lands in flood zone B.

SFRA has previously been updated.

The SFRA has previously been updated.

BKT 42 has previously been updated to deal with this issue.

BKT 42 has previously been updated to deal with this issue.

The SFRA has previously been updated to reflect the restrictions included within the justification test.

BKT 42 has been updated to address this issue.

The justification test prevents development in Flood Zones A and B.

The SFRA has been updated to deal with this issue.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

No Change

Mr. Corcoran advised that the comments sent by OPW were a duplicate of those sent in relation to Draft Plan. He advised that the OPW instructions/comments had been incorporated into the Local Area Plan previously. This was noted by Members.

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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Mr. Corcoran gave an outline of the submission as follows:

The Department references three new publications which are relevant to accessible and integrated public transport and considers that these should be referenced. These include:

1. “whole of Government” National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017-2022. The DOT notes MA 12 and states that pedestrian improvements must include reference to ‘dishing’ of footpaths where applicable.
2. The ratification by Ireland of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2018).
3. The DMURS interim advice note 2020. It includes guidance that designers should ensure that measures align with the principles of universal design, consider Government policy on accessibility for people with disabilities and consult people with disabilities to further appraise measures. References in the draft plan to the 2019 version of DMURS should be replaced with reference to 2020 DMURS Interim Advice Note – Covid19 Pandemic Response.

4. DoT notes section MA 12 (reference GLW-C15-39, page 9 of proposed material alterations), a ‘whole journey approach’ should be fully embraced as part of the pedestrian improvements and public transport improvements.
5. Local Link Rural Transport Programme 2018-2022 (NTA).

Chief Executive’s Response:

The Planning Authority note the documents as referred to including “whole of Government” ‘National Disability Inclusion Strategy (NDIS) 2017-2022, United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), the DMURS interim Advice Note – Covid Pandemic Response and the Local Link Rural Transport Programme Strategic Plan and Local Link Rural Transport Programme 2018 – 2022 (NTA).

Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

It is recommended that reference to the following documents are included in Section 1.1 of the Written Statement:

1. **National Disability Inclusion Strategy**
2. **The ratification by Ireland of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2018)**
3. **2020 DMURS to be replaced with DMURS Interim Advice Note – Covid 19 Pandemic Response**
4. **Local Link Rural Transport Programme 2018 - 2022**

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

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IRELAND (MICHAEL McCORMACK)

Summary of Submission:

The observations submitted in TII’s original submission remain unchanged.

Chief Executive’s Response:

Submission noted.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

No change

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Mr. Corcoran gave an outline of the submission as follows:

Department welcomes MA4 and MA5 which seek to include policy objectives BKT 65 (supporting provision of community/social infrastructure) and BKT 66 (supporting provision of lands for social/community infrastructure). MA6 to include BKT 67 is also welcomed. However, submission requests that the final sentence be reworded as follows: Support the Development of potential synergies where there are opportunities to locate schools adjacent to open space or recreation amenities, childcare provision and/or other community facilities.

Chief Executive's Response:

The existing suite of Policy Objectives set out in the Draft Galway County Development Plan and the Draft Ballinasloe LAP are sufficient and appropriately worded to support sustainable development such as schools adjacent to open space or other community facilities.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No change

Cllr. Dr. Parsons stated that she rejected CE Recommendation.

Mr. Corcoran explained that they do as best practice try to co-locate facilities such as creches, childcare, schools, etc. in their totality near schools.

Cllr. Dr. Parsons referred to previous discussion on Ballinasloe Townparks Inner Relief Road and its proposed link to Scoil Croi Naofa and agreement not to zone it because such a project would not go through the SEA. She stated that there were very limited education facilities and she suggested that it would be good to have it included in LAP.

Cllr. Geraghty proposed going with CE Recommendation.

Ms. Loughnane stated that this policy objective was over-prescriptive. She stated that she would always like to have schools located where they are multifunctional and would also be available to the community. She advised that what Department of Education and Skills were proposing would be restricting it more. Mr. Hanrahan concurred with Ms. Loughnane's comments and stated that it would be slightly over-prescriptive and may restrict planning being granted.

Based on the above comments, Cllr. Dr. Parsons withdrew her rejection of CE Recommendation.

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Geraghty, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney and agreed by the Members.

DUBLIN AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Mr. Corcoran advised that the submission made no comment, other than to recommend consultation with the IAA and the IAA-ANSP.

Chief Executive's Response:

Submission noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No change

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

IRISH WATER

Mr. Corcoran gave an outline of submission as follows:

Comprehensive submission received from Irish Water and commitment to continually engage with Galway County Council as plan preparation progresses.

MA8 Section 2.2 Former St Brigid's Hospital

Project underway to facilitate the closure of Imhoff Tank WWTP by connecting to main network. BKT 21(b) will be applicable in this instance, until the existing WWTP is closed.

MA 8 Section 2.2 Ballinasloe OPT-BKT 1 Former Haydens and MA 28 OPT-BKT2

Recommends removal of stormwater from combined sewer serving these sites through use of nature based sustainable drainage systems strongly recommended.

MA 10 BKT 68 Strategic Sites in Ballinasloe

Irish Water is supportive of development briefs/opportunity sites. These should include engagement with Irish Water to determine how the site can be serviced.

MA 12 & 13 Local Transport Plan

Development in vicinity of Irish Water assets must be in accordance with Standard Details, Codes of Practice and Diversion Agreements where necessary. Early engagement in relation to planned road and public realm projects is requested to ensure public water services are protected.

MAAs amending Land Use Zonings

Short network extensions may be required to service some zoned sites. Localised network upgrades may also be required. Third party agreement may be required where it is proposed to service a new development via private property or private water services infrastructure.

Network reinforcements required will be developer driven, unless there are committed Irish Water projects in place to progress such works.

New development wishing to connect to an Irish Water network are to be assessed through Irish Water's Connections and Developer Service process which will determine the exact requirements in relation to network and treatment capacity.

Irish Water assets must be protected or diverted as necessary. Diversion agreements may be required. Development in the vicinity of IW assets must be in accordance with IW's standard details and codes of practice.

MA 27 Land Use Zoning Residential Phase 2 to Phase 1

Pumping and or third party agreements may be required.

MA 36 & 37 Land Use Zoning Change

Site serviced by 150mm diameter sewer; upgrades likely to be required. The potential operational impacts for existing wastewater treatment facilities should be considered when assessing applications for the development of sensitive receptors eg. Housing in vicinity. BKT 21(b) will be applicable in this instance.

MA 41 Land Use Zoning Change

No Irish Water network in adjacent estate; there may be potential to connect via private estate infrastructure, subject to third party agreements. Localised upsizing/network extensions may also be required.

The contents of submission should be taken account of in the Environmental Reports.

Chief Executive's Response:

The contents of the submission are welcomed and the comments made under each of the MAs were marked as “Noted” in the C.E. report. Galway County Council will continue to engage with Irish Water on all matters relating to the plan making process and with relevant planning applications as necessary.

The contents of the submission have been considered in the context of the SEA and there are no issues or implications pertaining to the SEA.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

MA 41: Revert to the provisions of the Draft Plan where these lands were not zoned.

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Geraghty, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney and agreed by the Members.

SUBMISSION NO. 13 - UNA NI BHRION

Mr. Corcoran went through submission and read CE Response and Recommendation.

A comprehensive submission was received summarised as follows:

- Request for addition of rights of way from housing developments to encourage active travel.
- Proposes that Beechlawn Road be added to the public sewer.
- Requests bicycle parking facilities.
- Highlights need for pedestrian safety.
- It is stated in the submission that certain trees must be protected and encourages tree planting.

Chief Executive’s Response:

There are a number of policy objectives contained in the Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 regarding public rights of way, such as Policy Objective PRW 1 Public Rights of Way contained in **Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, biodiversity and Green/Blue Infrastructure**. It is considered that rights of way have been sufficiently supported.

The requests for water infrastructure upgrades is a matter for Irish Water.

The Draft County Development Plan contains a suite of policy objectives in relation to native tree/plants, including Policy Objective **F3 Native Woodlands, TWHS 1 Trees, Hedgerows, Natural Boundaries and Stone Walls** and **TWHS 2 Planting of Trees and Woodlands**.

The Planning Authority notes that the Draft Ballinasloe Local Area Plan 2022-2028 does not prohibit the issues raised within this submission such as encouraging sustainable travel, and the policy provision within the County Development Plan further supports these proposals in principle.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

No Change

Cllr. Dr. Parsons agreed with proposal that Beechlawn would be added to public sewer.

Mr. Hanrahan advised that it is included in Capacity Register. In response to Cllr. Dr. Parsons’s query, Mr. Hanrahan advised that this proposal would be looked at separately to LAP and would revert back to her after contacting Irish Water on this matter.

The CE Recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Parsons, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty and agreed by the Members.

AA & SEA DETERMINATION

Ms. Loughnane advised that both Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening determinations were made by Galway County Council with regard to Material Alterations proposed after the public display of the proposed Draft Plan. She advised that it was determined that the Material Alterations did not require a full SEA and AA. She advised that these will be published on Council Website.

This was agreed by the Members

RESOLUTION FOR MAKING OF BALLINASLOE LOCAL AREA PLAN 2022-2028

Having considered the Local Area Plan, the Proposed Material Alterations, the CE Reports on submissions received (including that on the proposed material alterations) and the

- The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report for the Draft Plan
- The Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report for the Draft Plan
- The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for the Draft Plan
- The SEA Screening Determination for the Proposed Material Alterations
- The AA Screening Determination for the Proposed Material Alterations

- Written submissions relating to SEA, AA and SFRA made during the Plan preparation process
- Ongoing advice on SEA, AA and SFRA from the Council's agents
- The final SEA and AA Determinations

In accordance with the provisions of Section 12(20) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Ballinasloe Municipal District Members agree, by resolution, to make the Ballinasloe Local Area Plan 2022 – 2028, as recommended by the Chief Executive and as further modified by way of motions and resolutions at the Ballinasloe Municipal District Meeting on 25th May 2022 and to proceed in accordance with Section 20(1)(N) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to publish notice of the making of the Local Area Plan.

The Resolution for making of the Ballinasloe Local Area Plan 2022-2028 was proposed by Cllr. Dr. Parsons, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly and agreed by the Members.

Ms. Loughnane advised that the Plan would come into effect six weeks from date it was made.

Cllr. D. Connolly thanked everybody involved in the process and stated that the LAP will be of huge benefit to the citizens of Ballinasloe Town. He stated there was a lot of work involved in it and thanked the Members' for their engagement in the process and whose aim was to try and get the best for all the people they represent.

Mr. Hanrahan thanked the Members for their time and input into Plan which will provide a roadmap for Ballinasloe Town for the next five years. He thanked Ms. Loughnane and Mr. Corcoran and the Forward Planning Team for leading this out. He stated that there were some very good submissions made and the submissions made that were not relevant to this Plan may be considered in other plans, such as Tourism Strategy.

Ms. Loughnane thanked Mr. Corcoran and staff of the Forward Planning Unit for all the work done on the Plan. She thanked Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. Owens, Director of Services, and the Members for their engagement throughout the process.

The Members thanked all involved in the making of this Plan.

As it was now 16:45 it was agreed to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue up to 6.p.m. and the meeting adjourned for a short break.

DECLARATION OF A ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD – SECTION 11 ROADS ACT – THE DALES ESTATE MOYLOUGH

MDB22027

This item was proposed by Cllr. Michael Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty and agreed.

DECLARATION OF A ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD – SECTION 11 ROADS ACT – SARSFIED CRESCENT, BALLINASLOE

MDB20028

This item was proposed by Cllr. Dermot Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Parsons and agreed.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB22029

No business arising.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB22030

The Cathaoirleach referred to item (a) Dunlo/Poolboy development and stated it was being deferred and would be discussed with the members later in the week along with other items on a teams call.

He stated staffing levels were a continuing concern and hoped that vacancies would be filled quickly.

In the matter of anti-social behaviour he asked that the Council engage as much as possible with the other state agencies to tackle it.

Cllr. Keaveney proposed a deputation from Ballinasloe Town Hall Theatre be received before the next meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Parsons and agreed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY/CONGRATULATIONS

MDB22031

Congratulations

Cliona Darcy on winning a european boxing title.

Lisa O'Rourke on winning a world boxing title.

Ireland's Ladies 7s rugby team on coming 4th in the recent world series

Ireland's Mens 7s rugby on coming 2nd in the recent world series

Sympathy

McHugh family Croaghill, Williamstown on the death of Maura McHugh

The Mitchell and Divilly families Kilkerrin and Williamstown in the death of Carmel Divilly Mitchell

Grace Deane, Williamstown and the Garvey Family Ballintubber, Co. Roscommon on the death of Mary Garvey

A.O.B

MDB22032

In response to queries from members Ms. Lowe said she understood an event manager was to be appointed for this years 300 anniversary Ballinasloe Fair.

Cllr. M. Connolly suggested a plaque or some type or permanent memorial to the anniversary and it was agreed it was a good idea. Murals were also mentioned although funding for same had been refused.

In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Mr. Fahey confirmed that the necessary environmental reports in relation to remedial works on the Glenamaddy were still ongoing.

Mr. Fahey confirmed to Cllr. Parsons that the tender documents for the new bus stops were being drawn up.

Cllr. D. Connolly sought an update for the approved flood works in Clonfert and Mr. Fahey sated that the next step was landowner engagement.

Cllr. Geraghty mentioned the recent suck valley conference which he found to be an very good conference and felt there was great tourism potential in the area that need to be development and suggested another permanent tourism office would be needed in the County. Cllr. Keaveney who spoke at the conference echoed these sentiments also. More linkage and co-ordination was needed between the authorities.

Cllr. D. Connolly also supported these ideas but said that County Galway continued to lag behind in terms of funding despite delegations in the past, and recent visits by Ministers where members took the opportunity to reinforce the need for more funding and he wonderd were we being listened to.

The next meeting would be the Annual Meeting and would be held on 22nd June at 2 p.m.

Deputation from Ballinasloe Town Hall Theatre 22nd June 2.30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting 22nd June 2022 3 p.m.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed


(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

22nd June 2022
(Date)