

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of Carlow County Council to consider the Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 - 2028 held in the George Bernard Shaw Theatre, Visual, Carlow, on Thursday 3rd February at 2.00 p.m. and remotely via Microsoft Teams.

In Attendance: Cllr. F. Phelan (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. J. Cassin
Cllr. M. Doran
Cllr. A. Gladney
Cllr. T. Kinsella
Cllr. J. McDonald
Cllr. C. Murphy
Cllr. J. Murphy
Cllr. J. Pender
Cllr. A. Wallace

Remote: Cllr. F. Browne
Cllr. A. Dalton
Cllr. K. Murnane
Cllr. A. McDonald
Cllr. B. O'Donoghue
Cllr. T. O'Neill
Cllr. W. Paton
Cllr. W. Quinn

In Attendance: Ms. K. Holohan, Chief Executive
Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service, Corporate, HR, Planning, Health & Safety, Security & Economic Development
Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Service, Transportation, Environment & Water Services, Building Control & Emergency Services (*remote*)
Ms. F. O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Planning (*remote*)
Ms. A. Sweeney, Senior Planner
Mr. W. Keogh, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. T. Hickson, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the meeting. The Cathaoirleach stated that recommendations of the Chief Executive on submissions received on the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 had been circulated to the Elected Members for consideration. He then proceeded to outline the procedures for voting on the material amendments.

Mr. Eamonn Brophy brought to the attention of the Elected Members the requirement under Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001, in relation to the Disclosure of Interests. He advised that any Member or any connected person who has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest on any item in the subject matter before the meeting must disclose the nature of that interest.

Cllr. Phelan advised the meeting that a relative who is not a connected party under the legislation owned lands at Tullow Road, Carlow Town the subject of CLW-C10-29 Section 15.1 and Cllr. Phelan advised he would remove himself from the meeting and the Leas-Cathaoirleach would chair the meeting.

The meeting then proceeded to consider the recommendations of the Chief Executive in the document circulated to the Elected Members.

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that the submissions of the Office of the Planning Regulator and the Regional Assemblies have been addressed on pages 9-46 of the Chief Executive's Report and would be addressed in the relevant chapter headings as appropriate.

Chapter 1 Introduction and Context

No Material Amendments as recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive's Report pages 50-52)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive's recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows.

Submissions no change recommended:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request for engagement with TII (CLW-C10-16)• Reference to Joint Urban Area Plan as a LAP for consistency with EMRA RSES. (CLW-C10-48)• Reference to collaborative approach green areas/ parklands in JUAP (CLW-C10-48)• Requirement to have regard to adjoining authorities (CLW-C10-61)
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as outlined in the Chief Executive's Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran
Seconded by Cllr. J. McDonald
And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 50-52)

Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

<p>Material Amendments Recommended:</p>	<p>Section 1.0 and Section 1.6 Strategic Themes and Objectives (*) Insert additional text in Chapter 1 ‘Vision’ and Section 1.6 ‘Strategic Themes and Objectives’ to support the transition from a linear to a circular economy:</p> <p><i>The Vision for County Carlow is to champion quality of life through local employment provision, high quality development, healthy placemaking and transformational regeneration, to grow and attract a diverse innovative economy, to support the transition from a linear to a circular economy, and to a low carbon climate resilient environment delivering in a manner that embraces inclusiveness and enhances our natural and built environment for future generations. (CLW-C10-107)</i></p> <p>Section 1.2.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (*) Insert additional text to address SEA requirements:</p> <p><i>All plans and programmes to be adopted by the Council shall comply with the requirements set out in the SEA Directive (Directive 2001/42/EC) and transposing Regulations. (CLW-C10-103)</i></p> <p>Section 1.6 Strategic Themes and Objectives (*) Amend Section 1.6 ‘Strategic Themes and Objectives’, Strategic Objective SO 10 which seeks to address ecosystem services:</p> <p><i>To protect and enhance the County’s Green Infrastructure including ecosystems and habitats and associated biodiversity and so provide communities with a wide range of environmental, social and economic benefits (ecosystem services). (CLW-C10-103)</i></p> <p>(*) Insert additional Strategic Objective (page 15) Section 1.6 ‘Strategic Themes and Objectives’ to address tourism as a key economic driver:</p> <p><i>To support and promote tourism in the county as a key economic driver in a sustainable manner that is compatible with the sensitivity of rural areas, the existing quality of life, and the protection and enhancement of the county’s natural environment. (CLW-C10-60)</i></p>
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Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that no written notices of motion had been received in respect of Chapter 1: Introduction and Context.

The proposed material amendments as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report to be made to Chapter 1: Introduction and Context highlighted in green in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran
Seconded by Cllr. J. McDonald
And agreed following a show of hands

Chapter 2: Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy

No Material Amendments as recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 29, 31, 33, 35, 54-57, 313-317)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive’s recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows.

Submissions no change recommended:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reference to extractive industry in Core Strategy (CLW-C10-73)• Support expressed for the preparation of a Joint Urban Area Plan. (CLW-C10-48)• Importance of protecting Green Infrastructure in context of climate action (CLW-C10-48)• Requirement to have regard to adjoining authorities (CLW-C10-61)• Requirement to zone land for housing developments (CLW-C10-102)• Consistency and alignment with RSEs (CLW-C10-11 EMRA)• Welcomes reference to key inter regional matters (CLW-C10-11 EMRA)
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 in relation to the submissions outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. J. Murphy
Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton
And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 29, 31, 33, 35, 54-57, 313-317)

Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

<p>Material Amendments Recommended:</p>	<p>Section 2.8.1 Key Town – Carlow (*) Insert additional after Policy on ‘Key Town – Carlow’ (page 25), in relation to biodiversity and ecological function of green infrastructure:</p> <p><i>Protect, strengthen and enhance the biodiversity and ecological function of the green infrastructure network in Carlow Town, including the River Barrow, which is a designated Special Area of Conservation. (CLW-C10-103)</i></p> <p>Section 2.8.2 District Towns (*) Insert additional Policy for ‘District Towns – Policies’ to support growth and development of the towns with emphasis on town centre sites:</p> <p><i>To support the continued growth and sustainable development of Tullow and Muine Bheag with appropriate levels of growth as provided in Table 2.7 Core Strategy. As part of the review of the Local Area Plan sustainable compact growth of town centre zoned sites will be prioritised together with a renewed focus on the town centre first principles and the appropriate development of regeneration / opportunity sites. (CLW-C10-101- OPR)</i></p> <p>(*) Insert additional Objective ‘District Towns – Policies’ to carry out Area Based Transport Assessment’s:</p> <p><i>To carry out an Area Based Transport Assessment for the District Towns of Tullow and Muine Bheag as an iterative process with the review of the relevant Local Area Plan which will support and inform the implementation of transport, demand management and land use measures to ensure the sustainable integration of land use and transport planning with an emphasis on enabling sustainable transport and mobility objectives for the Plan area. (CLW-C10-101-OPR)</i></p> <p>Section 2.16 Core Strategy Table (*) Amend Core Strategy Table in accordance with Recommendation No.1 – OPR submissions (CLW-C10-101) and Point No. 2 Southern Regional Assembly (CLW-C10-82)</p> <p>See: Appendix IV</p> <p>Section 2.23.2 Active Land Management (*) Insert additional Objective to support ‘Active Land Management’:</p>
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	<p><i>Actively promote the redevelopment and renewal of areas in need of regeneration through appropriate active land management measures including availing of statutory powers under the Derelict Sites Act, Housing Act, Vacant Site Levy and supporting implementation of the Residential Zoned Land Tax together with other statutory provisions to actively promote regeneration of urban and rural areas within the County. (CLW-C10-101-OPR)</i></p> <p>Section 2.24 Monitoring and Evaluation (*) Insert additional text to support ‘Monitoring and Evaluation’ of the Plan:</p> <p><i>As part of the two-year progress report to review and report on the implementation of active land management measures within the County, to monitor progress in activation of lands and to establish measurable targets thereafter for monitoring on an annual basis. (CLW-C10-101-OPR) New Appendix VI to be included on implementation and Monitoring (pgs 313-317) (CLW-C10-101-OPR).</i></p> <p>Section 2.25 Core Strategy Objectives (*) Insert additional text in green in Chapter 2 Section 2.25 ‘Core Strategy Objectives’ to ensure the maintenance of the strategic function of the national roads’ network in the County.</p> <p><i>Promote the integration of spatial planning and transport policy, ensure the maintenance of the strategic function of the national roads’ network in the County, and promote sustainable public transport including a public bus service for Carlow town and active travel alternatives throughout the County. (CLW-C10-16)</i></p>
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Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that no written notices of motion had been received in respect of Chapter 2: Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy.

Cllr. Paton referred to Section 2.8.2 ‘*As part of the review of the Local Area Plan sustainable compact growth of town centre zoned sites will be prioritized together with a renewed focus on the town centre first principles and the appropriate development of regeneration/opportunity sites (CLW-C10-101-OPR)*’ and stated that this implied growth had to be focused in the Town Centre. Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner in response stated that this amendment reflected the National Policy of 30% growth in the built footprint of urban centres. Ms. Sweeney further added that in the context of regeneration and focus of Town Centres that during the Local Area Plan process the Town Centres will be reviewed to see if additional growth can be accommodated and if not the option of sequential growth would be examined.

The proposed material amendments as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report to be made to Chapter 2: Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy highlighted in green in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. J. Murphy
Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton
And agreed following a show of hands

Chapter 3: Housing

No Material Amendments as recommended to Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 34, 35-37, 59-68)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive’s recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows.

<p>Submissions no change recommended:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to address social housing requirement in Graiguecullen Urban Area and TIC (CLW-C10-48) • Comment regarding affordable, private and social housing in Bagenalstown. (CLW-C10-102) • Designation of areas under urban influence noted (CLW-C10-15) • Requirement to accommodate local people to build their own homes (CLW-C10-102) • Requirement that climate mitigation measures for housing be addressed (CLW-C10-111) • Specific requirement for energy efficient homes for Traveller Accommodation (CLW-C10-105)
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 in relation to the submissions outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald
Seconded by Cllr. W. Quinn
And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 34, 35-37, 59-68)

Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

<p>Material Amendments Recommended:</p>	<p>Section 3.4 Housing Strategy / Housing Need Demand Assessment</p> <p>(*) Amend Section 3.4 ‘Housing Strategy / Housing Need Demand Assessment, to reflect new legislative requirements regarding affordable housing:</p> <p><i>To apply a 10% social housing and up to 10% affordable housing requirement, pursuant to Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), to land zoned for residential use, or for a mixture of residential and other uses, in respect of which permission for the development of houses is granted, except where development would be exempt from this requirement. Affordable housing requirements will be subject to the demand for and viability of</i></p>
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affordable housing on individual sites; the Council reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of 'Part V' affordable housing delivery for individual sites on a case-by-case basis.

*Housing Strategy /Housing Need Demand Assessment (HNDA) Additional analysis pursuant to the Affordable Housing Act 2021 has determined that 10.7% of households will not be able to afford private market housing but will not be eligible for social housing and will require affordable housing tenures. In accordance with the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 Affordable Housing Act 2021 there will be a requirement for ~~up to 10%~~ 20% social and affordable housing in developments on lands *in respect of which permission for the development of houses is granted* ~~zoned for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses with more than ~~nine~~ four residential units.~~ Full details of the Housing Strategy are set out in Appendix IV. (CE Recommendation)*

Section 3.8 Densities / Increased Heights

(*) Insert additional text clarifying density provisions applicable:

To apply graded densities in towns and villages having regard to the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) and the accompanying Urban Design Manual (2009), Circular Letter NRUP 02/21, the indicative residential density standards contained in Table 3.3, the role of the town / village within the Settlement hierarchy, ensuring that developments are commensurate to the character of the existing built environment.

*Densities of >30ha to be facilitated in District Town Centres.
Villages 20-25ha in village centres and 10-20ha in edge of centre locations.*

Section 3.14 Traveller Accommodation

(*) Insert map which identifies location of Traveller Accommodation' within Carlow (See also Notice of Motion no. 4 and 5 Below) (CLW-C10-101 -OPR) (CLW-C10-105)

Section 3.16.2 Rural Generated Housing Need

(*) Insert additional Criteria to Rural Housing Policy Zone 2 to protect SAC:

Section 3.16.2 'Rural Generated Housing Need' in recognition of sensitivity of SAC at this location. *Any single housing developments within Rural Housing Policy Zone 2 will be required to demonstrate that new on-site wastewater treatment systems associated with single housing in Rural Housing Policy Zone 2, alone and in combination with existing systems, will not result in significant adverse effects on the River Slaney Valley Special Area of Conservation, including the Freshwater Pearl Mussel, which is a qualifying interest of the site.* (CLW-C10-103)

Section 3.16.5 Siting and Design

(*) Insert additional text in 'Siting and Design – Policies', to comply with Spatial Planning and National Road Guidelines:

	<p><i>The need to comply with the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities DECLG (2012). (CLW-C10-16)</i></p> <p>(*) Amend Section 3.16.5 (vii) ‘Siting and Design – Policies’ and insert reference new SuDS Manual:</p> <p><i>(vii) The ability of a site to accommodate an appropriate on-site surface water management system in accordance with Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) measures, Carlow County Council SuDS Policy, Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) B.S 8301:1985 the ‘SuDS Manual’ CIRIA C753, and BRE Digest 365. (CLW-C10-103)</i></p> <p>Section 3.16.11 Replacement of Derelict Houses in the Countryside</p> <p>(*) Insert additional text in green to Section 3.16.11 ‘Replacement of Derelict Houses in the Countryside in recognition of ecological requirement where Bats are present:</p> <p><i>Documentary evidence in the form of a structural survey and photographs shall be submitted in support of the application, and a bat survey report as required and appropriate. Subject to the findings of the survey, a derogation licence under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended) may be required. (CLW-C10-103)</i></p>
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Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that 4 written notices of motion (notice of motions no.’s 1, 2, 3 and 4) had been received in respect of Chapter 3: Housing.

The proposed material amendments as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report to be made to Chapter 3: Housing highlighted in green in the above table were:

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald
Seconded by Cllr. W. Quinn
And agreed following a show of hands

Notice of Motion no. 1 submitted by Cllr. A. Wallace

Motion:	To reduce the local / rural need for planning permission for rural residential on-off properties to 3 years from the proposed 7 years.
Chief Executive’s Response	
<p>The Rural Housing Policy as contained in the Draft Plan is informed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Policy Objective 19 as contained in the National Planning Framework which seeks to “Ensure, in providing for the development of rural housing, that a distinction is made between areas under urban influence, i.e. within the commuter catchment of cities and large towns and centres of employment, and elsewhere: In rural areas under urban influence, facilitate the provision of single housing in the countryside based on the core consideration of demonstrable 	

economic or social need to live in a rural area and siting and design criteria for rural housing in statutory guidelines and plans, having regard to the viability of smaller towns and rural settlements; In rural areas elsewhere, facilitate the provision of single housing in the countryside based on siting and design criteria for rural housing in statutory guidelines and plans, having regard to the viability of smaller towns and rural settlements”.

- Circular letter PL 2/2017 from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government regarding the application of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2005 and Local Needs Criteria in Development Plans.
- The **Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2005** which defines persons who are intrinsic part of the rural community as *such persons will normally have spent substantial periods of their lives, living in rural areas as members of the established rural community”*; and
- RPO 27 as contained in the **Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy** which seeks to support rural economies and rural communities through implementing a sustainable rural housing policy in the Region which provides a distinction between areas under urban influence and other rural areas through the implementation of National Policy Objective 19 regarding Local Authority County Development Plan Core Strategies. Local authorities shall:
 - a. Include policies for the protection of the viability of smaller towns and rural settlements as key priority within Development plans;
 - b. Have regard for the viability of smaller towns and rural settlements. Core Strategies shall identify areas under urban influence and set the appropriate sustainable rural housing policy response which facilitates the provision of single housing in the countryside based on the core consideration of demonstrable economic, social or local exceptional need to live in a rural area and siting, environmental and design criteria for rural housing in statutory guidelines and plans;
 - c. Having regard for the viability of smaller towns and rural settlements, in rural areas elsewhere, facilitate the sustainable provision of single housing in the countryside based on siting and design criteria for rural housing in statutory guidelines and plans;
 - d. Provide for flexibility in zoning and density requirements to ensure that rural villages provide attractive easily developed options for housing”.

The draft Plan currently sets out an appropriate rural housing policy approach, with an evidenced-based identification of rural areas under urban influence and rural housing qualifying criteria consistent with *Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities* (2005) and with the requirements of the National Policy Objective (NPO)19 of the NPF. Managing pressure for one-off rural dwellings must be balanced against the need to sustain and grow towns and villages throughout the county. A reduction in residency requirements from 7 to 3 years would not comply with current policy which requires persons to have spent a substantial period of their lives living in the rural areas. It would also be inconsistent with the rural housing policy and residency requirements of adjoining counties in the region, and the rural housing policy response that is addressed by RPO 27 in the RSES.

The reduction in residency requirements will give rise to an unsustainable demand for rural housing and has the potential to undermine the overall intended strategic approach of the draft Plan in terms of settlement hierarchy and policies and objectives to direct and encourage growth and sustainable development. The RHP as currently drafted is grounded in national and regional policy and other planning guidelines as referenced above. A reduction in the residency period would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development over the Plan period.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation

No change to Draft Plan.

During a discussion on the notice of motion Cllr. Wallace indicated that she would propose reducing the local/rural need for planning permission for residential one-off properties from 7 years to 5 years. This was proposed by Cllr.J. Pender and seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald.

Following a further discussion on the matter it was agreed by a show of hands to materially amend Section 3.16.2 *Rural Generated Housing Need* in the draft County Carlow Development Plan 2022 – 2028 to reduce the residency requirements for planning permission for residential one-off properties from 7 years to 5 years.

It was further proposed by Cllr. F. Phelan, seconded by Cllr. J. Pender and agreed by a show of hands to materially amend *Section 3.16.4 Persons Residing in Bordering Counties* in the draft County Carlow Development Plan 2022 – 2028 to reduce from a minimum of 10 consecutive years to 7 consecutive years the period required for applicants residing in neighbouring counties who are living or have lived full-time at a location within a 3km radius of the Carlow County border.

Notice of Motion no. 2 submitted by Cllr. A. Wallace

Motion:	When planning permission for residential dwellings is sought, to give favourable consideration to said application where there is an existing lane already in use.
Chief Executive’s Response	
All applications for residential dwellings (i.e. one-off applications / residential schemes) requires detailed consideration of traffic safety matters to ensure proposed developments if permitted would not be prejudicial to traffic safety. This is required to ensure the safety of the applicant/occupants and general road users. In this regard, the Council has regard to the design, speed, function and traffic volumes on public roads. Relevant national traffic safety standards which inform such considerations include the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and Transport Infrastructure Ireland publications. Chapter 16, Section 16.10 outlines development management considerations for sustainable travel and transport including detailed requirements regarding access onto public roads, entrances and sightlines etc. Any applications to access private lanes would also be subject to detailed design considerations in terms of suitability, capacity, potential traffic impacts etc., including any required relevant legal entitlement for access and use of same. Access onto an existing lane which complies with relevant policy considerations and safety standards is not precluded under the provision of the Draft County Development Plan.	
Chief Executive’s Recommendation	
No change to Draft Plan.	

Following consideration of the Chief Executive’s response the notice of motion was withdrawn by Cllr. Wallace.

Notice of Motion no. 3 submitted by Cllr. A. Wallace

Related Submission on Draft Plan:	CLW-C10-101 (OPR)
Related NOM on Draft Plan:	4
Motion:	Regarding <i>Recommendation 7 – Traveller Accommodation (p35)</i> . The council have not adequately dealt with the submission. The submission states that the planning authority is required to identify in the Plan the use of particular areas for Traveller Accommodation and to identify specific locations. However, the council responds by highlighting <u>existing</u> facilities only and does not identify new sites as per the <i>Planning and Development Act 2000</i> (as amended). As such Carlow County Council needs to identify specific locations in the land use zoning maps for potentially new Traveller Accommodation sites across Carlow. The use of social housing is not the only suitable source of accommodation for the Travelling community.
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>The requirements regarding Traveller Accommodation and any land use implications pertaining to same is informed by the Carlow Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019-2024 (TAP). Under the provisions of the Traveller Accommodation Act 1998, the Council is required to prepare, adopt and implement a Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) to meet the accommodation needs of the County's indigenous Traveller community; those families considered as resident and on Carlow County Council's Housing List for social housing support in the County during the preparation of Plan. The Draft Carlow County Development Plan supports the implementation of the TAP and any update thereto. Section 10(2)(i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires inclusion of objectives for the provision of accommodation for travellers, and the use of particular areas for that purpose. In this regard the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028 states as follows:</p> <p>3.14 Traveller Accommodation</p> <p><i>The Carlow County Council Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) is designed to meet the accommodation needs of the Travelling Community of County Carlow. It is the policy of the Council's Carlow Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Provide sustainable, quality social affordable and cost-effective housing to meet current and future accommodation need.</i> ▪ <i>Provide group and standard housing options as well as halting sites, temporary /emergency accommodation and single instance houses for the accommodation of Traveller households, who are indigenous to County Carlow, subject to resources in accordance with the Assessment of Need carried out under the Traveller Accommodation Act. Such options are, where feasible, provided in recognition of the need for Traveller-specific accommodation by some households.</i> <p><i>The TAP sets out an assessment of accommodation need, finding that 122 Traveller households needed housing in 2019. The TAP estimates a total need of 245 families over the period 2019-2024 to be provided</i></p>	

over the five-year programme to cater for the existing and projected demand. Under the existing programme the main source of accommodation units for Travellers will comprise social housing, which may include RAS, standard local authority accommodation, leased accommodation, HAP and AHBs. Traveller specific accommodation for the County's indigenous Traveller Community will be provided where possible.

Traveller Accommodation- Policy

It is the policy of the Council to;

TA P1: Implement the "Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024" or any updated plan during the lifetime of this County Development Plan.

The locations of authorised Traveller Specific Accommodation as referenced in the TAP is recommended for inclusion in the Chief Executive's Report to submissions received on the Draft Carlow County Development Plan. Any further authorised Traveller Accommodation Sites within the functional area / town boundary of Carlow Environs, Tullow and Muine Bheag can be referenced in the relevant statutory land use plan as part of the Joint Urban Area Plan or Local Area Plans as maybe deemed appropriate.

In addition to the foregoing, there is also an important role for Carlow's Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC), membership of which consists of Traveller representatives, Traveller Development Groups, Elected Representatives of the Council and Council officials. The LTACC provides a forum where Traveller Accommodation issues and policy can be addressed and where policy decisions can be informed.

Following consideration of the Chief Executive's response the notice of motion was withdrawn by Cllr. Wallace.

Notice of Motion no. 4 submitted by Cllr. A. Wallace

Motion No:	4
Submitted By:	Cllr. Adrienne Wallace
Related Submission on Draft Plan:	N/A
Related NOM on Draft Plan:	3
Motion:	That Carlow County Council begin the process of identifying a suitable site for Transient Bays for the Traveller community in order to respect the culture of this ethnic minority group.
Chief Executive's Response	
As outlined in NOM no. 3 above it is under the provisions of the Traveller Accommodation Act 1998, that the Council is required to prepare, adopt and implement a Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) to meet the accommodation needs of the County's indigenous Traveller community; those families considered as resident and on Carlow County Council's Housing List for social housing support in the County during the preparation of Plan. The Traveller-specific accommodation may include the following:	

- local authority and Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs)
- housing (including private houses assisted by the local authority through HAP, RAS and long-term leasing);
- group housing schemes; demountable dwellings;
- permanent residential halting sites; and
- transient halting sites.

Transient Bays are not currently identified in the TAP which is a matter for consideration by the Housing Section.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change to Draft Plan.

The notice of motion was proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace and seconded by Cllr. A. Gladney.

Cllr. Wallace stated that there were issues in Carlow and requested that Carlow County Council commence the process to provide a transient halting site. Mr. Michael Rainey, Director of Services in response informed the meeting that the provision of traveller accommodation requires a separate statutory process. He indicated he would request the Director of Services for Housing to write to the LTACC regarding a Transient Halting Site.

Cllr. Wallace accepted the Chief Executive's recommendation of no change to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

Chapter 4: Enterprise and Employment

No Material Amendment as recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive's Report pages 13-15, 38-41, 69-76)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive's recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows.

<p>Submissions no change recommended:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged support for town centre development (CLW-C10-40) • Support for Project Carlow / Town Centre Issues • Seeks support for redevelopment of former sugar factory site in Laois (CLW-C10-48) • Highlights issues relating to work, economy and resources at MD level (CLW-C10-38) • Commitments requested regarding social enterprises (CLW-C10-2) • Acknowledges role of renewable energy in job creation (CLW-C10-19) and (CLW-C10-51) • Energy efficiency and conservation policies for large scale industrial and enterprise developments (CLW-C10-110)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of broadband policies in ensuring economic competitiveness (CLW-C10-40) • Need to control unsustainable demands on water and electricity infrastructure for large industrial proposals (CLW-C10-110) • Review of Core Retail Area Carlow (CLW-C10-101 OPR)
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 in relation to the submissions outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran
Seconded by Cllr. J. Murphy
And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 13-15, 38-41, 69-76)

Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

<p>Material Amendments Recommended:</p>	<p>Section 4.0 Introduction</p> <p>(*) Insert additional text in the ‘Introduction’, regarding economic resilience:</p> <p><i>The Council will seek to build economic resilience by supporting an inherent part of the economic strategy for the Southern Region which focuses on building capacity while being responsive to emerging challenges. It acknowledges the need to ensure sufficient capacity is available in the Southern Region to bid for and win competitive bids for funding and to be ready to address potential risks to the economy. A key focus for the Council will be to develop and strengthen its bidding capacity, to identify infrastructure deficits and opportunities, to prepare strong business cases, to identify funding sources, to bid, and successfully attract competitive funding in accordance with RPO 70. (CLW-C10-82-SRA)</i></p> <p>Section 4.4 Enterprise and Employment</p> <p>(*) Insert additional Policy to 1 ‘Locations for Economic Development - Policies’ to support collaboration with settlements on the M9 Motorway/Rail route:</p> <p><i>To drive economic growth arising from opportunities within Carlow due to its strategic location and connectivity on the Waterford-Kilkenny-Carlow-Dublin M9/Rail Network, to support collaboration and growth with strategic settlements on this route and to support the creation of Inter Urban Networks of Collaboration and Growth in accordance with RPO 30. (CLW-C10-82- SRA)</i></p>
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Section 4.4.3 Education and Skills

(*) Insert additional text to Section 4.4.3 'Education and Skills' and policy to recognise lifelong learning in the Region:

The RSES also recognises that lifelong learning and access to a variety of opportunities beyond school, is increasingly important. The role of employers in the development and provision of learning to ensure its relevance to the needs of the workforce is also supported.

To support the development of the Southern Region as a Learning Region in support of RPO 186 and RPO 190 in partnership with the Regional Assembly, Local Authorities and other agencies as appropriate.

Section 4.7.3 Floorspace Requirements and Strategic Guidance on the Distribution of Floor space

(*) Amend Section 4.7.3 'Floorspace Requirements and Strategic Guidance on the Distribution of Floor Space' regarding bulky goods floorspace:

The lack of capacity for bulky comparison floorspace has been identified in the Retail Strategy. Additional floorspace has not been allocated for bulky comparison goods. However, this should not preclude bulky comparison floorspace (i.e. retail warehousing) in instances where it can be demonstrated that there will be a contribution to town centre vitality and viability due to its location, quality, accessibility and retail offer. The quantitative assessment of the Retail Strategy has highlighted the lack of capacity for bulky comparison floorspace. However, a capacity assessment does not deal with the quality of floorspace which in the case of Carlow is quite poor in places and poorly located. In this context, it is not considered appropriate to make any floorspace allocation as part of this Retail Strategy. However, this should not preclude bulky comparison floorspace (i.e. retail warehousing) in instances where it can be demonstrated that there will be a contribution to town centre vitality and viability due to its location, quality, accessibility and retail offer. There should also be an evidenced based approach to any new bulky comparison floorspace and all planning applications should include a full retail impact statement which addresses existing bulky comparison provision in the town including as appropriate any change of use of existing retail bulky comparison premises elsewhere within the town to other non-retail uses since the making of this Retail Strategy.

(CLW-C10-101-OPR)

Section 4.8 Retail Policies

(*) Insert additional Policy to Section 4.8 'Retail Policies' regarding national policy and presumption against large out of town retail centres:

	<p><i>There will be a general presumption against large out-of-town retail centres in particular those located adjacent or close to existing, new or planned national roads/motorways, in accordance with the provisions of Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2012. (CLW-C10-101-OPR)</i></p>
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Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that no written notices of motion had been received in respect of Chapter 4: Enterprise and Employment.

The proposed material amendments as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report to be made to Chapter 4: Enterprise and Employment highlighted in green in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran
Seconded by Cllr. J. Murphy
And agreed following a show of hands

Chapter 5: Sustainable Travel and Transport

No Material Amendments as recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 41-43, 77-94)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive’s recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows.

<p>Submissions no change recommended:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and support from TII regarding Carlow Urban Area Plan (CLW-C10-16) • Notes requirement for road improvement schemes to be developed complementary to safeguarding the strategic function of the national road network (CLW-C10-16) • Recommendations regarding works within LAP area of Muine Bheag / Royal Oak (CLW-C10-31) • Supports development of orbital routes around Carlow Town (CLW-C10-40) • Support for improvement works to N80, Southern relief Road and pedestrian / cycle link from Crossneen to Kilkenny Road (CLW-C10-48) • Support for delivery of bus projects and local link rural transport programme (CLW-C10-40) • Support for objectives to improve public transport offer (CLW-C10-97) • Support for car parking and bicycle parking provision (CLW-C10-97) • TII welcome consultation on active travel provisions (CLW-C10-16) • Support for cycleways and walkways (CLW-C10-40) (CLW-C10-86) • Policies and objectives for walking and cycling (CLW-C10-61)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies and objectives meet maintenance goals of Waterways Ireland (CLW-C10-118) • Logistics park should be plan led in context of RSES Regional Freight policy (CLW-C10-61) • Potential for proposed location of logistic park at Junction 5 (CLW-C10-120)
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 in relation to the submissions outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne
Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton
And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 41-43, 77-94)

Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

<p>Material Amendments Recommended:</p>	<p>Section 5.1.1 National Planning Framework, National Development Plan</p> <p>(*) Amend Section 5.1.1 ‘National Planning Framework, National Development Plan’ and amend reference forthcoming long-term investment framework for land transport:</p> <p><i>The national investment priorities that will underpin the implementation of the National Planning Framework are contained in The National Development Plan 2018-2027 and will be further supported by the publication of the forthcoming “Planning Land Use and Transport – Outlook 2040” (in preparation by The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport). PLUTO will comprise a long term framework to support the prioritisation of transport interventions and investment Department of Transport’s forthcoming long-term investment framework for land transport.”</i> (CLW-C10-10)</p> <p>Section 5.1.6 Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets</p> <p>(*) Insert additional text in green to Section 5.1.6 ‘Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets’ referencing supplementary advice note:</p> <p><i>In response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, a supplementary DMURS Interim Advice Note was also published in 2020 on the DMURS website (available to download at www.dmurs.ie/supplementary-material).</i> (CLW-C10-10)</p> <p>Section 5.3 Sustainable Mobility / Modal Shift</p>
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(*) Insert additional text and new objective to support ‘Sustainable Mobility / Modal Shift’:

Support modal shift at a County level from private vehicles to sustainable modes (walking, cycling Bus or Train) to access work, school, college from 23% in 2016 (Ref: Table 5.1) to 28% in 2028.

To carry out an Area Based Transport Assessment / Local Transport Plan in consultation with NTA, TII, IE and relevant stakeholders for Carlow Town, Tullow and Muine Bheag which will form an iterative process with the review of the relevant Local Area Plan and will include specifying baseline figures and ambitions /targets for modal share, in order to encourage a modal shift away from the private car to more sustainable forms of transport, such as public transport, cycling and walking. (CLW-C10-101-OPR)

Section 5.5.1 Rail

(*) Insert additional text in green to Section 5.5.1 ‘Rail’ referencing Rail Strategy and positive implications for Carlow:

In this regard, it should be noted that as part of their Strategy 2027, which will have positive implications for rail connectivity from County Carlow, Iarnród Éireann is planning to enhance rail connectivity options to the north of Carlow at Kildare, including onward opportunities to Dublin, the West and South West of the country. Iarnród Éireann will also be publishing a Rail Freight 2040 Strategy that will address the reintroduction of new freight services on the rail network. (CLW-C10-80)

Section 5.5.2 Bus

(*) Amend Section 5.5.2 ‘Bus’ and update text regarding NTAs Local Link Rural Transport Programme;

Transport for Ireland Local Link provides a rural local public transport bus service. The key priorities of the Local Link Rural Transport Programme seek to address rural social exclusion and the integration of rural transport services with other public transport services. The NTAs ‘Local Link Rural Transport Programme Strategic Plan 2018 to 2022’ aims to provide a quality nationwide community based public transport system in rural Ireland which responds to local needs. Its key priorities include the reduction of social exclusion and the integration of rural transport services with other public transport services. In addition, one of its key objectives is greater interaction/co-ordination with Local Authorities regarding the assessment of strategic transport needs and in the development of proposed transport plans for local areas. Rural transport services can perform an important role in providing for social and economic connectivity between small villages/rural areas and larger towns. (CLW-C10-10) (CLW-C10-97)

(*). Insert additional text in green to Section 5.5.2 'Bus', Policy PT 2 referencing NTA and IE and include additional Policy to ensure public transport is considered of any significant residential or commercial development:

PT. P2: Support transport agencies, including the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Iarnród Éireann, in the provision of new public transport services and routes, enhancement of the quality, frequency and speed of existing train and bus public transport services with measures incorporated to facilitate access for all.

PT P4: Ensure that public transport infrastructure, as required and appropriate, is considered as part of any significant residential or commercial development proposals e.g. evaluation for requirement for new bus stops, turnaround facilities, pedestrian access, and layover facilities. (CLW-C10-97)

Section 5.8.2 National Road Network-Policies

(*). Insert additional policies to Section 5.8.2 'National Road Network-Policies' to implement national policy and regarding national routes and safeguarding national road network drainage schemes:

To implement Section 2.8 of the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines relating to the provision of service areas and roadside facilities on national roads or any updates thereto during the life of this Plan and subject to meeting all other planning and environmental criteria.

To seek to ensure that the capacity and efficiency of the national road network drainage regimes in County Carlow are safeguarded for national road drainage purposes'. (CLW-C10-16)

Section 5.8.5 Urban Roads and Streets

(*). Insert additional text to Section 5.8.5, Policy UR P1 'Urban Roads and Streets' referencing relevant TII publications:

Ensure that all urban roads and streets in our towns and villages, including residential streets in housing estates are designed in accordance with the principles, approaches and standards set out in the 'Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets' (2013/2019) and any further update to the Manual during the life of this Plan and to implement TII Publication Standard DN-GEO-03084 'The Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads' as appropriate. (CLW-C10-16)

Section 5.9 Infrastructural Improvement Process

(*). Insert additional text in green to Section 5.9 'Infrastructural Improvement Process' noting relevant guidelines for TII projects:

All National Road projects excluding TII National Road Schemes which will be progressed in accordance with TII Project Management

	<p><i>Guidelines and Project Appraisal Guidelines will be progressed in accordance with the “TII Project Management Guidelines, while Non-National Road Improvement projects will comply with the Department of Transport Guidance for the “Management and Appraisal of Regional and Local Strategic and Specific Road Improvement Programmes”. Compliance must also be outlined in accordance with the “Public Spending Code- A Guide to Evaluating Planning and Managing Public Investment” (CLW-C10-16)</i></p> <p>Section 5.14 Car Parking</p> <p>(*) Insert additional text in green to Section 5.14 ‘Car Parking’ and additional policy which will facilitate flexibility in certain circumstances in infill and brownfield schemes:</p> <p><i>Flexibility in car parking standards for development (including residential) may also be applied in urban infill and brownfield sites in urban areas based on performance criteria in order to achieve targeted growth. (CLW-C10-101-OPR)</i></p> <p><i>To apply flexibility where appropriate in response to well-designed development proposals that can achieve urban infill and brownfield development objectives in urban areas subject to strict qualitative criteria being achieved and provided public safety is not compromised and the environment is suitably protected. (CLW-C10-101-OPR)</i></p>
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Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner advised the meeting that there were no notices of motion received in respect of Chapter 5: Sustainable Travel and Transport.

During a discussion on the proposed material amendments Cllr. Doran referred to the requirement for sustainable and integrated transport and in particular that car-pooling at Motorways be encouraged. In response Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised the meeting that the draft County Development Plan recognised the need for park and ride facilities.

During discussion Cllr. Gladney raised issues with regard to availability of facilities at Muine Bheag Railway station.

Cllr. Cassin queried if particular road infrastructure for example at Eire Óg would be in place to take traffic out of the Town Centre. In response Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner stated that there were objectives identified in the plan for such infrastructure.

The proposed material amendments as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report to be made to Chapter 5: Sustainable Travel and Transport highlighted in green in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne

Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton

And agreed following a show of hands

Chapter 6: Infrastructure and Environmental Management

No Material Amendments as recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 14, 45-46, 95-114)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive’s recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows.

<p>Submissions no change recommended:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support expressed for references to Irish Water Policy documents and relevant policy provisions of IW (CLW-C10-9) • Future housing development to be accompanied by proper infrastructure and services (CLW-C10-102) • Recommendations regarding use of integrated constructed wetlands (CLW-C10-69 & CLW C10-70) • Consideration of climate impacts to flood zones (CLW-C10-24) • Applicability of different SuDS techniques for development sites (CLW-C10-24) • Reference to infrastructural requirements at MD Level (CLW-C10-38) • Reference to need for better broadband in Carlow and Tullow MD (CLW-C10-38) • Support for implementation of NBI Plan and Carlow Digital Strategy (CLW-C10-40) • Welcomes prioritisation of two schools for connections to broadband (CLW-C10-140) • Supports undergrounding of transmission lines and landscape / visual assessments in high amenity and mountain areas (CLW-C10-61) • Welcomes policy provision electricity and distribution and telecommunication infrastructure (CLW-C10-76) • Policies meet management goals of Waterways Ireland (CLW-C10-118) • Support objectives of the Blue DoT Programme regarding high status water bodies (CLW-C10-28) • Request water testing at popular bathing areas in the county (CLW-C10-84)
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. W. Quinn
Seconded by Cllr. J. McDonald
And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 14, 45-96, 95-114)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

<p>Material Amendments Recommended:</p>	<p>Section 6.2 Public Wastewater Collection and Treatment (*) Amend Section 6.2 ‘Public Wastewater Collection and Treatment’ regarding updated position on wastewater treatment infrastructure projects:</p> <p><i>The upgrade of Tullow WWTP is at an advanced stage of design with construction proposed to commence in 2021. The upgrade of Tullow WWTP upgrade is currently at construction stage with anticipated timeframe for completion in Q4 2023. The anticipated timeframe for completion of the Muinebheag/Leighlinbridge WWTP upgrade is Q1 2024. Improvement and upgrade works are also proposed for Mortarstown WWTP in Carlow, and Borris WWTP. At the lower end of the settlement hierarchy, there are constraints in three of the Larger Serviced Villages, and Irish Water has recently announced funding for the provision of a WWTP upgrade at Ballinabrannagh under the “Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme” (STVGP). (CLW-C10 -95)</i></p> <p><i>Irish Water will commence a Drainage Area Plan (DAP) for Carlow Town in Q1 2022. The DAP will assess the performance of the wastewater networks in the town. In parallel with the DAP, a Strategic Network Development Plan is also being progressed by Irish Water for Carlow Town, which will be high-level study that will help inform how undeveloped zoned sites within the town could be serviced. (CLW-C10 -95)</i></p> <p>Section 6.4 Wastewater Treatment – Commercial and Tourism Uses (*) Include additional text to policy WT P1, Section 6.4 ‘Wastewater Treatment- Commercial and Tourism Uses’ supporting servicing of development by public infrastructure:</p> <p><i>WT P1: Ensure that the proposed wastewater treatment system for development in unserviced areas complies with the relevant EPA Code of Practice, the Water Framework Directive, the National River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 (as maybe updated) and the Habitats Directive. There will be a general presumption that development will be focused into areas that are serviced by public wastewater collection networks where available. (CLW-C10 -95)</i></p> <p>Section 6.5 Surface Water Drainage / SuDS - Policies (*) Insert additional text to clarify SW P2 to Section 6.5 ‘Surface Water Drainage/SuDS – regarding SuDS as an alternative to underground tanks and piped outfalls:</p>
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Ensure, as an alternative to underground tanks and piped outfalls to watercourses, that all development proposals incorporate Sustainable Drainage Systems and promote the use of green infrastructure e.g. green roofs, green walls, planting and green spaces for surface water retention purposes, as an integrated part of SuDS and maximise the multi-functional potential of these systems including benefits for biodiversity and amenity value wherever possible. (CLW-C10 -103)

(* Insert additional policies to Section 6.5 ‘Surface Water Drainage-SuDS - Policies’ to minimise surface water discharge to combined sewers:

SW P5: Seek to minimise in as far as is practical the discharge of additional surface water to combined (foul and surface water) sewers (in existing combined sewer serviced areas) in order to maximise the capacity of existing collection systems for foul water. (CLW-C10 -95)

SW P6: Require all new developments to provide a separate foul and surface water drainage system and to incorporate sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate in new development and the public realm. (CLW-C10 -95)

Section 6.6.5 Management of Certain Waste Resources

(* Amend Section 6.6.5 ‘Management of Certain Waste Resources’ Construction and Demolition Waste and include reference to updated guidelines:

Construction and Demolition Waste: Reuse and recycling of construction and demolition waste will be supported by the Council. The Council will have regard to and require compliance with the ‘Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects’ (July 2006), in the management of waste from construction and demolition projects with EPA’s ‘Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource Management Plans for Construction & Demolition Projects 2021 in the management of waste from construction and demolition projects, which supersedes previous 2006 Guidelines published by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. (CLW-C10-107)

Section 6.8 Information and Communications Technology

(* Insert additional text in green to Section 6.8 ‘Information and Communications Technology’ to support Smart City and Regions as per RSES:

The RSES supports the development of a Smart City and Smart Region (RPO 13 and 134) involving a systematic integration of information and communication technologies (ICT) in planning, design, operations and management. (CLW-C10 -82- SRA)

Section 6.9.1 Water Quality

(* Amend Section 6.9.1 ‘Water Quality’ text from water dependent ecosystems to water dependent habitats and species:

*A healthy catchment provides high quality drinking water and supports local livelihoods such as agriculture, food production, tourism and water based recreational activities (walking, swimming, angling and water sports). It also sustains and supports ~~water dependent ecosystems~~ **water dependent habitats and species** (plants, animals, fish and insects) that depend on clean, healthy waters to survive. (CLW-C10-103)*

Section 6.10.5 Flood Risk Management – Objectives

(*) Insert additional text to Objective FR O2, Section 6.10.5 ‘Flood Risk Management – Objectives’ regarding natural flood management measures and zoning provision:

*FR O2: Facilitate the provision of new, or the augmentation of existing flood defences and protective measures, where necessary **including natural flood management measures where deemed appropriate** and to support the implementation of proposed flood schemes **while also seeking to ensure zoning or development proposals support and do not impede or prevent the progression of these schemes** subject to compliance with the requirements of the EU Habitats Directive, the protection of natural and built heritage and visual amenities.(CLW-C10 – 106, CLW-C10 -69, CLW-C10 -70, CLW-C10 -86) (CLW-C10 -24)*

Section 6.10.3 The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines

(*) Insert additional text to Section 6.10.3 ‘The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines’ to clarify flood zones:

Flood zones are geographical areas within which the likelihood of flooding is in a particular range and they are a key tool in flood risk management within the planning process as well as in flood warning and emergency planning.

There are three types or levels of flood zones defined for the purposes of these Guidelines:

Flood Zone A – where the probability of flooding from rivers and the sea is highest (greater than 1% or 1 in 100 for river flooding or 0.5% or 1 in 200 for coastal flooding);

Flood Zone B – where the probability of flooding from rivers and the sea is moderate (between 0.1% or 1 in 1000 and 1% or 1 in 100 for river flooding and between 0.1% or 1 in 1000 year and 0.5% or 1 in 200 for coastal flooding);

and

Flood Zone C – where the probability of flooding from rivers and the sea is low (less than 0.1% or 1 in 1000 for both river and coastal flooding). Flood Zone C covers all areas of the plan which are not in zones A or B. (CLW-C10 -101-OPR)

Section 6.13 Light Pollution

(*) Insert additional new policy LP P3, Section 6.13 ‘Light Pollution’ (page 147), to ensure lighting does not have an adverse effect on biodiversity:

Seek to ensure that the use of energy efficient (LED) lighting, both in relation to planning applications and local authority projects, minimises any significant adverse effects on biodiversity with the use of appropriate lighting in sensitive areas. (CLW-C10-103)

Section 6.14 Major Accident Directive

(*) Amend Section 6.14 ‘Major Accident Directive’ and include updated text with reference to implementation of Seveso Directive:

The EU Directive (96/82 EC) on the control of major accidents hazards, commonly referred to as the SEVESO II Directive, was adopted in 1999. The Directive aims to prevent major accident hazards involving dangerous substances and chemicals and the limitation of their consequences for people and the environment. At present, there are no ‘Seveso’ sites (identified within the ‘COMAH Regulations as ‘locations where significant quantities of dangerous substances are stored’) within County Carlow. The Directive is implemented in Ireland through the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 (COMAH Regulations). The Directive aims to prevent accident hazards from dangerous substances and to limit the consequence of such accidents through the following measures:

- *The siting of new Major Accident Hazard sites.*
- *Modification of existing Major Accident Hazard sites.*
- *Development in the vicinity of a Major Accident Hazard site which by virtue of its type or siting is likely to increase the risk or consequence of a major accident.*
- *Site specific emergency planning by the local authority and site operator.*

A Major Accident Hazard Site (SEVESO Site) is a site where the occupier has notified the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) that they meet a specified threshold for quantities of hazardous substance as outlined in the above-mentioned Regulations i.e. sites defined by COMAH Regulations as ‘locations where significant quantities of dangerous substances are stored’. The HSA provides advice to Planning Authorities, where appropriate, in respect of planning applications for development within a certain distance of the perimeter of these sites. The Council is required to seek technical advice from the HSA in relation to any planning application directly pertaining to a SEVESO site or within “consultation distance” of these establishments. At present there are no SEVESO sites within County Carlow.

The HSA approach to Land-use Planning is set out in the document ‘Policy & Approach of the Health and Safety Authority to COMAH Risk-based Land-use Planning’, which is available to download at https://www.hsa.ie/eng/Your_Industry/Chemicals/Legislation_Enforcement/COMAH/Land_Use_Planning/ (CLW-C10-6)

Consult with and have regard to the technical advice of the Health and Safety Authority in relation to proposed land uses in proximity to any future SEVESO site(s). Have regard to the provisions of the Major Accident Directive (EC Directive 2012/18/EU), including any regulations under any enactment giving effect to that Directive, and to the technical advice of the Health

	<p>and Safety Authority (HSA), in relation to any identified SEVESO sites in the county during the lifetime of this Plan and to the control of development with respect to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The siting of Major Accident Hazard sites. ▪ The modification of an existing Major Accident Hazard site. ▪ Specified development in the vicinity of a Major Accident Hazard site. (CLW-C10-6)
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Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that no written notices of motion were received in respect of Chapter 6: Infrastructure and Environmental Management.

During a discussion on the material amendments Cllr. Doran raised the matter of surface water to which Ms. Sweeney, Senior Planner in response advised that the Environment department were working on a Sustainable Urban Drainage Policy (SuDs) which would be coming before the Elected Members/Strategic Policy Committee for consideration in the coming months.

Cllr. Cassin raised the issue of Irish Water and the provision of infrastructure to facilitate development in the villages. Ms. Sweeney, Senior Planner stated that engagement had taken place with Irish Water regarding infrastructure and the requirements for inclusion in the draft Development Plan.

The proposed material amendments as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report to be made to Chapter 6: Infrastructure and Environmental Management highlighted in green in the above table were:

Proposed by Cllr. W. Quinn
Seconded by Cllr. J. McDonald
And agreed following a show of hands

Chapter 7: Climate Action and Energy

No Material Amendments as recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 115-134)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive’s recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows.

<p>Submissions no change recommended:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request inclusion of reference to targets within Climate Action Plan to Chapter aim (CLW-C10-19) • Notes that Carlow County Council has recently joined the European Climate Alliance (CLW-C10-113) • Reference is made to climate emergency principles (CLW-C10-3) • Content of chapter is welcomed (CLW-C10-24) • Provisions regarding generation and renewables welcomed (CLW-C10-76) • Support expressed for energy storage policy (CLW-C10-76)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes that renewable enabling plant is not recognised in the plan (CLW-C10-76) • Requirement for climate change officer (CLW-C10-109) • Need to extend alternative energy concepts (CLW-C10-38) • Application of conditions restricting MW output in energy applications (CLW-C10-19) • Inclusion of 10MW restriction on solar farms (CLW-C10-49) • Need for representations to Government regarding Solar Guidelines (CLW-C10-61) • Support for solar developments in the draft plan (CLW-C10-76) • Welcome for use of solar technology in public buildings (CLW-C10-104) • Support for RES in the draft plan (CLW-C10-76) • Requirement to quantify sufficient amount of land for wind energy production (CLW-C10-51) • Requirement to consider sensitivities for wind energy proposals (CLW-C10-61) • Support for designation of uplands as not normally permissible for wind farm development (CLW-C10-64, CLW-C10-66, CLW-C10-72, CLW-C10-74) • Reference to not normally permissible as not sufficiently robust (CLW-C10-68, CLW-C10-72, CLW-C10-117) • Concern regarding repowering of wind farms (CLW-C10-74) • Conflict between constraints mapping in the RES and land use policy (CLW-C10-26) • Reference made to particular locations for wind energy proposals (CLW-C10-92) (CLW-C10-93) • Recommendation for regional approach to wind energy (CLW-C10-51) • Reference to Wind Strategy in Kildare (CLW-C10-15) • Reference to Wexford Wind Strategy regarding uplands areas (CLW-C10-122) • Notes that future large-scale developments can support efficient use of heat for district heating (CLW-C10-110)
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne

Seconded by Cllr. T. O’Neill

And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 115 - 134)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

<p>Material Amendments Recommended:</p>	<p>Section 7.10.1 Renewable Energy (*) Include additional text and policy to Section 7.10.1 ‘Renewable Energy regarding potential for co-location of energy technologies:</p> <p><i>Renewable energy technologies can also be successfully co-located, or located alongside installations for energy storage, conversion, and grid stability. This approach can help enable greater penetration of renewable energy on the national grid, as well as integration of renewable electricity with transport and the gas grid.</i> (CLW-C10-19)</p> <p>(*) Insert additional new policy RE P2, Section 7.10.1 ‘Renewable Energy’ to support co-location of energy technologies:</p> <p><i>Support the co-location of renewable energy technologies on a case-by-case basis subject to compliance with planning and environmental criteria.</i> (CLW-C10-76) (CLW-C10-19)</p> <p>Section 7.10.3.2 Solar Energy (*) Amend Policy SE P1, Section 7.10.3.2 ‘Solar Energy’ (page 165) removing reference to large:</p> <p><i>Favourably consider the redevelopment of brown field sites for large solar PV projects subject to proper planning and environmental considerations.</i> (CLW-C10-19)</p> <p>Section 7.10.3.6 Geothermal Energy (Ground Source Heat Pumps) (*) Include additional text to Section 7.10.3.6 ‘Geothermal Energy (Ground Source Heat Pumps)’ referencing GSI document on assessment of geothermal energy:</p> <p><i>In recognition of the important role geothermal energy plays in decarbonising the energy sector, the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI) has published ‘An Assessment of Geothermal Energy for District Heating in Ireland’. This document supports and complements a simultaneous 2020 publication by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications entitled ‘Geothermal Energy in Ireland, A Roadmap for a Policy and Regulatory Framework’.</i> (CLW-C10-54)</p> <p>Section 7.13.4 Nature Based Approaches and Green Infrastructure</p>
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	<p>(*) Amend text in Section 7.13.4 reflecting development of green infrastructure as an objective of the Council:</p> <p><i>Within County Carlow there are opportunities to expand and strengthen the green infrastructure network and to further explore its integration into both public and private developments in the future. It is the Council's intention an Objective of the Council under Objective GI. 01 in Chapter 9 to develop a Green Infrastructure Strategy for the County in consultation with all key stakeholders and with the public during the lifetime of this Plan. It The Strategy will identify key green infrastructure aims and objectives for Carlow, taking account of the priority projects identified in this Plan and it will provide for the delivery of these projects including the provision of appropriate funding mechanisms. (Refer also to Chapter 9). (CLW-C10-103)</i></p> <p>Section 7.13.6 Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems</p> <p>(*) Amend text in Section 7.13.6 to reflect policy in preparation regarding SuDS:</p> <p><i>In recognition of the importance of SuDS, and to reduce the potential impact of existing and predicted flood risks and to improve biodiversity and amenity value, the Council has is preparing a new SuDS policy/guidance document which will be adopted during the lifetime of this Plan. It is an objective of the Council to require all development (including extensions to existing development) proposals to incorporate SuDS measures. (Refer also to Chapter 6). (CLW-C10-103)</i></p>
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Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner advised that no written notice of motions were received in respect of Chapter 7: Climate Action and Energy.

The proposed material amendments as recommended in the Chief Executive's Report to be made to Chapter 7: Climate Action and Energy highlighted in green in the above table were:

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne
Seconded by Cllr. T. O'Neill
And agreed following a show of hands

Chapter 8: Community Development

No Material Amendments as recommended to Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 78, 135 – 144)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive’s recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

Submissions no change recommended:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listing of observations on topic for MD areas (CLW-C10-38) • Support for IT Carlow and Carlow College (CLW-C10-40) • Support for use of school buildings out of hours (CLW-C10-104) • Reference to social enterprises in the circular economy (CLW-C10-107) • Role of Visual in tourist economy becoming a hub for the arts (CLW-C10-56) Refer also Written Notice of Motion no. 6 and 7 • Reference to issues of funding, programming etc in Visual (CLW-C10-56) • Welcome for community facilities policies (CLW-C10-88) • Recommendation for register of arts and cultural assets (CLW-C10-88)
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran
Seconded by Cllr. J. Murphy
And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 78, 135 - 144)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

Material Amendments Recommended:	<p>Section 8.8.1.4 Children and Young People – Policies</p> <p>(*) Insert additional text to policy YP P2, Section 8.8.1.4 ‘‘Children and Young People – Policies’ regarding consultation with stakeholders regarding design consideration for local authority developments:</p> <p><i>YP P2: Consider the needs of children and young people, including those with disabilities and additional needs, in the provision of indoor and outdoor play and recreational facilities, and to consult with</i></p>
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relevant stakeholders as maybe appropriate regarding design considerations for local authority developments. (CLW-C10-84)

Section 8.8.3 People with Disabilities

(*) Insert additional text to Section 8.8.3 ‘People with Disabilities’ referencing the National Disability Inclusion Strategy:

According to Article 1 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. Carlow County Council is cognisant of the ‘National Disability Inclusion Strategy (NDIS) 2017-2022 and ratification by Ireland in 2018 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). (CLW-C10-10)

Section 8.10 Education Facilities

(*) Insert additional text to policy EF P2, Section 8.10 ‘Education Facilities - Policies’ to protect existing schools’ sites and buffers adjoining same:

EF P2: Support and facilitate, as appropriate and subject to site suitability, the development and expansion of education facilities and services in the County, including the protection of existing school sites for education use and where appropriate the land buffers adjoining them. (CLW-C10-104)

(*) Amend Policy EF. P6, Section 8.10 ‘Education Facilities - Policies’ to encourage mainstream of education of persons with special needs:

EF P6: ~~Encourage facilities connected with the integration of those with special needs into the education system of streamlined schools.~~ Encourage the mainstream education provision of people with special needs, including the development, as appropriate, of necessary supporting facilities. (CLW-C10-104)

Section 8.15. Arts and Cultural Facilities - Policies

Insert additional text to policy CA P1, Section 8.15 ‘Arts and Cultural Facilities - Policies’ to support role of arts as a form of community infrastructure:

CA P1: Encourage the provision of new or improved cultural, arts and entertainment facilities, particularly in the parts of the County where there is a deficiency in such provision, and to recognise and support the role of arts and culture as a form of community infrastructure that can make a positive contribution to the public realm, including urban development, regeneration, and placemaking. (CLW-C10-88)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that 3 written notices of motion (notice of motion no.'s 5, 6 and 7) were received in respect of Chapter 8: Community Development.

The proposed material amendments as recommended in the Chief Executive's Report to be made to Chapter 8: Community Development highlighted in green in the above table were:

Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran
Seconded by Cllr. J. Murphy
And agreed following a show of hands

Notice of Motion No. 5 submitted by Cllr. A. Wallace

Motion:	Where possible encourage the development of ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) units in schools in Carlow town and county to ensure the needs of all students are being met.
Chief Executive's Response	
While the delivery and funding of ASD Units is a matter for the Department of Education, it is acknowledged that explicit support for same can be encouraged in the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028. In this regard it is recommended that Policy EF P2, be amended to reflect same.	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	
Insert additional text in Section 8.10 Education Facilities – Policies	
EF P2: Support and facilitate, as appropriate, the development and expansion of education facilities and services including the development of ASD Units throughout the County to ensure the needs of all students are met.	

Following consideration of the Chief Executive's response the material amendment as contained in the table above was:

Proposed by Cllr. A. Wallace
Seconded by Cllr. A. Gladney
And agreed following a show of hands

Notice of Motion No. 6 submitted by Cllr. A. Wallace

Related Submission on Draft Plan:	CLW-C10-56
Related NOM on Draft Plan:	7
Motion:	To further promote <i>Visual Carlow</i> , the jewel in Carlow's crown which cost 18 million to develop, this plan should encourage Carlow Tourism to promote <i>Visual Carlow</i> in its national and local promotion material for

	Carlow County in order to offer a cohesive tourist experience.
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>The role of the VISUAL Centre is addressed in Chapter 8 Community Development, subsection 8.15.2 and Chapter 11 Tourism and Recreation, Subsection 11.8.1 of the Draft. The VISUAL Centre is specifically promoted and supported by Policy CA. P5 and CA. P3 which seeks to continue to promote and support the role of the VISUAL Centre for Contemporary Art and George Bernard Shaw Theatre as a regional and County arts asset venue of national significance, in supporting artists in their practice and providing opportunities for new works to be commissioned, and as a venue for residents and visitors to access. It is also the policy of the Council (TD P1) to support and collaborate with relevant agencies and bodies such as Carlow Tourism, Tourism Ireland, Fáilte Ireland and The Arts Council, and key stakeholders and local communities, to develop, promote and maximise the tourism potential of the County. Under the Carlow Tourism Strategy and Action Plan specific actions reference a visitor experience plan for Visual together with brand and marketing communication recommendations for the tourist industry in Carlow. Supporting the implementation of the County Carlow Tourism Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2025 which addresses the Tourism Strategy for the county is a specific objective of the Draft Carlow County Development Plan (TD O1).</p>	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	
No change to Draft Plan.	

Following consideration of the Chief Executive's response notice of motion no. 6 was withdrawn by Cllr. Wallace.

Notice of Motion No. 7 submitted by Cllr. A. Wallace

Related Submission on Draft Plan:	CLW-C10-56
Related NOM on Draft Plan:	6
Motion:	Prepare a plan detailing how Carlow County Council will develop <i>Visual Carlow</i> into a hub for the arts, regionally and nationally. It should outline key objectives specifying how the council will support and nurture the <i>Visual</i> over the course of this development plan.
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>The content of this submission is noted however it is more appropriately addressed through the County Carlow Local Arts Development Plan which sets out strategic objectives and actions aimed at leading, nurturing, and sustaining the arts sector in the County. The Draft Carlow County Development Plan acknowledges the importance of the Arts and it is a specific objective of the Draft Carlow County Development Plan (CA O1) to support the implementation of the County Carlow Local Arts Development Plan 2016-2021, and any updated version of this Plan, as a means of promoting the development of arts and culture in the County.</p>	

Chief Executive's Recommendation
No change to Draft Plan.

Following consideration of the Chief Executive's response notice of motion no. 7 was withdrawn by Cllr. Wallace.

Chapter 9: Landscape and Green Infrastructure

No Material Amendments as recommended to Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive's Report pages 145 - 154)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive's recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

<p>Submissions no change recommended:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of legislative provision re fencing / enclosure of land, management of public access to landscapes, adoption of regional approach to protection of landscapes (CLW-C10-61). • Additional amendments requested to Policy LAP4 (impact on ground conditions regarding foundations for large developments), LAP5 (protection of water quality, biodiversity and environments for wildlife), LAP7 (reference areas of low capacity and high capacity), LAP10 (reference mixed broad leaf and indigenous forestry (CLW-C10-72)). • Recommendation of green infrastructure proposal in conjunction with Coillte (CLW-C10-72) • Protection of landscape in context of Blueway proposal (CLW-C10-55) • Welcomes proposal for a Historic Landscape Characterisation study of the County (CLW-C10-74) • References requirement for an up to-date LCA (CLW-C10-78) • Need to ensure green infrastructure does not contradict biodiversity benefits. (CLW-C10-69) (CLW-C10-70) • Request inclusion of additional scenic view (CLW-C10-106) • Request for specific mention of green infrastructure connection Carrickduff to Kildavin (CLW-C10-121)
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as outlined in the Chief Executive's Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue
Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton
And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 145 - 154)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

<p>Material Amendments Recommended:</p>	<p>Section 9.8 Landscape - Policies</p> <p>(*) Insert text to Policy LA. P1, Section 9.8 ‘Landscape - Policies’ referencing appropriate development:</p> <p><i>LA P 1: Protect and maintain the overall integrity of the County’s landscape, by recognising its capacity to sustainably integrate and absorb appropriate development, and by ensuring that development protects, retains and, where necessary, enhances the appearance and character of the landscape, and does not unduly damage or detract from those features which contribute to its value, character, distinctiveness and sensitivity e.g. landform, habitats, scenic quality, settlement pattern, historic heritage, amenity, land use and tranquillity. (CLW-C10-72)</i></p> <p>(*) Insert addition text to Policy LA. P2, Section 9.8 ‘Landscape - Policies’ referencing height as a consideration in sensitive upland areas:</p> <p><i>LA P2: Ensure that development will not have a disproportionate landscape or visual impact in sensitive upland areas of the County (due to siting, layout, design or excessive scale, height, and bulk) and will not significantly interfere with or detract from scenic upland vistas, when viewed from the surrounding environment, including nearby areas, scenic views and routes, and from settlements. (CLW-C10-72)</i></p> <p>Section 9.10 Benefits of Green Infrastructure</p> <p>(*) Insert reference to blue infrastructure addition to Section 9.10 ‘Benefits of Green Infrastructure’:</p> <p><i>Section 9.10 Benefits of Green and Blue Infrastructure Green and blue infrastructure is essentially the green spaces and the water environment. (CLW-C10-82-SRA)</i></p> <p>Section 9.11 Green Infrastructure – A Strategy for Carlow</p> <p>(*) Insert text to Policy GI P7, Section 9.11 ‘Green Infrastructure Policies’ to ensure trails are subject feasibility reports:</p> <p><i>GI P7: Promote a network of walking and cycling trails to enhance accessibility to the County’s green infrastructure network, and ensure such proposals are subject to feasibility (including alternatives to the use of existing green infrastructure) and route/site selection processes</i></p>
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	<i>so that impacts to biodiversity and nature conservation interests are avoided. (CLW-C10-103)</i>
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Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that no written notices of motion were received in respect of Chapter 9: Landscape and Green Infrastructure.

The proposed material amendments as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report to be made to Chapter 9: Landscape and Green Infrastructure highlighted in green in the above table were:

Proposed by Cllr. B. O’Donoghue
Seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton
And agreed following a show of hands

Chapter 10: Natural and Built Heritage

No Material Amendments as recommended to Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 155 - 189)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive’s recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

<p>Submissions no change recommended:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation to appoint a Heritage Officer (CLW-C10-38) • Recommendation regarding removal of wording as far as practicable in context of general heritage policy NHP2 (CLW-C10-103) • Recommendation to remove the words ‘where deemed necessary’ from NH P3 (CLW-C10-103) • Requests measure to improve conservation status of all-natural heritage (CLW-C10-69, CLW-C10-70, CLW-C10-90, CLW-C10-91, CLW-C10-106) • Support for Local Biodiversity Action Plan and Biodiversity Officer (CLW-C10-25, CLW-C10-69, CLW-C10-70, CLW-C10-81, CLW-C10-86, CLW-C10-90, CLW-C10-91, CLW-C10-100, CLW-C10-106, CLW-C10-109, CLW-C10-117) • Commentary on Councils obligations to conserve and protect designated habitats, species etc. and goals and actions to protect natural heritage etc (CLW-C10-100, CLW-C10-103, CLW-C10-112) • Support for ecosystems services approach to management of heritage and natural environmental assets (CLW-C10-98) • Support for preparation of a Heritage Plan (CLW-C10- 38) • Reference to interrelationship between biodiversity and traditional farming (CLW-C10-74) • Protection of ecological corridor of the Barrow Towpath (CLW-C10-55) • Support for use of constructed wetlands (CLW-C10-86) • Concern expressed regarding climate change and biodiversity (CLW-C10-109)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of natural flood mitigation measures supported (CLW-C10-69, CLW-C10-70) • Support for Barn Owls, enhanced measures for Swifts including survey and actions to raise awareness etc (CLW-C10-69, CLW-C10-70, CLW-C10-81, CLW-C10-86, CLW-C10-90, CLW-C10-91, CLW-C10-106, CLW-C10-114) • Adoption of Tree Policy / tree hedgerow survey (CLW-C10-25, CLW-C10-61, CLW-C10-122) • Recommend plan for invasive species (CLW-C10-69, CLW-C10-70, CLW-C10-86, CLW-C10-106) • Commitment by Waterways Ireland manage maintain and promote the corridor (CLW-C10-118) • Resources recommended for natural built heritage (CLW-C10-38) • Recommendation to safeguard the Blackstairs (CLW-C10-122) • Recommendation to protect mass rocks and holy wells (CLW-C10-61)
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne
Seconded by Cllr. B. O’Donoghue
And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 155 - 189)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

<p>Material Amendments Recommended:</p>	<p>Section 10.2 Natural Heritage</p> <p>(*) Insert addition text to policy NH P2, Section 10.2 ‘General Natural Heritage - Policies’ referencing moving toward no net loss of biodiversity:</p> <p><i>NH P2: Ensure as far as is practicable that development does not adversely impact on wildlife habitats and species and that biodiversity is conserved for the benefit of future generations in the interests of sustainability. This will include moving towards no net loss of biodiversity from plans adopted by and projects granted permission/authorised by the Council. (CLW-C10-103)</i></p> <p>(*) Insert addition text to objective NH O1, Section 10.2 ‘General Natural Heritage - Objectives’ to implement actions of National Biodiversity Plan with reference to RPO 126:</p> <p><i>NH O1: Implement relevant actions from the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021 (and any superseding plan) and to prepare a</i></p>
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County Heritage Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan during the lifetime of this **County Development Plan in accordance with RPO 126 in the RSES**, to ensure the protection and appreciation of heritage and nature at local level including recognition of rich biodiversity of designation of existing special areas of conservation i.e. Blackstairs Mountains, Slaney River Valley and River Barrow and River Nore SAC. (CLW-C10-103) (CLW-C10-72) (CLW-C10-117) (CLW-C10-82-SRA)

Section 10.3 Natura 2000 Sites

(*) Amend Policy NS. P2 Section 10.3 ‘Natura 2000 Sites - Policies’ regarding requirement for Appropriate Assessment:

NS P2: Screening for Appropriate Assessment and if required Appropriate Assessment is undertaken for all plans to be adopted and projects to be granted permission/authorised by the Council. Where likely significant effects have been identified in respect of any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a Natura 2000 site, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, ensure appropriate assessment, in accordance with Article 6(3) and 6(4) of the Habitats Directive. is carried out in respect of any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a Natura 2000 site in order to determine that there will not be adverse impacts on a Natura 2000 site, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects which may give rise to significant, cumulative, direct, indirect or secondary impacts on Natura 2000 sites will not be permitted unless for reasons of overriding public interest. The Council shall only agree to the plan or project after having ascertained that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site concerned, unless the plan or project is subject to the provisions of Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive.’ (CLW-C10-103)

(*) Amend Policy NS. P3, Section 10.3 ‘Natura 2000 Sites - Policies’ (page 236), to consider impacts with a plan or projects zone of influence:

NS P3: Prevent development that would adversely affect the integrity of any Natura 2000 site located within or immediately adjacent to the county and protect and maintain favourable conservation status for habitats and protected species, including those listed under the Birds Directive, the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended), Flora (Protection) Order (or other such Orders), and the Habitats Directive. Consider impacts within a plan or project’s zone of influence, which may include Natura 2000 sites outside the County, when assessing whether a plan or project is likely to have significant effects on Natura 2000 sites’. (CLW-C10-103)

(*) Insert additional new policy Section 10.3 ‘Natura 2000 Sites - Policies’ to maintain or restore favourable conservation status of SAC’s:

NS P4: Maintain or restore the favourable conservation status of County's Natura 2000 sites qualifying interest habitats and species. (CLW-C10-103)

Section 10.4 Natural Heritage Areas

(*) Insert addition text to policy NHA P1, Section 10.4 'Natural Heritage Areas - Policies' regarding protection for adverse effect of the ecological integrity of NHA's:

*NHA P1: Contribute towards the protection, **from significant adverse effects**, of the ecological **integrity and the** visual, recreational, environmental and amenity value of the County's proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs) and associated habitats, including any designated Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) during the lifetime of this Plan.* (CLW-C10-103)

(*) Insert addition text to policy NHA P2, Section 10.4 'Natural Heritage Areas - Policies' regarding significant impacts and impacts on biodiversity:

*NHA P2: Ensure that development proposals within or adjacent to a proposed Natural Heritage Area (pNHA) or Natural Heritage Area (NHA) are designed and sited to minimise **significant** impacts on the biodiversity (**including net loss**) and ecological, geological and landscape value of the site, particularly plant and animal species listed under the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended), the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive, including their habitats.* (CLW-C10-103)

(*) Insert additional text to policy NHA P3, Section 10.4 'Natural Heritage Areas - Policies' referencing development that is required for the conservation management of the sites:

*NHA P3: Restrict development within a proposed Natural Heritage Area (pNHA) or Natural Heritage Area (NHA) to development that is directly related to the area's amenity potential **or development that is required for the conservation management of these sites**, subject to the protection and enhancement of natural heritage and visual amenities including biodiversity and landscapes'.* (CLW-C10-103)

Section 10.5 Non- Designated Areas, Habitats and Species

(*) Insert additional text referencing peatlands in Section 10.5 'Non-Designated Areas, Habitats and Species' and relevant protections under the Habitats Directive:

*There are wildlife habitats in County Carlow that are important on a county and local basis, acting as stepping stones in a wider ecological network. These wildlife habitats can include rivers and riverbanks, ponds, wetlands, **peatlands**, small woods and hedgerows, which are essential to the migration, dispersal and genetic exchange of wild species. Article 10 of the Habitats Directive states that Member States shall endeavour in their land use planning and development policies, to*

encourage the management of features of the landscape which are of major importance for wild flora and fauna. (CLW-C10-69), (CLW-C10-70), (CLW-C10-90), (CLW-C10-91), (CLW-C10-86), (CLW-C10-106)

Strict protection under the Habitats Directive applies to the species listed in Annex IV of that Directive, including plant and animal species. Annex IV includes all bat species and the European Otter. Where Annex IV species are present, measures to avoid damage and disturbance to them must be taken into account in the formulation of proposals for development. Where the risk of damage or disturbance is unavoidable, an application for a derogation licence may be made to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 to 2021. It must outline all the alternative solutions considered and indicate which of the reasons listed in the legislation cover the application and also include all suggested mitigation measures. The Council will fulfil its duties in relation to the strict protection afforded to species listed in Annex IV of the Habitats Directive and associated national derogation licencing requirements. (CLW-C10-103)

(*) Amend Policy ND. P2, Section 10.5 ‘Non-Designated Areas, Habitats and Species - Policies’ and replace with new text breeding places, resting places, habitats or environment as applicable:

ND. P2: Ensure that development does not have a significant adverse effect on rare and threatened species, ~~including those listed in the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended), the Birds Directive 1979, the Habitats Directive 1992, and the Flora (Protection) Order 1995,~~ their breeding places, resting places, habitat or environment, as applicable, including those protected under the Wildlife Acts 1976 to 2021, the Birds Directive (2009/147/EC), the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and including plant species listed on the Flora (Protection) Order 2015 (S.I. No. 356 of 2015)’. (CLW-C10-103)

(*) Insert additional text to support objectives of National Pollinator Plan to policy ND P6, Section 10.5 ‘Non-Designated Areas, Habitats and Species – Policies:

ND P6: Ensure that the management of the Council’s open spaces and parks is pollinator-friendly and provides more opportunities for biodiversity, supporting the objectives of the National Pollinator Plan 2021-2025. Where it is used, herbicide should be certified and applied as per the manufacturer’s instructions. (CLW-C10-103) (CLW-C10-69), (CLW-C10-70), (CLW-C10-86), (CLW-C10-106)

(*) Insert additional new policy ND P7, Section 10.5 ‘Non-Designated Areas, Habitats and Species - Policies support All Ireland Pollinator Plan:

ND P7: Support the implementation of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025 and to incorporate actions as appropriate into a

Biodiversity Plan for County Carlow providing more opportunities for biodiversity in accordance with RPO 128.

(*) Insert additional to make available data to the National Biodiversity Data Centre ND P8, Section 10.5 ‘Non-Designated Areas, Habitats and Species - Policies:

ND P8: That biodiversity data generated during the lifetime of this Development Plan for the preparation of environmental assessment reports, shall be made available to the National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC). (CLW-C10-103)

Section 10.9 Geological Heritage

(*) Insert additional text referencing datasets of the GSI to Section 10.9 ‘Geological Heritage’ (page 246) as follows:

The 6 County Geological Sites (CGS) in the County are identified on <https://www.gsi.ie/en-ie/data-and-maps/Pages/default.aspx> and are listed below. In addition to their information on geological heritage, the Geological Survey of Ireland also produces a wide range of other publicly available maps and datasets ranging from bedrock and quaternary geology, to geotechnical, minerals, geophysics, geochemistry and geohazards. These maps and datasets are also accessible through the web link included in the foregoing. [\(CLW-C10-54\)](#)

Section 10.10 Invasive Alien Species

(*) Amend Policy IS. P1, Section 10.10 ‘Non-Designated Areas, Habitats and Species - Policies’ and replace with new text referencing standards and guidance for the management of invasive species:

Prevent the spread of invasive alien species in the County, and to require landowners and developers to adhere to best practice guidance in relation to the containment and control of invasive alien species, including: the ‘Guidelines on The Management of Noxious Weeds and Non-Native Invasive Plant Species on National Roads’ (2010-NRA) and

- Invasive Species Ireland guidelines (see www.invasivespeciesireland.com).
- TII (2020) The Management of Invasive Alien Plant Species on National Roads – Standard GE-ENV-01104 <https://www.tiipublications.ie/library/GE-ENV-01104-01.pdf>
- TII (2020) The Management of Invasive Alien Plant Species on National Roads – Technical Guidance <https://www.tiipublications.ie/library/GE-ENV-01105-01.pdf> [\(CLW-C10-103\)](#)

Section 10.11 Built Heritage

(*) Insert additional Policy BH P6, Section 10.11 ‘General Built Heritage- Policies’ to promote awareness and adaptation of architectural and archaeological heritage to deal with the effects of climate change:

Promote awareness and the appropriate adaptation of the County's architectural and archaeological heritage to deal with the effects of climate change. [\(CLW-C10-103\)](#)

Section 10.12 Archaeological Heritage

(*) Insert additional text regarding underwater archaeology to Section 10.12 'Archaeological Heritage':

Underwater Archaeological Heritage, including Historic Wrecks. Wrecks over 100 years old (whether previously known or just discovered) and all archaeological objects situated underwater, are protected under section 3 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1987. Wrecks of any date and the potential location of wrecks or archaeological objects may also be protected under Section 3 of the 1987 (Amendment) Act by the making of an underwater heritage order, if considered to be of sufficient historical, archaeological or artistic importance to merit such protection. Information on known wrecks can be found in the Department's Wreck Viewer which holds records of over 18,000 known and potential wreck sites in Irish waters. [\(CLW-C10-103\)](#)

(*) Insert additional text protection of historic burial grounds to policy AH P7, Section 10.12 'Archaeological Heritage-Policies':

AH P7: Protect and conserve historic burial grounds within the County, including through the avoidance of extensions to them that would have an inappropriate level of impact on sub-surface archaeological remains or on their setting and amenity, and encourage their management and maintenance in accordance with best practice conservation principles, including 'Guidance for the Care, Conservation and Recording of Historic Graveyards' (The Heritage Council 2011) and 'Ireland's Historic Churches and Graveyards' (The Heritage Council), and in consultation with the National Monuments Service in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. [\(CLW-C10-103\)](#)

(*) Insert addition text in green to policy AH P8, Section 10.12 'Archaeological Heritage - Policies' regarding signage, interpretative material and disability access:

*AH P8: Promote public awareness of the archaeological heritage of the County, and encourage where appropriate and practicable, the provision of **appropriately designed and located signage, interpretative material, and public access (including disabled access)** for archaeological sites under the direct ownership, guardianship or control of the Council and/or the state. [\(CLW-C10-103\)](#)*

(*) Insert additional Policy AH P9, supporting community initiatives Section 10.12 'Archaeological Heritage' as follows:

	<p><i>AH P9: Support community initiatives and projects regarding the preservation, presentation and access to archaeological heritage and underwater cultural heritage, provided such are compatible with appropriate conservation policies and standards, having regard to the guidance and advice of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. (CLW-C10-103)</i></p> <p>(*) Insert additional Policy AH P10, supporting the incorporation of recorded monuments into opens spaces/ amenity spaces in Section 10.12 ‘Archaeological Heritage’:</p> <p><i>AH P10: Support the incorporation of recorded monuments into designated open spaces and public amenity spaces, provided this is done in a manner compatible with the protection and proper management and conservation of the monument in question. Accordingly, where such incorporation takes place an appropriate and enforceable permanent management and conservation plan will be required. (CLW-C10-103)</i></p>
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Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that 1 written notice of motion (notice of motion no. 8) was received in respect of Chapter 10: Natural and Built Heritage.

The proposed material amendments as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report to be made to Chapter 10: Natural and Built Heritage highlighted in green in the above table were:

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne
Seconded by Cllr. B. O’Donoghue
And agreed following a show of hands

Notice of Motion No. 8 submitted by Cllr. A. Wallace

Motion:	That Carlow County Council will engage with the Heritage Officer to redevelop and revitalise the former Sugar Factory site where possible.
Chief Executive’s Response	
It is a specific policy of the Council in the Draft Plan (ED P7) to seek to encourage the re-use of disused buildings and brownfield lands for new employment generating enterprises. Strategic scale employment regeneration sites which will be supported include the former Braun factory site and the former Sugar factory site which have the scale and potential to facilitate significant employment generators for the South-East Region. The Heritage Officer as an employee of Carlow County Council will facilitate where required input in an advisory capacity at pre-planning meetings to inform heritage considerations which may arise pertaining to the future development of this site.	
Chief Executive’s Recommendation	
No change to Draft Plan.	

Following consideration of the Chief Executive’s response the notice of motion was withdrawn by Cllr. Wallace.

Chapter 10: Built Heritage – Record of Protected Structures

49 Burrin Street, Carlow (CT18)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that one submission had been received on the draft Development Plan (CLW-C10-94) to delete 49 Burrin Street, Carlow (CT18) from the Record of Protected Structures. She also advised that 2 no. notices of motion (outlined below) had been received in relation to this property proposing that the façade and external footprint of the main building only be included on the Record of Protected Structures.

Motion No:	9
Submitted By:	Cllr Fintan Phelan and Cllr Fergal Browne
Related Submission on Draft Plan:	CLW-C10-94
Related NOM on Draft Plan:	10
Motion:	That the facade and external footprint of the main building only at 49 Burrin Street be included on the Record of Protected Structures.
Chief Executive’s Response	
<p>Following the receipt of Submission CLW-C10-94 the Council retained the services of Michael O’Boyle Conservation Architect to assess the merits of the removal of the structure from the Record of Protected Structures.</p> <p>Key points to note from the advice received include:</p> <p><u>Description of Structure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 49 Burrin Street is a five-bay two-storey end of terrace building, constructed in c.1820-40 on the east side of Burrin Street. ▪ Although vacant for many years, the house retains a strong architectural presence on the streetscape. The central door surround on the front façade and the vertical proportions of the windows contribute to the character of Burrin Street. <p><u>Categories of Special Interest Identified</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Architectural - The building makes a positive contribution to its setting, through its form, materials, and architectural detail. <p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retain on RPS. <p><u>Reasons for recommendation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Although the building has been vacant for many years, its external form is in a remarkably intact condition. The late-Georgian detailing of the front façade makes a positive contribution to the streetscape of Burrin 	

Street. The building merits inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures, as its demolition or removal would have a profound negative impact on the character of the street.

Details submitted as part of the submission including the main interior of the building demonstrate that the building was substantially damaged internally by fire including internal features, partition walls, floors etc. Accordingly, having regard to same and the content of the Conservation Architects Report it is considered that protection should be afforded to the façade and external form (walls/roof) of the five-bay two-storey end of terrace building.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

Amend the Record of Protected Structures RPS: CT18 with updated description and protection to extend to the front façade and external built form (wall/roof).

Description: ~~Semi-detached domestic dwelling. Date circa 1839~~ **49 Burrin Street is a five-bay two-storey end of terrace building, constructed in c.1820-40 on the east side of Burrin Street. Although vacant for many years, the house retains a strong architectural presence on the streetscape. The central door surround on the front façade and the vertical proportions of the windows contribute to the character of Burrin Street. The external form of the building is in a remarkably intact condition with the late-Georgian detailing of the front façade making a positive contribution to the streetscape of Burrin Street. As the interior has been subject to substantial damage by fire part of the building to include the front façade and external built form (walls/ roof) are recommended for inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures.**

Motion No:	10
Submitted By:	Cllr Adrienne Wallace
Related Submission on Draft Plan:	CLW-C10-94
Related NOM on Draft Plan:	9
Motion:	With regards to the delisting of 49 Burrin Street to keep the façade of the building on the protected list.
Chief Executive's Response	
As per response to NOM no. 8.	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	
As per recommendation to NOM no. 8.	

Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr. F. Browne and seconded by Cllr. J. McDonald and agreed by a show of hands to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to 49 Burrin Street, Carlow to 'Amend the Record of Protected Structures RPS: CT18 with updated description and protection to extend to the front façade and external built form (wall/roof).'

Dispensary House, Church Street, Carlow (CT112)

Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that one notice of motion as outlined below had been received in respect of this property proposing the inclusion of the façade and footprint only of the Dispensary House, Church Street, Carlow.

Motion No:	11
Submitted By:	Cllr. Michael Doran
Related Submission on Draft Plan:	N/A
Related NOM on Draft Plan:	N/A
Motion:	To include the façade and footprint only of the Dispensary House, Church Street, Carlow.
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>The Council engaged the services of Michael O'Boyle Conservation Architect to assess the merits of amending the Record pertaining to Dispensary House (CT112), removing protection extending to the interior of the structure. Key points to note from advices received are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dispensary House is a four-bay two-storey house with part-basement and rooms at attic level. The front façade is finished in lined-and-ruled painted render. The round-arched front entrance has panelled timber double doors with a spoked fanlight, a painted cut stone surround, incorporating keystone, and cut granite entrance steps with adjacent iron boot scraper. ▪ The interior contains architectural features that are indicative of an early-eighteenth-century construction date – including bressummer downstand beam to the ceiling of the south room at first floor level, timber six-panelled and nine-panelled internal doors, the wide open-string timber staircase with timber balustrade and dado rail, and substantial exposed timber trusses at attic level. These features are important survivals of considerable rarity value, which contribute to the significance of the house and suggest a construction date of 1730-50. The early-eighteenth-century room layout is largely intact, although subdivided in places with modern stud and plasterboard partitions which can be regarded as reversible. <p><u>Categories of Special Interest Identified</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Architectural - The house is a rare and relatively intact example of early-Georgian domestic architecture, with well-crafted early-eighteenth century architectural and structural features, which contributes to the character of Church Street and the historic core of Carlow. ▪ Artistic - The house incorporates well-crafted early-eighteenth century cut stone and joinery features. ▪ Technical – The survival of early-eighteenth century bressummer beams and the steeply sloped roof with substantial timber roof trusses are exemplars of early-eighteenth century construction techniques. ▪ Historical - Dispensary House makes an important contribution to the streetscape of Church Street and pre-dates the late-eighteenth century St. Mary's Church, which stands immediately opposite. The surviving early-eighteenth century plan form, architectural and structural features provide an insight into domestic architecture of the early-Georgian period in Carlow. <p><u>Recommendation</u></p>	

That this structure remains on the Record of Protected Structures. The date of construction in the RPS entry should be amended to '1730-50'.

Reasons for recommendation

The proportions and detailing of the front façade makes a positive contribution to the streetscape of Church Street and to the setting of St. Mary's Church. The interior retains its early-eighteenth century room layout and contains early-Georgian architectural and structural features that are of considerable significance and rarity value. The entire building merits continued inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures, as its demolition or removal would have a profound negative impact on the character of Church Street and on the early-Georgian architectural heritage of Carlow.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

On the basis of expert advices received it is recommended that the entire structure be retained on the RPS and the description and categories of interest be amended to reflect advices received.

~~A four-bay, two-storey house with painted rendering. It has a handsome, round-headed, architraved, granite doorcase with a keystone. The doorcase is set up two granite steps. The house is immediately opposite the church and is important for the streetscape. Date circa 1770–1800~~ **Dispensary House is a four-bay two-storey house with part-basement and rooms at attic level. The front façade is finished in lined-and-ruled painted render. The round-arched front entrance has panelled timber double doors with a spoked fanlight, a painted cut stone surround, incorporating keystone, and cut granite entrance steps with adjacent iron boot scraper.**

The interior contains architectural features that are indicative of an early-eighteenth-century construction date – including bressummer downstand beam to the ceiling of the south room at first floor level, timber six-panelled and nine-panelled internal doors, the wide open-string timber staircase with timber balustrade and dado rail, and substantial exposed timber trusses at attic level. These features are important survivals of considerable rarity value, which contribute to the significance of the house and suggest a construction date of 1730-50. The early-eighteenth-century room layout is largely intact, although subdivided in places with modern stud and plasterboard partitions which can be regarded as reversible.

Categories of Interest to be amended to include in addition to Architectural Interest, **Artistic, Technical and Historical.**

Following a discussion on the Chief Executive's response which was not accepted it was proposed by Cllr. M. Doran and seconded by Cllr. T. Kinsella and agreed by a show of hands *'that the Record of Protected Structures be amended to retain the front façade and external built form/footprint of the property'*.

Limekiln Cooling Tower (CW77)

Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that one notice of motion had been received in relation to this property as outlined below proposing the rejection of the Chief Executive's recommendation to delist the Limekiln Cooling Tower from the Record of Protected Structures and that the Limekiln Cooling Tower be retained on the record of Protected Structures as part of the new County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Motion No:	12
Submitted By:	Cllr. William Paton, Cllr. John Pender, Cllr. Fergal Browne, Cllr. John Cassin, Cllr. Tom O'Neill, Cllr. Andrea Dalton, Cllr. Ken Murnane, Cllr. Andy Gladney, Cllr. Arthur McDonald, Cllr. William Quinn, Cllr. John McDonald and Cllr. Adrienne Wallace.
Related Submission on Draft Plan:	CLW-C10-77
Related NOM on Draft Plan:	N/A
Motion:	To reject the CE recommendation and that the Limekiln Cooling Tower (Ref. RPS CW77) is retained in the record of Protected Structures as part of the new County Development Plan 2022-2028
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>Following receipt of submission CLW-C10-77 the Council engaged the services of Michael O'Boyle Conservation Architect to assess the merits of the removal of the structure from the Record of Protected Structures. Key points to note from advices received are:</p> <p><u>Description of Structure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disused limekiln tower comprises a circular tower with external circular perimeter maintenance gantries and staircases, constructed in the late-1980's. ▪ The present-day structure replaced earlier limekiln towers on the site. <p><u>Categories of Special Interest Identified</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical - The tower is a relatively recent industrial heritage artefact that stands as a reminder of the production processes associated with the former sugar factory site. ▪ Social - Although the structure is of a relatively recent date, the disused limekiln is a prominent feature in the landscape and is of modest interest as a surviving component of a once thriving industry that helped to define the town of Carlow during the twentieth century. <p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delete from RPS. <p><u>Reasons for recommendation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The structure is a distinctive feature on the skyline of Carlow, but it is of limited special interest in its own right. The demolition of most of the buildings of the former sugar factory has separated the structure from its industrial context. The tower is of local interest only. 	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	

On the basis of the advices received it is recommended that the structure be removed from the RPS.
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The notice of motion no. 12 (outlined in the table above) was proposed by Cllr. J. Cassin and seconded by Cllr. J. Pender.

Cllr. M. Doran proposed the Chief Executive's recommendation to remove the structure from the Record of Protected Structures. This was seconded by Cllr. J. Murphy.

A roll call vote on the proposal of Cllr. J. Cassin, seconded by Cllr. J. Pender to retain the Limekiln Cooling Tower on the Record of Protected Structures was taken as follows:

Member of Carlow County Council	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin	√			
Andrea Dalton	√			
Michael Doran		√		
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella		√		
Arthur McDonald	√			
John McDonald	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy				
John Murphy		√		
Brian O'Donoghue			√	
Tom O'Neill	√			
William Paton	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn	√			
Adrienne Wallace	√			

Decision/Resolution: Motion Passed

Property at Shamrock Square, Carlow Town (CT93 and CT94)

Following a discussion the deletion of CT93 and CT94 properties at Shamrock Square, Carlow Town from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with the Chief Executive's recommendation was proposed by Cllr. F. Browne seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane and agreed by show of hands.

Chapter 11: Tourism and Recreation

No Material Amendments as recommended to Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 191 - 211)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive’s recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

<p>Submissions no change recommended:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement for nature-based tourism (CLW-C10-69, CLW-C10-70, CLW-C10-106) • Recommended measures to protect landscape from inappropriate to tourism development (CLW-C10-61) • Submissions supporting Blueway/greenways (CLW-C10-79, CLW-C10-40) • Support for the provision of walking and cycling trails (CLW-C10-42, CLW-C10-63) • Request for listing, mapping and access for heritage sites (CLW-C10-61) • Request that geology be considered as cross cutting theme (CLW-C10-54) • Request for purpose-built swimming facility in Carlow (CLW-C10-123) • Waterways Ireland welcome policies of Chapter 11 when considered against maintenance plan (CLW-C10-118)
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne
Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran
And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 191 - 211)

Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

<p>Material Amendments Recommended:</p>	<p>Section 11.3 Failte Ireland Strategies</p> <p>(*) Insert addition text referencing updated Failte Ireland Strategies to objective FI O1 and FI O2 Section 11.3 ‘Failte Ireland Strategies:</p> <p><i>FI O1: Support and facilitate Fáilte Ireland and tourism stakeholder initiatives for the development of tourism experiences in the County, which deliver on the Ireland’s Ancient East brand and the preparation and implementation of Regional Tourism Strategies. (CLW-C10-60)</i></p>
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*FI O2: Engage and collaborate with Fáilte Ireland **and other tourism stakeholders** on their ‘~~Tales of Two Worlds Visitor Experience Development Plan~~’ in support of their preparation of **Destination Experience Development Plans (DEDPs) and other tourism masterplans within the County and in adjoining counties as appropriate.** (CLW-C10-60)*

Section 11.3.2 Tales of Two Worlds Visitor experience and Section 11.3.3 Great Houses and Gardens Experience

(*) Amend Section 11.3.2 ‘Tales of Two Worlds Visitor Experience’ to Destination Experience Plans and Section 11.3.3 Great Houses and Gardens Experience and replace with new text:

~~11.3.2 Tales of Two Worlds Visitor Experience~~ **Destination Experience Development Plans**

*In Carlow, Fáilte Ireland has commenced work on the ‘Tales of Two Worlds’ Visitor Experience Development Plan. This Plan brings together Ireland’s historic houses and gardens, and the period in Ireland’s history of famine and emigration. **Fáilte Ireland’s Great Houses and Gardens Experience Development Programme looks at the house and garden experiences available across the County, including ways to develop guiding, events, cost, revenue management and sales distribution. Going forward these Visitor Experience Plans are going to form Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDPs).***

~~11.3.3 Great Houses and Gardens Experience~~

~~*Fáilte Ireland’s Great Houses and Gardens Experience Development Programme looks at the house and garden experiences available across the County, including ways to develop guiding, events, cost, revenue management and sales distribution.*~~ (CLW-C10-60)

Section 11.4 Tourism in County Carlow

(*) Insert additional text to Policy TD P1, Section 11.4 ‘Tourism Development - Policies’ regarding understanding the needs of visitors and provision of tourism facilities that are accessible to all:

*TD P1: Support and collaborate with relevant agencies and bodies such as Carlow Tourism, Tourism Ireland, Fáilte Ireland and The Arts Council, and key stakeholders and local communities, , **to further understand the needs of visitors in the County and to develop, promote and maximise the tourism potential of the County, and to ensure that tourism facilities are accessible to people with mobility issues, learning disabilities, people with visual or hearing impairments, young and elderly people.** (CLW-C10-60)*

(*) Insert additional Policy TD P8, Section 11.4 ‘Tourism Development - Policies’ supporting digital technology in the tourism sector:

Encourage and support investment in digital technology in the tourism sector in the County, with a particular focus on visitor attractions and activities with low digital presence and/or integration. (CLW-C10-60)

(* Insert addition text to Objective TD O1, Section 11.4 ‘Tourism Development - Objectives’ referencing any updated version of the Tourism Strategy:

TD O1: Support the implementation of the County Carlow Tourism Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2025, and any updated version of the Strategy and Action Plan. (CLW-C10-60)

Section 11.5 Heritage Tourism

(* Insert addition text to policies HTP11-HTP13 regarding environmental assessments as relevant to Section 11.5.8 ‘Natural Heritage and Amenities:

Note: Policy HT. P11, Policy HT. P12, and HT. P13 relate to the development of tourism and amenity within the River Barrow, River Slaney and the Blackstairs Mountains. The international biodiversity and conservation importance of these sites, which all include Special Areas of Conservation, is identified in the SEA Environmental Report accompanying this Development Plan and included as Appendix I.

Applications for development and emerging plans or programmes arising from Policies HT. P11, HT. P12 and HT. P13, must be subject to screening and subsequent stages of environmental assessment as relevant and appropriate, SEA, EIA, AA and Ecological Impact Assessment. In accordance with European case law, AA must include complete, precise and definitive findings and conclusions capable of removing all reasonable scientific doubt as to the effects of the works proposed on the SAC concerned. Applications for development under these policy provisions must also demonstrate that the proposed use or development is sustainable and must be accompanied by an Invasive Species Management Plan. (CLW-C10-103)

Section 11.5.8 Natural Heritage and Amenities

(* Insert additional Policy to Section 11.5.8 ‘Natural Heritage and Amenities- Policies’ encouraging development of shared facilities at inland water bodies:

Encourage the development of shared facilities centres at inland water bodies, to support greater access to water for water-sports and water-based activities and events, subject to compliance with planning and environmental criteria. (CLW-C10-60)

Section 11.6 Greenways and Blueways

(* Insert addition text to Policy GB P1, Section 11.6 ‘Green and Blueway – Policies’ regarding requirements for SEA, AA, EIA and ECIA for greenways/ blueways as appropriate:

*Facilitate engagement with relevant stakeholders including Waterways Ireland to promote the development of greenways and blueways at appropriate locations in the County, through the utilisation of disused transport links and routes and/or existing linear open spaces such as riverbanks **where appropriate**, as well as opportunities to integrate and link such routes with towns, villages, and communities in the County and existing/proposed such routes outside of the County. **Any future development of greenways or blueways will include an assessment of any impacts that may arise from increased visitor pressures, in particular, on sensitive European sites and the design of the network will consider the provision of protective measures on sites sensitive to disturbance/visitor pressure. Rigorous site/route selection studies shall be informed by an appropriate level of environmental assessment, including all necessary reports to assess the potential impact on designated European sites and on biodiversity outside of formal protections such that proposed development does not contribute to significant loss of biodiversity.***

Applications for development/emerging plans or programmes under Policy GB P1 must be subject to screening for and subsequent stages of environmental assessment as relevant and appropriate SEA, EIA, AA and Ecological Impact Assessment. In accordance with European case law, AA must include complete, precise and definitive findings and conclusions capable of removing all reasonable scientific doubt as to the effects of the works proposed on the SAC concerned. (CLW-C10-103) CLW-C10-12 CLW-C10-18 CLW-C10-20 CLW-C10-23 CLW-C10-44 CLW-C10-45 CLW-C10-47 CLW-C10-50 CLW-C10-53 CLW-C10-55 CLW-C10-62 CLW-C10-63 CLW-C10-69 CLW-C10-70 CLW-C10-71 CLW-C10-78 CLW-C10-89 CLW-C10-106 CLW-C10-112 CLW-C10-116 CLW-C10-126)

(* Insert addition to Policy GB P3, Section 11.6 ‘Green and Blueway – Policies’ outlining requirement for collaboration with adjoining authorities / stakeholders as appropriate in the preparation of a masterplan:

*GB P3: Support the development of a tourism masterplan for the River Barrow, **and in collaboration with adjoining local authorities and stakeholders as appropriate**, which sets out an integrated framework for tourism development along the River Barrow. (CLW-C10-103)*

Section 11.7 Carlow Town – Destination Town

(* Include additional text to Objective DT. O1, Section 11.7 ‘Destination Town – Objectives’ referencing transport links, accommodation, night economy and sustainable development of heritage:

*DT O1: To support, promote and maximise the role of Carlow Town as a designated Ireland's Ancient East 'Destination Town', and to engage with Fáilte Ireland in developing and promoting future tourism initiatives in the town, including enhancement of public space, the development of a way finding project and welcome signage, **transport links, accommodation, the night-time economy, and the sustainable development of our natural and built heritage**, in order to capitalise on the potential benefit of the funding for the town. (CLW-C10-60)*

Section 11.8 Culture, Arts and Entertainment

(* Insert additional Policy to, Section 11.8 'Culture, Arts and Entertainment - Policies' to encourage the night time economy through use of temporary spaces for culture, arts and entertainment:

CA P5: Encourage and support an improved night-time economy through the increased use of existing and temporary spaces for Culture, Arts and Entertainment uses including through extended opening hours for existing attractions, subject to compliance with planning and environmental criteria. (CLW-C10-60)

Section 11.10 Carlow Food, Drink and Craft

(* Insert additional text to Section 11.10 'Carlow Food, Drink and Craft' recognising role of outdoor dining:

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the important role of the outdoor dining and hospitality offering for businesses, which has now become a more prominent feature across the County. Under its Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme, Fáilte Ireland has provided funding for Tullow Street Upper, as well as Main Street Borris, for permanent outdoor dining structures. Businesses need to be supported to facilitate outdoor dining and hospitality for longer periods throughout the year, subject to compliance with planning and environmental criteria. (CLW-C10-60)

Section 11.13 Outdoor Recreation

(* Insert additional Policy to Section 11.13 'Recreation - Policies' regarding support and development of the Turas Columbanus:

R P12: Support the development and promotion of the Turas Columbaus as part of the Columban Way Walk, including appropriately designed and located signage, and in collaboration with adjoining local authorities and key stakeholders as appropriate. (CLW-C10-48)

Section 11.16 Sports and Leisure Facilities

(* Insert additional text to Section 11.16 'Sports and Leisure Facilities' referencing swimming and role of rural areas in supporting recreational pursuits:

	<p><i>The County has a large number of purpose-built sporting and recreation facilities, provided through a mix of public, private, third level, school, community facilities, and voluntary organisations. There are purpose-built sports and recreation facilities in the County for the GAA, soccer and other playing pitch uses, and for golf, rowing, athletics, tennis, badminton, squash, swimming, sub aqua, and equestrian uses. Apart from purpose-built facilities, the built environment of urban areas and the landscape of rural areas in the County, such as public roads, public footpaths, woodlands, and waterways, also support a range of other sports and leisure activities, such as walking, jogging, cycling, boating, fishing, and outdoor swimming. (CLW-C10-84)</i></p> <p>(*) Insert addition text to Policy SL. P2, Section 11.16 ‘Sports and Leisure Facilities - Policies’ acknowledging National Governing Bodies of Sport:</p> <p><i>SL P2: Support national sport policies and objectives, including collaboration with Sports Ireland and National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs), the County Carlow Local Sports Partnerships, clubs, communities and partnerships within and beyond sport, to increase sport and physical activity participation levels. (CLW-C10-84)</i></p>
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Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that 2 no. notices of motion (notice of motion no.’s 13 and 14) were received in respect of Chapter 11: Tourism and Recreation.

Cllr. T. O’Neill proposed that the material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in relation to Section 11.5, subsection 11.5.8 and 11.6 be deleted and that the text revert to the wording as contained in the draft Plan as follows:

‘11.5.8 Natural Heritage and Amenities

Throughout the County, there are a wide variety of landscapes, including mountains, beautiful river valleys, navigable waterways, forests and woodlands all of which provide a range of interesting and diverse visitor experiences.

Blackstairs Mountains

The Blackstairs Mountains are located along the south and east of the County boundary. They form a mountain chain that runs in a northeast-southwest direction for approximately 22 km with Mount Leinster the highest peak at 796 metres They represent one of the most important natural attractions in the County as they provide a backdrop for much of the its landscape and constitute the principal touring route in the County.

Waterways and Lakes

*The main rivers flowing through the County are the River Barrow and the River Slaney and their associated tributaries, which provide both angling and leisure facilities to visitors. The largest catchment area is drained by the River Barrow and its tributaries including the Burren, the Black, the Mountain, the Aughavaud and **the** Aughananagh. The eastern portion of the County is drained by the River Slaney and its tributaries including the Derreen, the Douglas, the Clashavey, the Derry and the Clody.*

The River Barrow is Ireland's second longest river system running for 192 km from its source in the Slieve Bloom Mountains to the sea. It is navigable for 69 km between Athy and St. Mullins and this stretch is known as the Barrow Navigation. Some of the most attractive visual stretches of this waterway flow through County Carlow. The River Barrow constitutes one of the most significant industrial heritage monuments in the country with bridges, corn-mills, locks and lock-houses and its history alone is an important tourism resource. The Barrow remains a bustling river accommodating many activities including walking, cycling, fishing, boating and canoeing.

Carlow Tourism's publication entitled 'Carlow – Through the Waters of Time', provides a heritage profile of the County that is set against the backdrop of its rivers. <https://carlowtourism.com/site-assets/uploads/2018/09/Carlow-Through-the-Waters-of-Time.pdf>

All lakes in the County are man-made. There is a shallow lake located at Oak Park Forest Park, which is bounded almost completely by woodlands. Eight small islands bear coniferous and deciduous trees, and the lake is a popular location for bird watchers.

The lake at Altamont House and Gardens was constructed during famine times and forms a focal point for one of the County's top visitor attractions.

Forests and Woodlands

Coillte is the statutory body responsible for the management of Ireland's public forests. Coillte's "open forest" policy allows visitors to access and enjoy these forest and woodland areas.

The most interesting and diverse forested areas within the County are situated at Bahana, Ballybeg, Ballycinnigan, Clashganny and on the slopes of Mount Leinster. One of Europe's largest nurseries and Ireland's National Seed Centre is located at Ballintemple. While no specific tourist facilities exist at any of these sites, they nonetheless present important opportunities for a diverse range of tourism activities in the future due to their variety of plantation species and scenic appeal. The forested areas immediately surrounding Mount Leinster and the Blackstairs Mountains and southwards of Clashganny, form both a pleasant backdrop and central focus of the South Leinster Way and Barrow Way long distance walking routes.

Natural Heritage and Amenities - Policies

It is the policy of the Council to:

HT P11: Maximise, enhance and support opportunities for the use of the County's uplands and waterways, including the Blackstairs Mountains, the River Barrow and the River Slaney, as tourism and recreational amenities, and engage with relevant agencies, bodies, and key stakeholders in this regard, including Fáilte Ireland, Waterways Ireland, National Parks and Wildlife Service, and local communities, to develop the infrastructure, quality and amenity of these natural assets.

HT P12: Support the provision of ancillary infrastructure and services that enhance the user experience of the River Barrow, such as water access, bike and boat storage, rest areas, shelters, toilets, changing and other facilities, where appropriate and feasible to do so subject to normal planning and environmental criteria.

HT P13: Continue to work closely with Fáilte Ireland, Waterways Ireland, and neighbouring Local Authorities, to promote and enhance the tourism and recreational potential of the River Barrow.

HT P14: Facilitate, where appropriate, increased access to the County's waterways from towns and villages where visitor services are located, subject to the protection of the environment.

HT P15: Facilitate infrastructure to enable increased tourism activity associated with water-based activities on the County's waterways, such as boating, cruising, kayaking, angling, and other sustainable water-based interests'.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr F. Browne.

A roll call vote was taken on this proposal as follows:

Member of Carlow County Council	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin		√		
Andrea Dalton		√		
Michael Doran	√			
Andy Gladney		√		
Thomas Kinsella		√		
Arthur McDonald	√			
John McDonald	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy		√		
John Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue	√			
Tom O'Neill	√			
William Paton	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn		√		
Adrienne Wallace		√		

Decision/Resolution: Motion Passed.

Cllr. J. Cassin proposed that the material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in relation to GBP1 contained in Section 11.6 be deleted. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. A. Wallace.

A roll call vote was taken on this proposal as follows:

Member of Carlow County Council	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Fergal Browne		√		
John Cassin	√			
Andrea Dalton		√		
Michael Doran		√		
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella	√			
Arthur McDonald		√		
John McDonald		√		
Ken Murnane		√		
Charlie Murphy	√			
John Murphy		√		
Brian O'Donoghue		√		
Tom O'Neill		√		
William Paton		√		
John Pender		√		
Fintan Phelan		√		
William Quinn	√			
Adrienne Wallace	√			

Decision/Resolution: Motion Defeated

The recommendation of the Chief Executive in relation to the remaining material amendments to Chapter 11: Tourism and Recreation were:

Proposed by Cllr. F. Browne

Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran

And agreed following a show of hands

Notice of Motion No. 13 submitted by Cllr. A. Wallace

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined the details of motion no. 13 for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

Motion:	For Carlow County Council to work with Waterways Ireland to prepare a 5-year maintenance plan on the Barrow track.
Chief Executive's Response	
The preparation of a maintenance plan for the River Barrow is the responsibility of Waterways Ireland. Policy HT P13 of the Draft Plan identifies the policy of the Council to continue to work closely with Fáilte Ireland, Waterways Ireland, and neighbouring Local Authorities, to promote and enhance the tourism and recreational potential of the River Barrow. Any maintenance programme for the River	

Barrow subject to the statutory planning process will be informed by the relevant policies and objectives of the County Development Plan together with the proper planning and environmental consideration appropriate to such proposals.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change to Draft Plan.

Following consideration of the Chief Executive's response the notice of motion was withdrawn by Cllr. Wallace.

Notice of Motion No. 14 submitted by Cllr. A. Wallace

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined the details of motion no. 14 for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

Motion:	In order to encourage more domestic and foreign tourists engage with relevant shareholders to develop caravan/motorhome sites across Carlow.
Chief Executive's Response	
Chapter Tourism and Recreation Section 11.11 addresses Tourist Accommodation. Policy TA P2 seeks to support the development of new camping and glamping facilities, and facilities for campervans/motor homes/touring caravans, at appropriate locations throughout the County. Any proposals for such facilities including advices through the pre-planning process as requested by relevant stakeholders will be informed by the relevant policies and objectives of the County Development Plan together with the proper planning and environmental consideration appropriate to such proposals.	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	
No change to Draft Plan.	

Following consideration of the Chief Executive's response the notice of motion was withdrawn by Cllr. Wallace.

Chapter 12: Urban Design and Placemaking

No Material Amendments as recommended to Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 213-215)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive’s recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

Submission no change recommended:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests outright ban on surface parking and requests height guidelines for specific town centre sites (CLW-C10-46)
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The recommendation of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report and in table above was:

Proposed by Cllr. T. O’Neill
Seconded by Cllr. T. Kinsella
And agreed following a show of hands

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, informed the meeting that there were no material amendments being recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of Chapter 12: Urban Design and Placemaking. She also advised that no notices of motions were received.

Chapter 13: Rural Design Guidelines

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 217 - 219)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

Material Amendments Recommended:	<p>Section 13.4.7 Landscaping and Boundary Treatments</p> <p>(*) Amend Section 13.4.7 ‘Key Principles – Landscaping and Boundary Treatments’ and replace with new text referencing use of grasscrete, wildflower meadows and setback from water courses:</p> <p><u>Key Principles - Landscaping and Boundary Treatments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Avoid tarmacadam, concrete and brick driveways. Aim for self-draining grasscrete or gravel which is more suitable for a rural setting in terms of visual impact and surface water drainage. In the interests of environmental protection and biodiversity use of herbicides should be minimised.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plant wild meadows or trim grass areas which are more natural to rural areas. Incorporate wildflower meadows by enhancing existing grass areas through reduced mowing. Planting new areas of wildflowers should be seen as a last resort and then only native species of Irish origin should be used. ▪ Provide appropriate setback from watercourses (including streams and drains), woodlands and wetlands allowing natural vegetation to develop.
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Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised the meeting that no notices of motions were received in respect of Chapter 13: Rural Design Guidelines.

The proposed material amendments as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report to be made to Chapter 13: Rural Design Guidelines highlighted in green in the above table were:

Proposed by Cllr. T. Kinsella
Seconded by Cllr. J. McDonald
And agreed following a show of hands

Chapter 14: Rural Development

No Material Amendments as recommended to Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 221 - 230)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive’s recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

<p>Submission no change recommended:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request reference to commonage as primarily as recreational, environmental and amenity resource (CLW-C10-61) • Support for farmers as custodians of the natural resources of the countryside (CLW-C10-61) • Request reference to regulatory licensing framework for forestry (CLW-C10-42) • Requests no replacement of conifer forests above 250m summit (CLW-C10-61) • Request planning policies and land use zonings for Coillte lands (CLW-C10-42) • Request greater recognition to extractive industries and Clogrennane Lime, need to encourage rehabilitation, suggest identifying proven deposits in order to protect them from incompatible land uses (CLW-C10-73) • References a condition of permission for quarries should include provision to support scientists and Geoheritage programmes (CLW-C10-54) • Reference is made availability of geophysical date (CLW-C10-54) • Request referral to National Road policy in Rural Development Chapter (CLW-C10-16)
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton
Seconded by Cllr. B. O’Donoghue
And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 221 - 230)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

<p>Material Amendments Recommended:</p>	<p>Section 14.4 Agriculture (*) Insert additional text to Section 14.4 ‘Agriculture’ new text referencing EPA guidance on assessment of the impact of ammonia and nitrogen on Natura 2000 sites:</p> <p><i>Ensure that all agricultural activities comply with legislation on water quality, such as the Phosphorous Regulations, Water Framework Directive and Nitrates Directive. In relation to intensive agricultural installations (i.e. intensive pig and poultry farming), recent EPA Guidance (2021) on Assessment of the Impact of Ammonia and Nitrogen on Natura 2000 sites from intensive agriculture installations should be consulted when carrying out project assessment.</i></p>
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Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised the meeting that no notices of motions were received in respect of Chapter 14: Rural Development.

The proposed material amendment as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report to be made to Chapter 14: Rural Development highlighted in green in the above table was:

Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton
Seconded by Cllr. B. O’Donoghue
And agreed following a show of hands

Chapter 15: Town and Village Plans/Settlement Boundaries

No Material Amendments as recommended to Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 20-46, 231-284)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive’s recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

<p>Submissions no change recommended:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPR (CLW-C10-101) requests review of land use zoning objectives having regard to compact growth and for: • Carlow Town: New Residential lands (c.1.6ha) opposite Supervalu. • Rathvilly: New Residential lands (c. 1.9ha) southeast of the town and adjoining Strategic Reserve lands. • Leighlinbridge: Concentration of New Residential zoning to the southwest of the town. • Hacketstown: Concentration of New Residential zoning to the southern side of the town. • Ballinkillen, Bennekerry, and Old Leighlin: Omit settlement boundaries where they cannot be justified. • OPR (CLW-C10-101) query on infrastructural constraints for Muine Bheag and Leighlinbridge. • Request to extend JSP Plan boundary and zoning of site at Pollerton Little, Carlow for Community-Educational-Institutional (CLW-C10-21). • Request to rezone site on Dublin Road, Carlow, from enterprise and employment to residential (CLW-C10-30). • Requests consideration of open use planning on undeveloped lands at Carlow Retail Park (CLW-C10-59). • Request to rezone lands on Dublin Road, Carlow, from Community-Educational-Institutional to Enterprise and Employment (CLW-C10-65). • Request to rezone site behind Brownseshill House, Carlow, from Demesne Landscape to New Residential (CLW-C10-75). • Request to rezone lands (i) south of Woodies, (ii) land east of Eire Og Club, (iii) land at Ballinacarrig, and (iv) land beside Carlow Youth Centre, to Open Space and Amenity (CLW-C10-106). • Requests reinstatement of industrial zoning on site at Newacre, Athy Road (CLW-C10-33). • Requests expansion of list of permissible uses on land in Muinebheag zoned M1 Manufacturing, Tourism, Enterprise and Employment, that a specific mixed-use development objective be applied to former meat factory site, and rezone site from Amenity and Open Space to Industry and Warehousing (CLW-C10-85). • Request to rezone lands in Muinebheag from agriculture to industrial (CLW-C10-131). • Request to rezone land on Milford Road in Leighlinbridge from agriculture to residential (CLW-C10-13). See Written Notice of Motion no. 16
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request in support of retaining agricultural zoning for land on Milford Road in Leighlinbridge (CLW-C10-67, 127, 129, 132, and 133). See Written Notice of Motion no. 16 • Submits that there is an urgent need to zone more land in Borris for housing (CLW-C10-22). • Requests residential zoning for lands outside of proposed development boundary for Palatine (CLW-C10-7). • Requests provision of soccer pitch and parking facilities at Limegrove, Palatine (CLW-C10-125). • Requests a quarry zoning for Clogrennane Lime Quarry (CLW-C10-73). • Request to rezone area in front of Tinryland Parochial House from village expansion to residential and the inclusion of area of open space in the residential zoning, and to rezone area between cemetery and soccer pitch from Community and Education to Residential (CLW-C10-27, 34 and 99). • Request to rezone land in Tinryland from Enterprise and Employment to New Residential (CLW-C10-90 and 91). • Request to rezone land in Tinryland from Village Expansion to Open Space and Amenity (CLW-C10-90 and 91). • Request to extend proposed development boundary for Tinryland and zone land for New Residential (CLW-C10-135). • Request that further development of lands at Slaney-Quarter Grange remain zoned for development (CLW-C10-58). • Submitted that more lands in our towns and villages need to be zoned to allow expansion in population (CLW-C10-130).
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive with the exception of submission CLW-C10-33 of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. J. Pender
Seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane
And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 20 – 46, 231 - 284)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner informed the meeting that 8 notices of motion (notice of motion no.’s 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22) were received in respect of Chapter 15: Town and Village Plans/Settlement Boundaries.

Submission CLW-C10-33 – Site at New Acre

Cllr. Pender queried with regard to submission CLW-C10-33 whether an industrial zoning on lands located at New Acre could be considered. Cllr. Murnane stated that he would like the lands to revert to the original zoning. Cllr. Browne queried whether this could be done through the Joint Urban Area Plan process due to commence in 2022.



Mr. Wesley Keogh, Senior Executive Planner, outlined the history of the land use zoning of the site, whereby the site was first zoned for 'Industrial' use in 2002 as a variation to the County Development Plan 1997. Following this, the site was not zoned in the County Development Plan 2003, however, was subsequently zoned again for 'Industrial' use in the Carlow Town Environs Local Area Plan 2008. He informed the meeting that the site is now not currently zoned in the Carlow Town Environs Local Area Plan 2012-2018 (as extended) and contained in the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018.

Cllr. J. Pender proposed that the site be re-zoned for industrial purposes to allow for business expansion. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane.

Mr. Michael Rainey, Director of Services informed the meeting that there was provision in the draft Development Plan to allow for expansion of existing industrial in a rural location. Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, informed the meeting that there were also site specific considerations regarding the site such as location within a flood risk zone and location proximate to a Special Area of Conservation and again advised that sufficient provision exists in the draft Plan and zoning of the site was not recommended.

Following a further discussion it was proposed by Cllr. J. Pender and seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane that the lands at New Acre be re-zoned to industrial.

Cllr. F. Browne proposed that the matter of re-zoning of these lands be considered as part of the preparation of the Joint Urban Area Plan. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. M. Doran.

A roll call vote on the proposal to re-zone lands at New Acre as proposed by Cllr. J. Pender and seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane was taken as follows:

Member of Carlow County Council	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Fergal Browne		√		
John Cassin	√			
Andrea Dalton		√		
Michael Doran		√		
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella		√		
Arthur McDonald	√			
John McDonald	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy		√		
John Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue		√		
Tom O'Neill	√			
William Paton			√	
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn			√	
Adrienne Wallace			√	

Decision/Resolution: Motion Passed

A proposal to adjourn the meeting at 6.00 p.m. and resume at 8.00 p.m. for a full remote meeting was:

Proposed by Cllr. J. Cassin
Seconded by Cllr. J. McDonald
And agreed following a show of hands

The meeting resumed at 8.00 p.m. remotely.

Attendance: Cllr. F. Phelan (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. F. Browne
Cllr. J. Cassin
Cllr. A. Dalton
Cllr. M. Doran
Cllr. A. Gladney
Cllr. T. Kinsella
Cllr. A. McDonald
Cllr. J. McDonald
Cllr. K. Murnane
Cllr. C. Murphy
Cllr. J. Murphy
Cllr. B. O'Donoghue
Cllr. T. O'Neill

Cllr. W. Paton
Cllr. J. Pender
Cllr. W. Quinn
Cllr. A. Wallace

In Attendance: Ms. K. Holohan, Chief Executive
Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service, Corporate, HR, Planning, Health & Safety, Security & Economic Development
Mr. P. O’Gorman, Director of Service, Transportation, Environment & Water Services, Building Control & Emergency Services
Mr. Eoin Lyng, Head of Information Technology
Ms. F. O’Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Planning
Ms. A. Sweeney, Senior Planner
Mr. W. Keogh, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. T. Hickson, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone back to the meeting. He confirmed that decisions made in respect of Chapters 1 – 14 and part of Chapter 15 covered in the first part of the meeting were agreed. Members following a show of hands confirmed same.

Cllr. Paton took the opportunity to thank Mr. Eoin Lyng, Head of I.T. and his team for all their assistance through the technical difficulties experienced during the first part of this meeting.

Chapter 15: Town and Village Plans/Settlement Boundaries (continued)

Proposed Material Amendments as recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 20 – 46, 231 - 284) (continued)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

Sections 15.1 and 15.2 Key Town – Carlow Town and District Towns – Tullow and Muinebheag

CLW-C10-101 (OPR)

(* Include additional maps for the three towns to highlight areas that will contribute to compact growth target of 30% and to identify regeneration/intervention sites/opportunity sites.

(* Amend objectives maps to differentiate between Tier 1 and Tier 2 zoned lands as per Infrastructure Assessment in Appendix X.

(* Include Strategic Policy and Constraints Maps for Tullow and Muinebheag.

- (*) Amend maps for the towns to outline core retail areas and opportunity sites.
- (*) Retain enterprise and employment zoning while Including appropriate flood risk mitigation measures as per SFRA in Section 15.1 for Enterprise and Employment zoned land northeast of Carlow Town on Dublin Road (i.e. IDA site).
- (*) Incorporate flood risk justification test provisions from SFRA for relevant settlement plans in Chapter 15 (See also CLW-C10-24 (OPW))

The proposed material amendments recommended by the Chief Executive with regard to submission CLW-C10-101(OPR) were proposed Cllr. J. Pender, seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

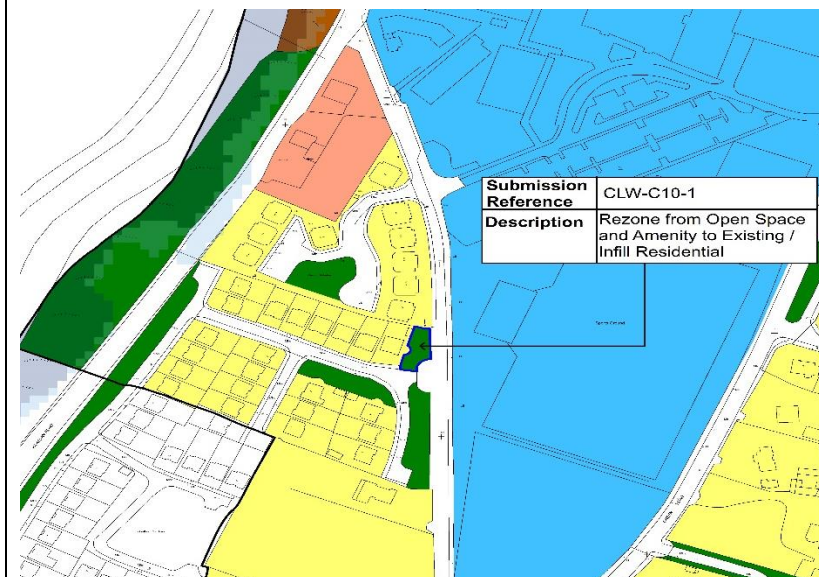
Section 15.1 Key Town – Carlow Town

- (*) Include key mitigation measures outlined in Flood Risk Justification Tests for Carlow Town, supported by relevant policies/objectives. CLW-C10-24 (OPW)

The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-24 (OPW) was proposed by Cllr. W. Paton, seconded by Cllr. T. O’Neill and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Section 15.1 Key Town – Carlow Town

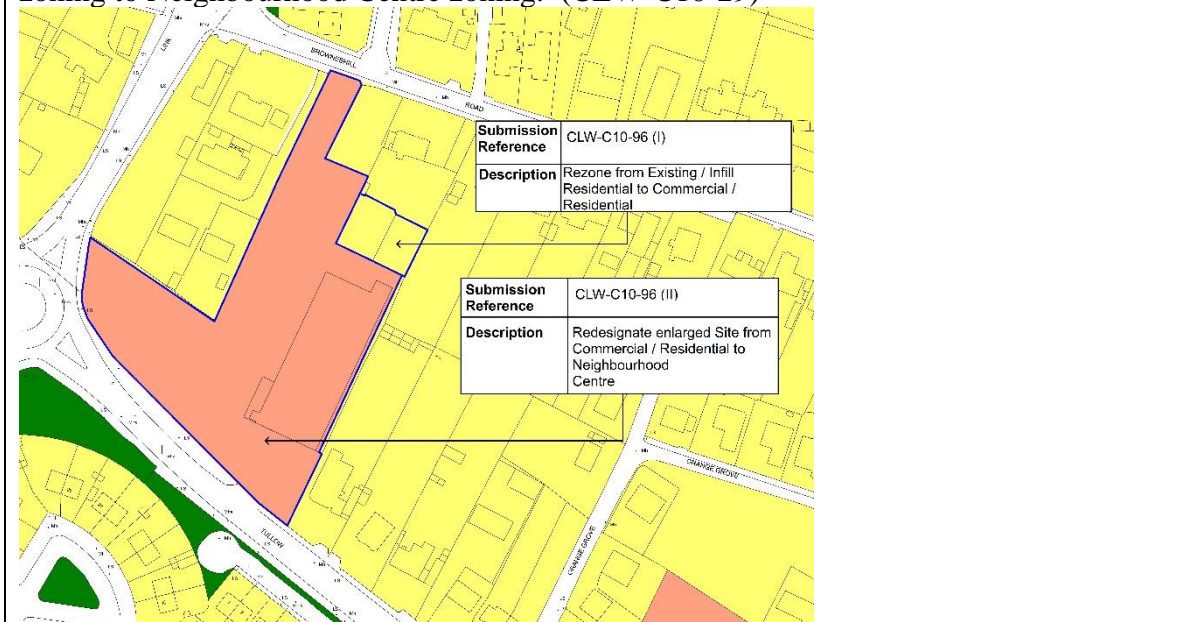
- (*) Change Open Space and Amenity zoning in the Draft Plan at Southern Gardens to Existing/Infill Residential. (CLW-C10-1).



The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-1 was proposed by Cllr. W. Paton, seconded by Cllr. T. O’Neill and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Section 15.1 Key Town – Carlow Town

(* Rezone portion of land adjoining Lidl store from Existing/Infill Residential to Commercial/Residential, and re-designate enlarged site from Commercial/Residential zoning to Neighbourhood Centre zoning. (CLW-C10-29)



Cllr. Phelan (Cathairleach) requested Cllr. Dalton (Leas-Cathairleach) to chair the meeting for the duration submission CLW-C10-29 was being considered as he had previously in the meeting advised that a relative who is not a connected party under the legislation owned lands at Tullow Road, Carlow Town the subject of CLW-C10-29 Section 15.1 and that he would remove himself from the meeting. Cllr. Phelan logged out of the meeting. The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-29 was proposed by Cllr. W. Paton, seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Section 15.1 Key Town – Carlow Town

(* In the interest of clarity regarding Neighbourhood Centres, include reference throughout the development plan to net floorspace figure of 1200sq.m for a convenience supermarket in a Neighbouring Centre. (CLW-C10-29)

Cllr. Phelan re-joined the meeting.

The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-29 was proposed by Cllr. T. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. K. Murnane and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

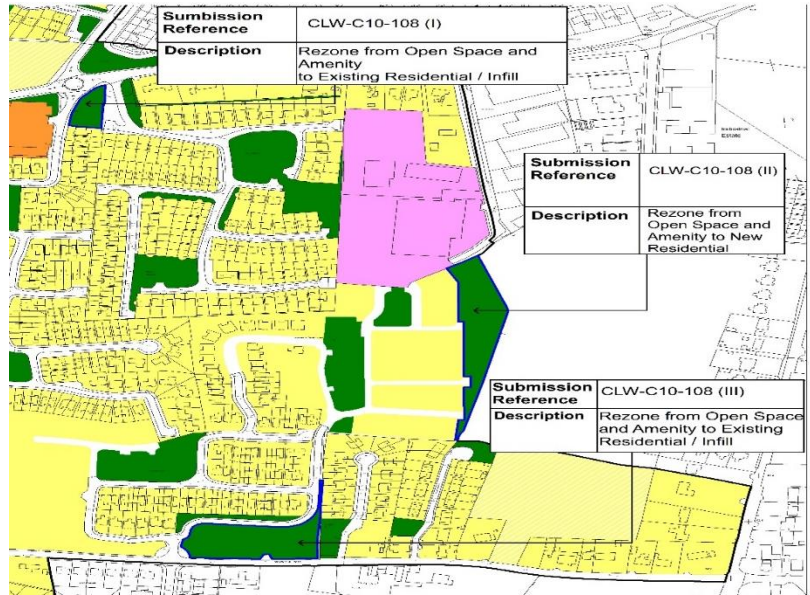
Section 15.1 Key Town – Carlow Town

(* Rezone portion of land on Hacketstown Road (adjoining Sandhills) from Open Space and Amenity to Existing Residential/Infill. (CLW-C10-108)

(* Rezone part of site at Browneshill Wood from Open Space and Amenity to Existing Residential/Infill, with specific objective that *Redevelopment of this site shall be subject*

to relocation of the access road to front any new development proposed and shall be fully located within the lands zoned existing residential / infill. (CLW-C10-108)

(*) Rezone land at Browneshill Wood from Existing Residential/Infill to Open Space and Amenity. (CLW-C10-108)



The material amendments recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-108 were proposed by Cllr. T. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. F. Browne and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

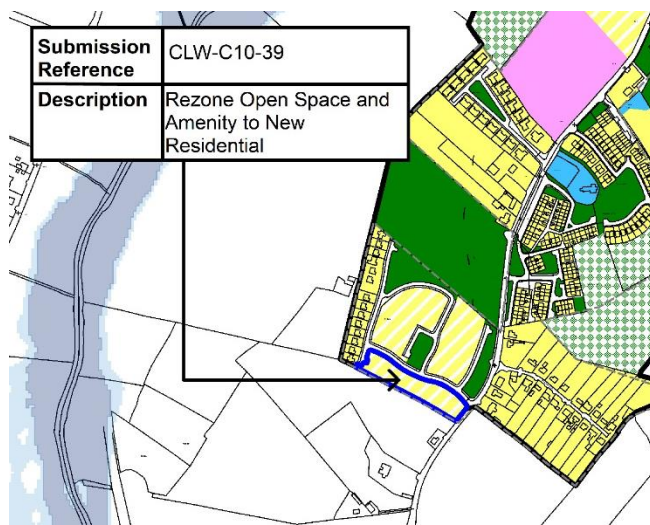
Section 15.3.1 Rathvilly Plan

(*). Incorporate flood risk mitigation measures/guidance from SFRA in the settlement plan for Rathvilly as policy/objectives. CLW-C10-24 (OPW)

The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-24 (OPW) was proposed by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. W. Paton and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

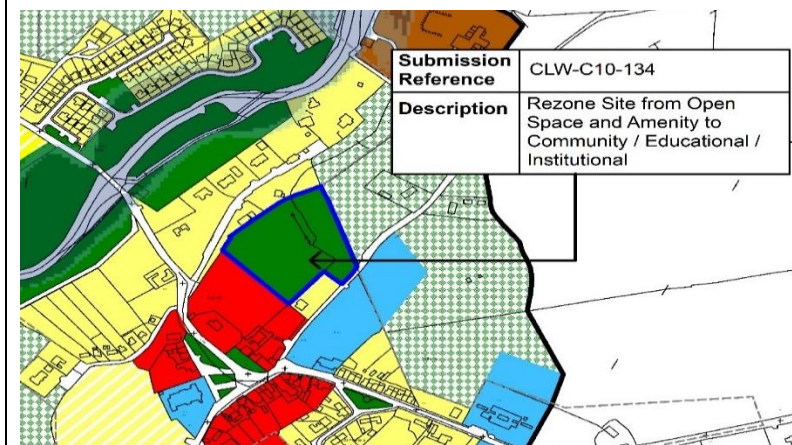
Section 15.3.1 Rathvilly Plan

(*). Rezone area at southern end of Ard Bhaile from Open Space and Amenity to New Residential and amend Rathvilly Plan to provide for additional 16 no. units (total 34 no. units). CLW-C10-39



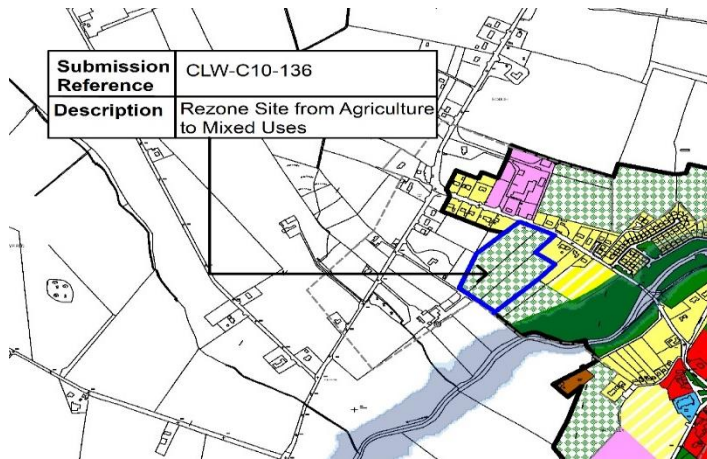
The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-39 was proposed by Cllr. F. Browne, seconded by Cllr. W. Paton and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

(*). Rezone lands from Open Space and Amenity to Community/Education. CLW-C10-134



The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-134 was proposed by Cllr. W. Paton, seconded by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

(* Rezone 4.5ha of lands from Agriculture to Enterprise and Employment and include objective that *any development proposals shall incorporate measures to protect the residential amenities of adjoining properties.* CLW-C10-136



The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-136 was discussed. Cllr. O'Donoghue indicated that he did not support the material amendment recommended in the Chief Executive's Report. He expressed his view that the site should be retained as agriculture to protect residential amenities at this location. Following a discussion the acceptance of the Chief Executive's recommendation was proposed by Cllr. J. Pender, seconded by Cllr. W. Paton and agreed by a majority following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

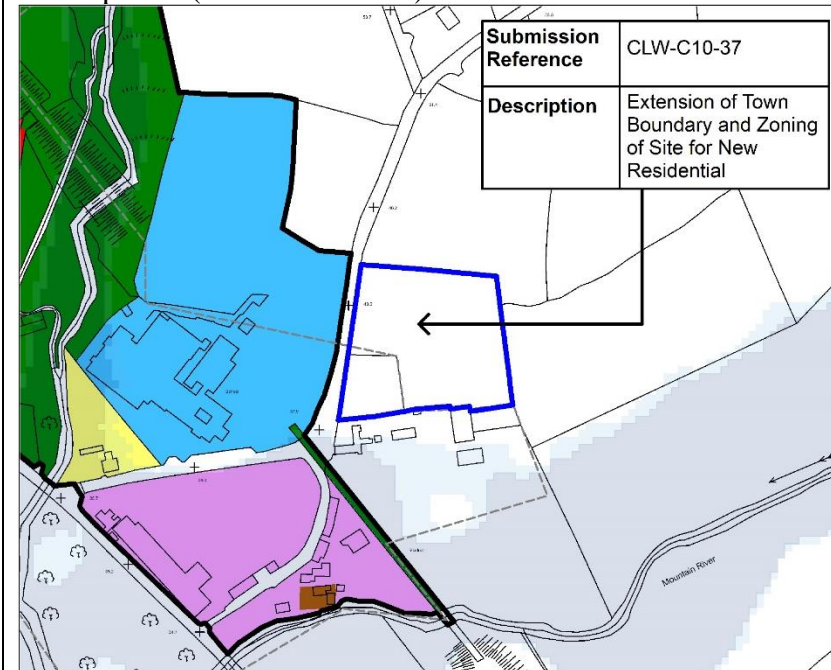
Sections 15.3.2 and 15.3.3 Leighlinbridge and Ballon Plans

(* Incorporate flood risk mitigation measures/guidance from SFRA in the settlement plans for Leighlinbridge and Ballon as policy/objectives. CLW-C10-24 (OPW)

The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-24 (OPW) was proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, seconded by Cllr. T. O'Neill and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams. It was noted that notices of motion had been submitted in respect of Leighlinbridge (no. 16) and Ballon (no. 22) dealt with subsequently in the meeting.

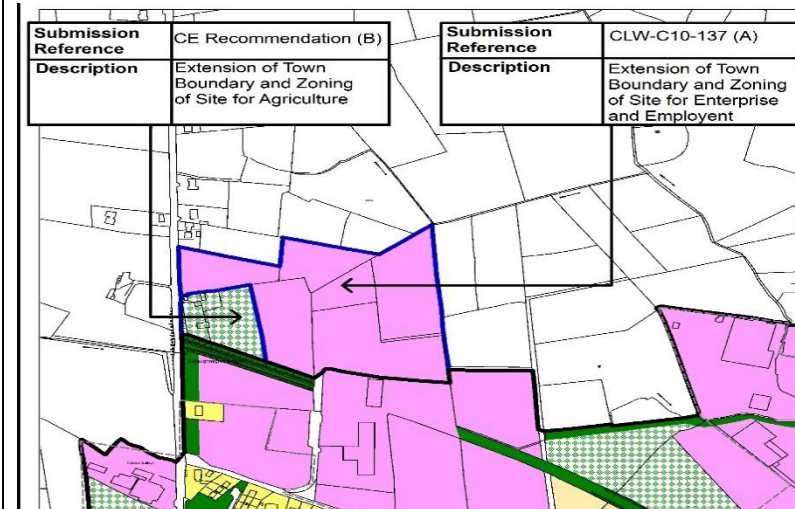
Section 15.3.4 Borris Plan

(*). Extend the town boundary and zone c. 1ha of land for low density residential development (max 10 no. units). CLW-C10-37.



(*). Extend the development boundary of Borris and zone 6.06ha Enterprise and Employment with specific objective that *development extends sequential from the existing developed area, shall provide for appropriate traffic access arrangements, the protection of residential amenities of adjoining properties and detailed landscaping plan to protect the visual amenities of the area including proposals to seek the retention of mature established trees and field boundaries to the landholding.* CLW-C10-137

(*). Extend the development boundary for Borris and zone site for agricultural purposes. CLW-C10-137



The material amendments recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-37 was proposed by Cllr. W. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. T. Kinsella and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams. It was noted that notice of motion no. 17 had been submitted in respect of Borris which was dealt with subsequently in the meeting.

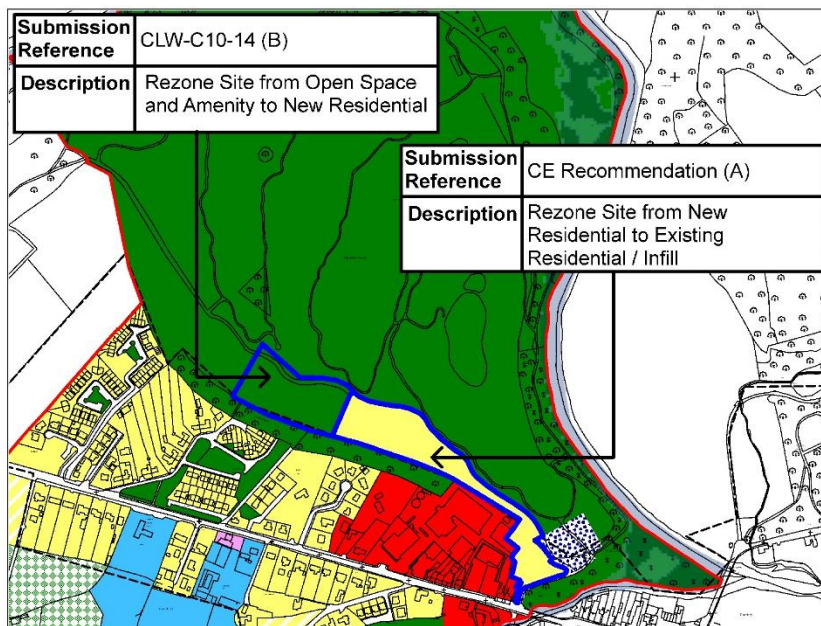
Section 15.3.5 Hacketstown Plan

(*). Incorporate flood risk mitigation measures/guidance from SFRA in the settlement plan for Hacketstown as policy/objectives. CLW-C10-24 (OPW)

The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-24 (OPW) was proposed by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. W. Paton and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

15.3.6 Carrickduff Plan

(*). Rezone lands that adjoin submission lands from New Residential to Existing Residential/Infill and rezone c. 1.5ha of land from Open Space and Amenity to New Residential to accommodate maximum of 14 no. units. CLW-C10-14



The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-14 was dealt with in conjunction with notice of motion no. 18 subsequently in the meeting.

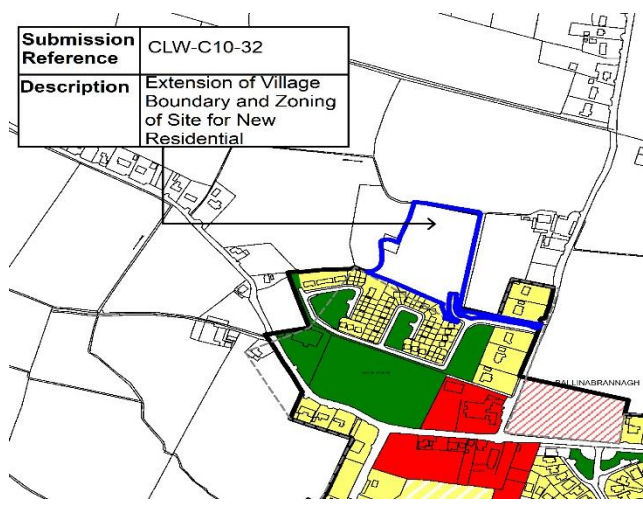
Section 15.4.1 Palatine

(* Incorporate flood risk mitigation measures/guidance from SFRA in the settlement plan for Palatine as policy/objectives. CLW-C10-24 (OPW)

The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-24 (OPW) was proposed by Cllr. J. Cassin, seconded by Cllr. T. O'Neill and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Section 15.4.2 Ballinabrannagh/Raheendoran

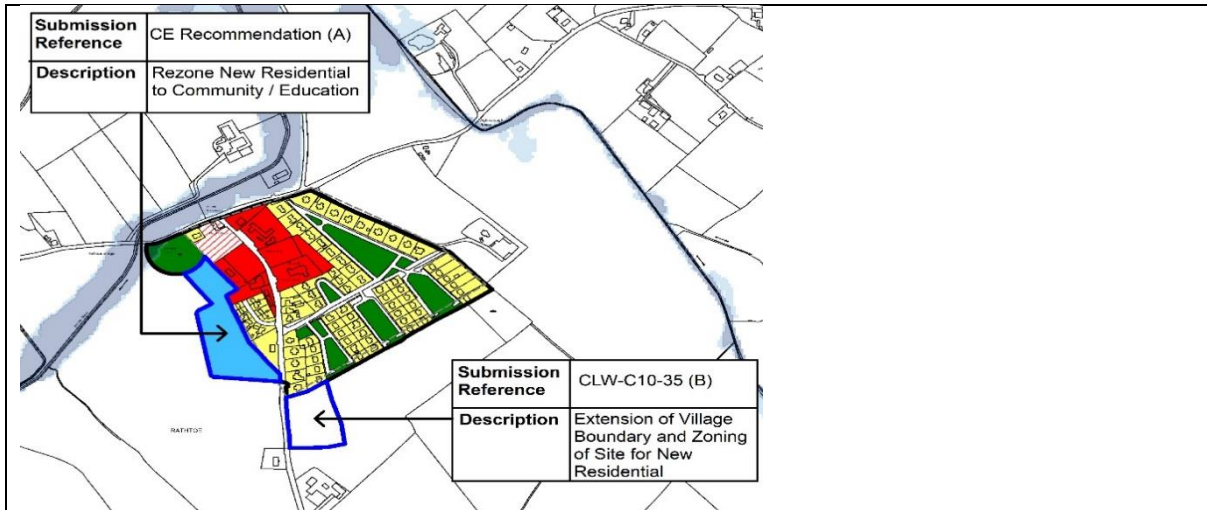
(* Extend proposed development boundary for the village beside Gort Na Greine housing estate to zone 1.79ha of land New Residential (16 no. units). CLW-C10-32



The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-32 was dealt with in conjunction with notice of motion no. 19 subsequently in the meeting.

Section 15.4.3 Rathoe

(* Rezone land from New Residential to Community/Educational and extend village boundary and zone site (1.3ha) New Residential (12 no. units). CLW-C10-35 and CLW-C10-36



The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submissions CLW-C10-35 and CLW-C10-36 was dealt with in conjunction with notice of motion no. 20 subsequently in the meeting.

Section 15.4.3 Rathoe

(* Incorporate flood risk mitigation measures/guidance from SFRA in the settlement plan for Rathoe as policy/objectives. CLW-C10-24 (OPW)

The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-24 (OPW) was proposed by Cllr. W. Paton, seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

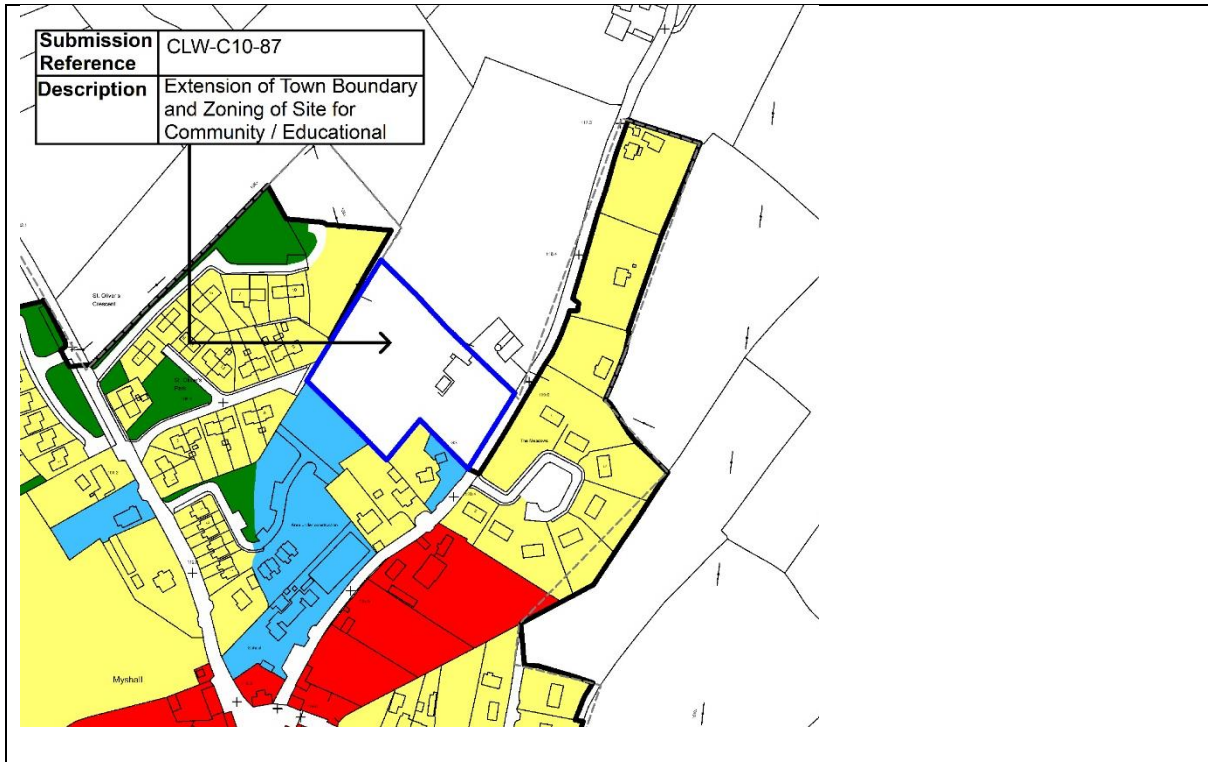
Section 15.4.4 Fenagh

(* Incorporate flood risk mitigation measures/guidance from SFRA in the settlement plan for Fenagh as policy/objectives. CLW-C10-24 (OPW)

The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-24 (OPW) was proposed by Cllr. T. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. W. Quinn and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Section 15.4.5 Myshall

(* Extend proposed development boundary for the village and zone land Community/Education. CLW-C10-87



The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-87 was proposed by Cllr. C. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. W. Paton and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

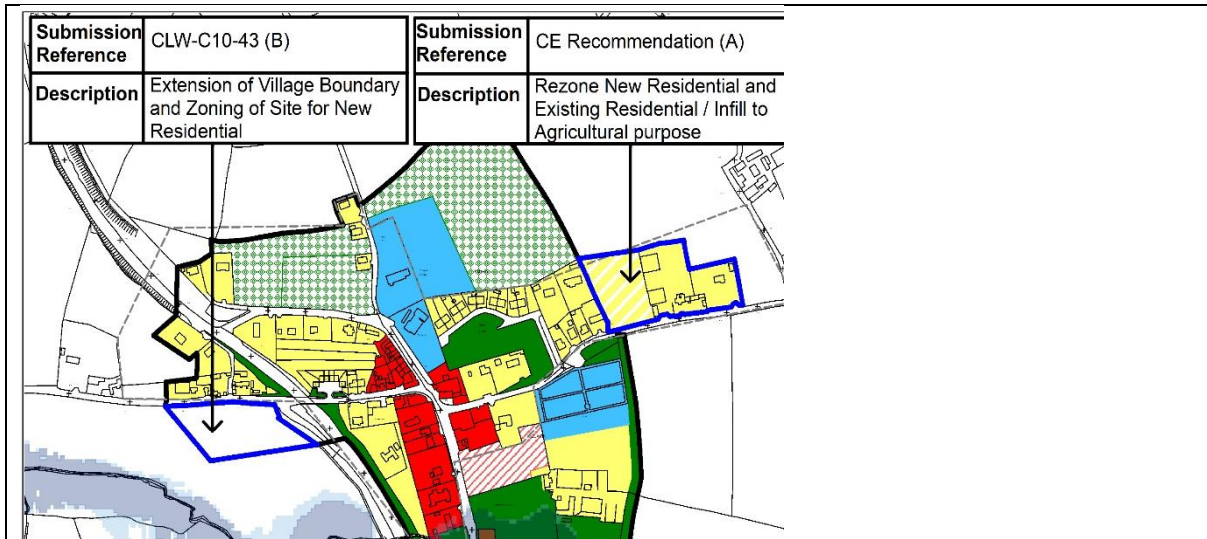
Section 15.4.6 Clonegal

(*). Incorporate flood risk mitigation measures/guidance from SFRA in the settlement plan for Clonegal as policy/objectives. CLW-C10-24 (OPW)

The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-24 (OPW) was proposed by Cllr. W. Paton, seconded by Cllr. A. Dalton and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Section 15.4.7 Kildavin

(*). Rezone land from New Residential and Existing Residential/Infill to Agriculture and extend village boundary to zone c1ha of land New Residential.



The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-43 was dealt with in conjunction with notice of motion no. 21 subsequently in the meeting.

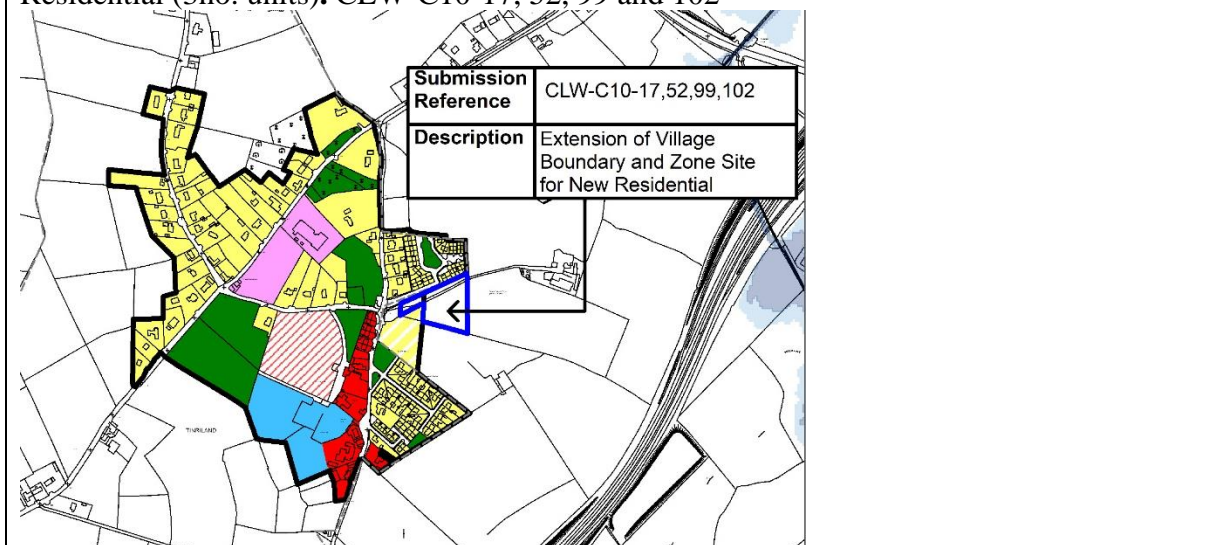
Section 15.4.7 Kildavin

(* Incorporate flood risk mitigation measures/guidance from SFRA in the settlement plan for Kildavin as policy/objectives. CLW-C10-24 (OPW)

The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-24 (OPW) was proposed by Cllr. W. Paton, seconded by Cllr. J. McDonald and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Section 15.4.8 Tinryland

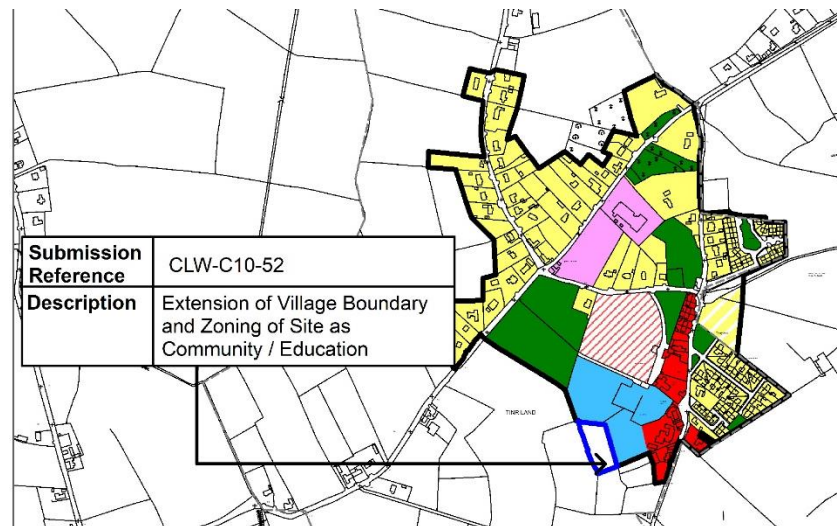
(* Extend the proposed development boundary of the village and zone site New Residential (3no. units). CLW-C10-17, 52, 99 and 102



The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submissions CLW-C10-17, CLW-C10-52, CLW-C10-99 and CLW-C10-102 were proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton, seconded by Cllr. J. Pender and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Section 15.4.8 Tinryland

(*). Extend the proposed development boundary of the village and zone land Community/Education. CLW-C10-52



The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-52 was proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton, seconded by Cllr. F. Browne and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Section 15.5 Smaller Serviced Villages (Bennekerry, Glynn, Old Leighlin/St. Mullins)

(*). Incorporate flood risk mitigation measures/guidance from SFRA in the settlement plans as policy/objectives. CLW-C10-24 (OPW)

The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-24 (OPW) was proposed by Cllr. W. Paton, seconded by Cllr. F. Browne and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Rural Nodes (Ballymurphy)

(*). Incorporate flood risk mitigation measures/guidance from SFRA as policy/objectives. CLW-C10-24 (OPW)

The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive in respect of submission CLW-C10-24 (OPW) was proposed by Cllr. W. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Notice of Motion no.15 submitted by Cllr. M. Doran

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined the details of motion no. 15 for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

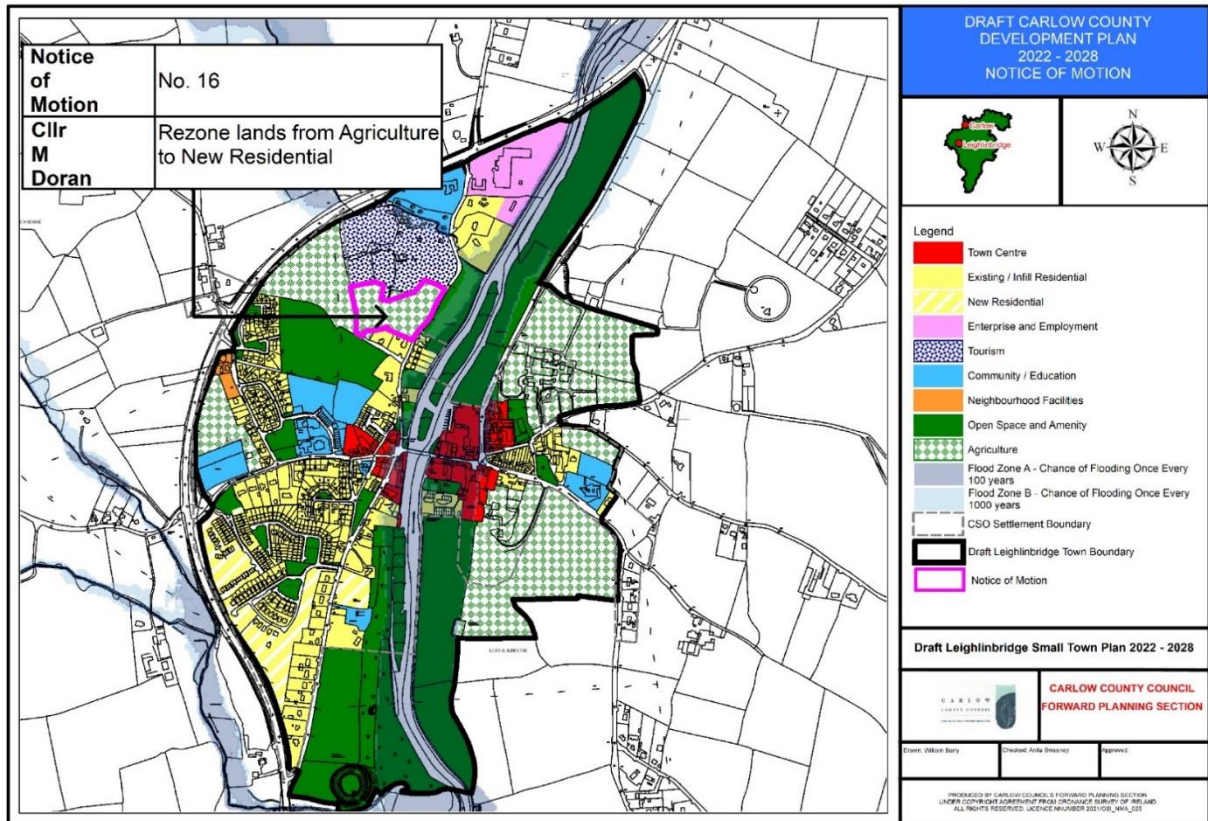
Related Submission on Draft Plan:	CLW-C10-73
Related NOM on Draft Plan:	N/A
Motion:	To support buffer type zoning for quarries.
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>The intention of a buffer type zone would appear to seek to protect and guard against intensification of land use that could impact on the existing authorised quarrying activities. It should be noted that this approach is not standard practice and the Department's statutory Quarries Guidelines, which is referenced in the development management standards in Section 16.16.3, do not recommend or reference any requirement for the use of buffer type zonings.</p> <p>However, it is considered that Section 14.16 addresses sufficiently the intent of this submission wherein it acknowledges that <i>aggregates are a tied resourceand by their nature can only be worked where they occur.</i> Reference is made to the Geological Survey of Ireland Aggregate Potential Mapping which shows the potential for crushed rocks and for sand and gravel deposits throughout the country. Section 14.16.3 outlines relevant policy provision regarding the Extractive Industry which addresses the intent of this submission. Policy EI P3 states that it is the policy of the Council to: <i>Exercise appropriate control over inappropriate development(s) that would significantly hinder the efficient or effective recovery of the county's natural resources, by seeking to prevent incompatible land-uses that could be located elsewhere from being located in the vicinity of the resource, since the extraction of minerals and aggregates is resource based.</i> It is acknowledged that <i>It is important that these resources are developed with the principles of sustainable development and environmental management in mind.</i></p>	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	
No change to Draft Plan.	

Following consideration of the Chief Executive's response Cllr. Doran withdrew the motion.

Notice of Motion no.16 submitted by Cllr. M. Doran

Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined the details of motion no. 16 for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

Related Submission on Draft Plan:	CLW-C10-13
Related NOM on Draft Plan:	N/A
Motion:	<u>Leighlinbridge Small Town Plan</u> To consider adding the lands according to submission CLW-C10-36 from agriculture to residential.
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>The lands identified are not recommended as outlined in the Chief Executive's Report for a number of reasons. In particular challenges exist regarding the servicing of the site and in particular the following should be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the site is located on the Milford Road which is substandard in alignment,• there are traffic safety considerations regarding the proposed access arrangements to the public road,• adequacy of sight lines to service the proposed residential scheme,• extensive earthworks would be required to access the site, provide pedestrian connections and to extend service to the site,• absence of adequate complete pedestrian linkages back to the town centre which could require purchase of third party lands. <p>In summary significant infrastructural constraints outlined above including connectivity to the centre of Leighlinbridge exist which render the lands unlikely to be fully serviceable within the life of this Plan.</p>	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	
No change to Draft Plan.	



The notice of motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Doran and seconded by Cllr. T. Kinsella.

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, stated that there were infrastructural constraints on site as identified in the Chief Executive’s response.

Following consideration of the Chief Executive’s response Cllr. Doran withdrew the motion, however, proposed a zoning of the site to Strategic Reserve. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. T. Kinsella and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Notice of Motion no.17 submitted by Cllr. Kinsella

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined the details of motion no. 17 for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

Motion:	<p><u>Borris Small Town Plan</u> To rezone 0.4 ha at Bog lane Borris from strategic Reserve in Draft Borris Plan 2022-2028 to low density residential/serviced sites facilitating no more than 2 no. units subject to upgraded access road arrangements to service the land.</p>
Chief Executive’s Response	
The Draft Borris Plan as contained in the Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028 identifies these lands (0.4ha) as part of the Strategic Reserve lands (c. 5.6ha) within the town. The objective of the	

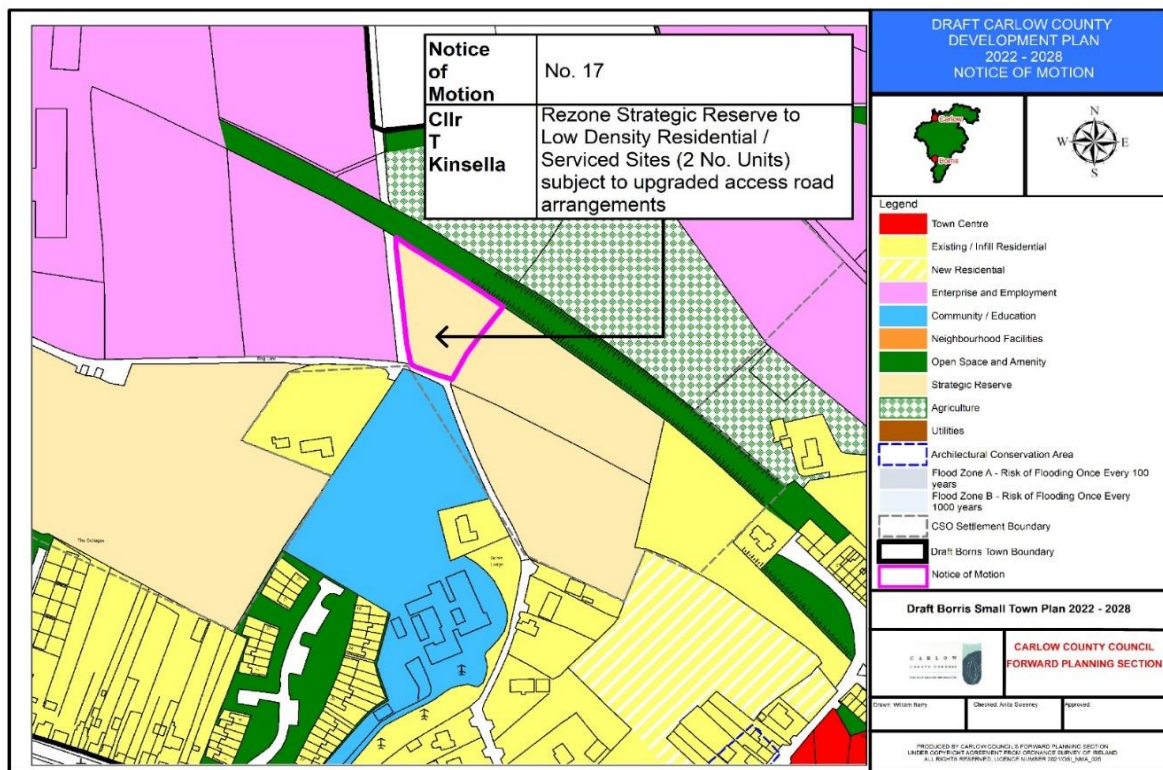
strategic reserve lands is "to provide a land reserve for the orderly development and future expansion of the town and villages into the future". The reduction in the strategic reserve lands, given their location off a private lane, would not be significant in the context of the overall lands designated as strategic reserve. Furthermore, it is considered the designation of the site for low density development (max 2 no. units) would not have a material impact on the overall core strategy figures for Borris.

Regarding the site it is noted that it is located off Bog Lane which is a narrow lane that has been partly taken in charge by the Council, and a section of the lane remains unsurfaced. Water main services to the site would likely have to be extended, while sewer layout details for the area suggest that the site could be serviced for wastewater. The infrastructural constraints are such that same can be addressed as part of the development management process and engagement with Irish Water as appropriate.

Having regard to the foregoing it is considered that the proposed amendment which seeks limited residential development on the site within the established development boundary of Borris can be considered subject to a specific objective regarding a restriction on the no. of units and infrastructure required to facilitate the development.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

Rezone the site from Strategic Reserve in the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028 to New Residential subject to a specific objective. It is an objective of the Council to facilitate low density residential development (max. 2 no. units permissible) subject to all proper planning considerations including upgrade of Bog Lane and adequate provision of water and wastewater infrastructure to service the site.



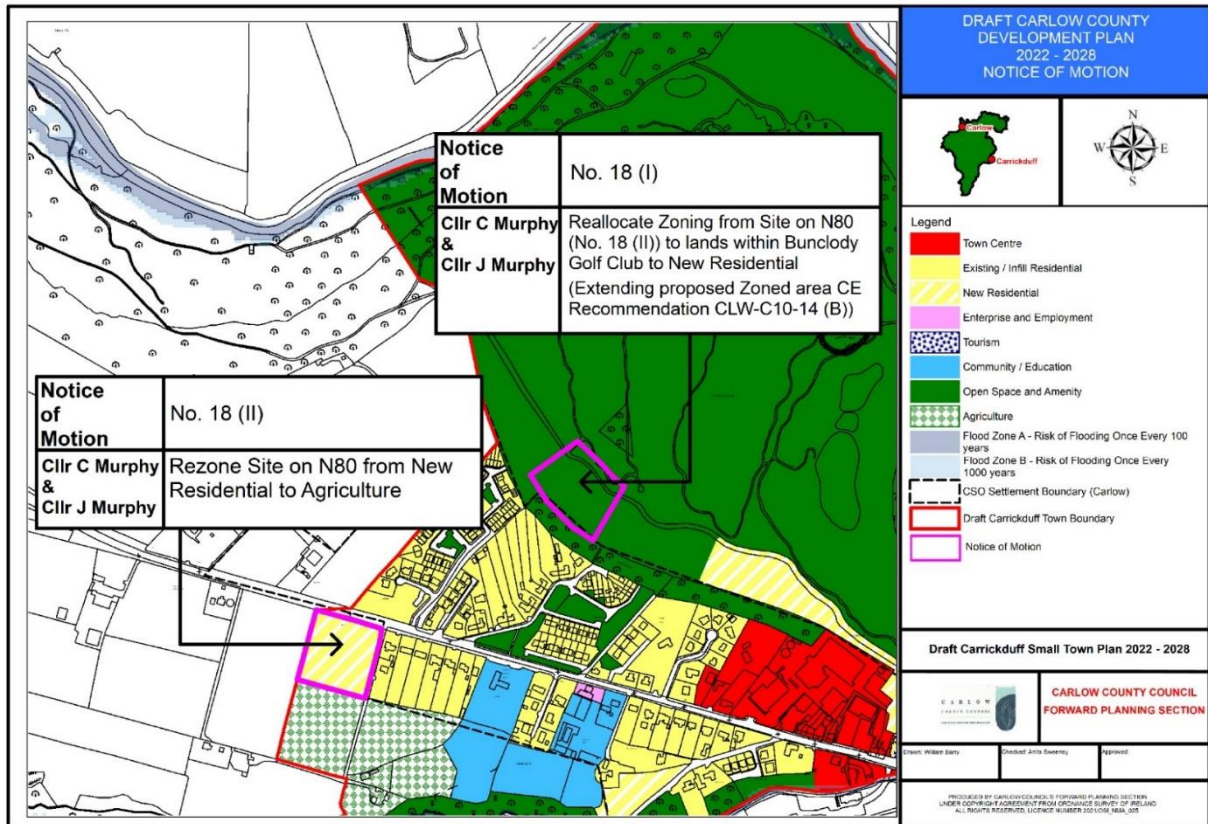
The material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive with regard to notice of motion no. 17 was proposed by Cllr. T. Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. W. Quinn and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Notice of Motion no.18 submitted by Cllr. C. Murphy and Cllr. J. Murphy

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined the details of motion no. 18 for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

Related Submission on Draft Plan:		CLW- C10-14
Related NOM on Draft Plan:		N/A
Motion:		<u>Carrickduff Small town Plan</u> To reallocate the zoning from new residential zoned site on the N80 (opposite Castlerock) to lands within the Bunclody Golf Club adjoining proposed lands for zoning (CLW-C10-14) in the Chief Executives Report. Lands along the N80 to be rezoned from residential to proposed agriculture.
		Chief Executive's Response
		<p>The Carrickduff Plan as contained in the Draft County Development Plan identified a number of locations for new residential development including lands within Bunclody Golf Club, Bakers Road and along the N80. The new proposed residential zoned lands along the N80 are currently in use for agricultural purposes with other undeveloped units remaining to be delivered in Castlerock Estate opposite the proposed site. It is acknowledged that Castlerock Estate can provide opportunities for residential development along the N80.</p> <p>As residential development activity is ongoing at Bunclody Golf Club and given the high-quality residential environment available at this location together with accessibility to the town centre there is no objection to the proposed amendment which maintains recommended housing units in Carrickduff over the Plan period.</p>
		Chief Executive's Recommendation
		To rezone lands (1.3ha) from New Residential to the south of the N80 to agriculture and to rezone an area of 1.3ha from open space and amenity to new residential (adjoining lands recommended on foot of submission CLW-C10-14) to accommodate a max. of 13 no. units, subject to the overall development complying with high siting and design and compliance with all other proper planning and sustainable development considerations (Note: Overall new residential development permissible at

this location comprises 27 no. units (excluding 9 units currently under construction).



It was noted that submission no. CLW-C10-14 also referred.

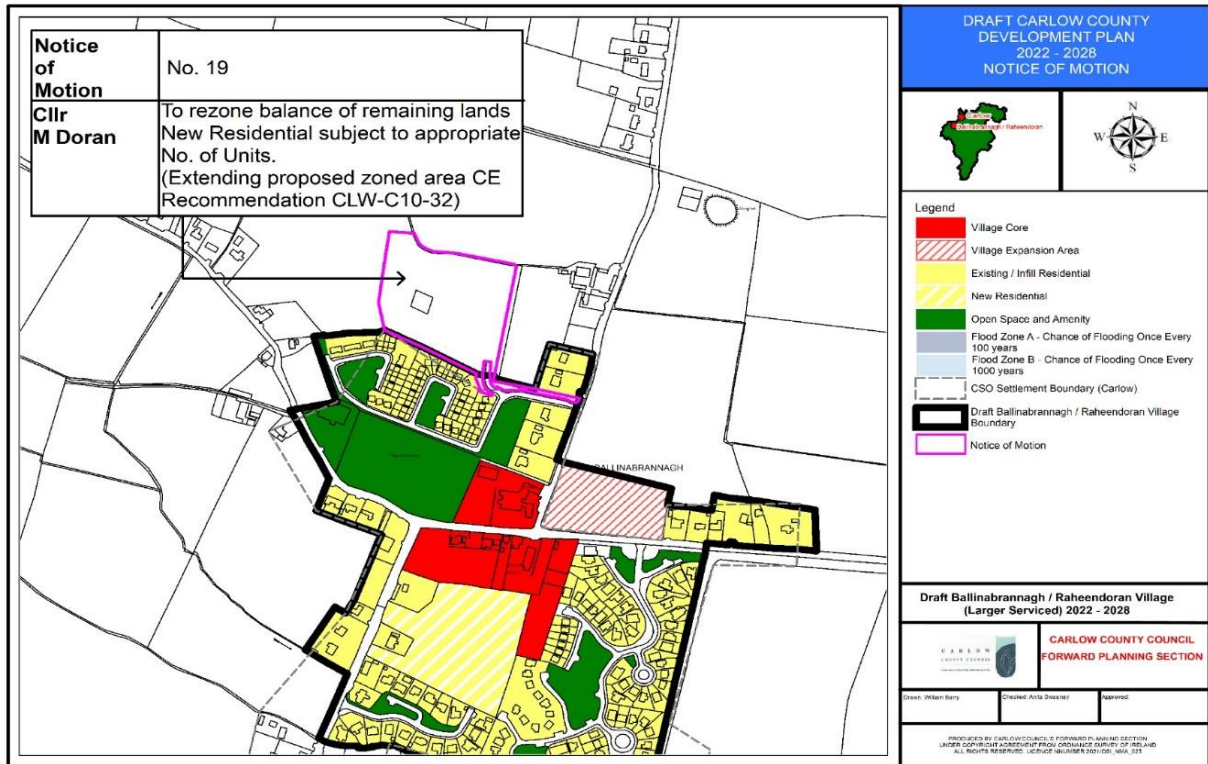
The material amendments recommended by the Chief Executive with regard to submission no. CLW-C10-14 and notice of motion no. 18 were proposed by Cllr. C. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. J. Murphy and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Notice of Motion no.19 submitted by Cllr. M. Doran

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined the details of motion no. 19 for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

Related Submission on Draft Plan:	CLW-C10-32
Related NOM on Draft Plan:	N/A
Motion:	<u>Ballinabrannagh Village</u> To zone the balance of remaining land to new residential subject to submission no. CLW-C10-32 which will facilitate the satisfactory completion of the unfinished estate within the period of this

	development plan subject to an appropriate number of units.
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>Further to receipt of submission no. CLW-C10-32 and confirmation of an upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant serving the village from Irish Water as part of the Small Town and Village Growth Programme, the Chief Executive's Report has recommended an additional growth allocation of 19 no. additional units to Ballinabrannagh, 16 no. of which are recommended on an area of 1.79ha the subject of this submission. This allocation in addition to the original unit allocation of 6 no. to Ballinabrannagh, resulted in a comparable proportionate growth with reference to other serviced settlements within the larger serviced village settlement category.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the remaining area of 0.6ha located to the west of the landholding comprises part of the original site area associated with the unfinished residential development. While there is merit in seeking the completion of the entirety of the development over this plan period the level of growth must be of a scale in compliance with national policy and guidance. Furthermore, it is acknowledged that other uses within an area zoned new residential maybe considered on their merits e.g. community facilities and other services incidental to residential development.</p> <p>Having regard to the foregoing it is considered that an additional residual provision of 6 no. units maybe considered on this site, subject to the appropriate phasing of the overall development, siting and design considerations, and all other proper planning and sustainable development considerations 22 no. units will be considered as the maximum permissible on the overall site area of 2.4ha.</p>	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	
<p>To extend the village boundary and zone the balance of the site (0.6ha) to new residential and to include a specific objective pertaining to these lands. It is an objective of the Council to consider the provision of a maximum of 22 no. residential units, subject to the appropriate phasing of the scheme and high-quality design and siting considerations, which will provide for an integrated development including pedestrian permeability through the site to the existing adjoining development. The scheme shall also provide high-quality landscaping and public open space provision and shall comply all other proper planning and sustainable development considerations as appropriate.</p>	



It was noted that submission no. CLW-C10-32 also referred.

The material amendments recommended by the Chief Executive with regard to submission no. CLW-C10-32 and notice of motion no. 19 were proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Notice of Motion no.20 submitted by Cllr. J. McDonald

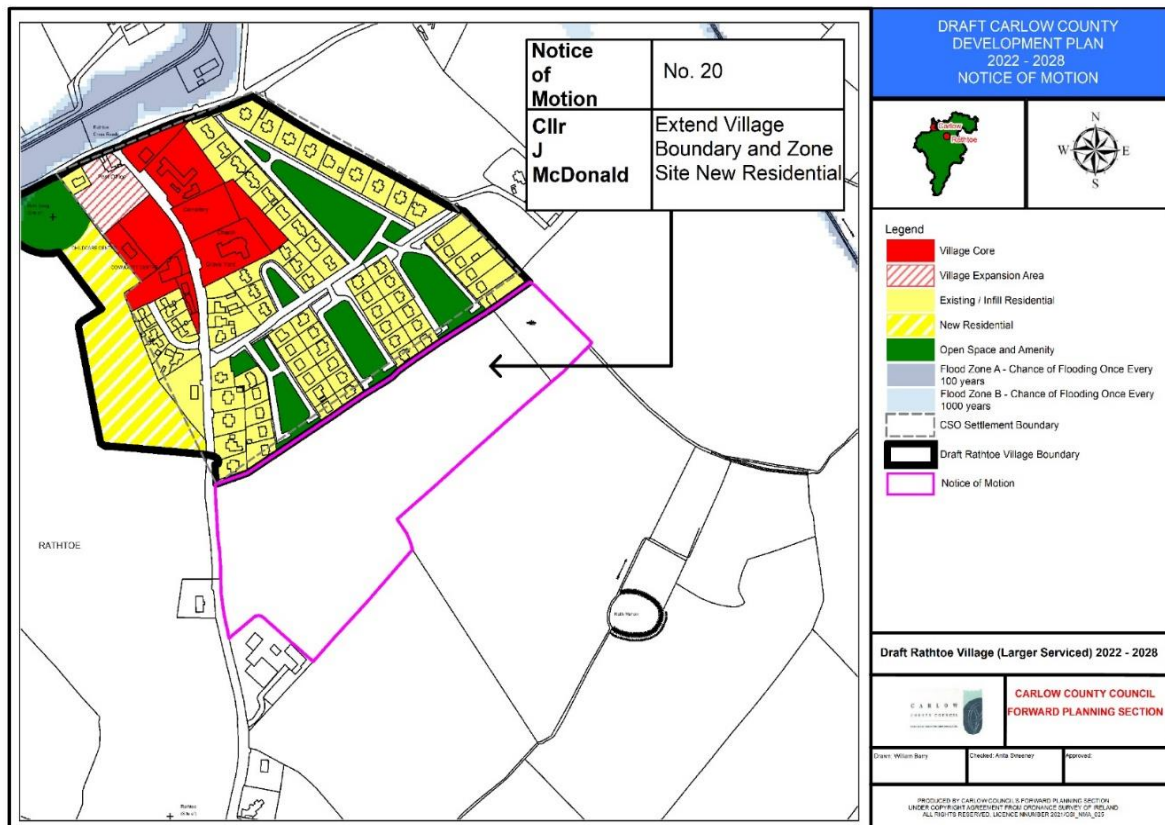
Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined the details of motion no. 20 for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

Related Submission on Draft Plan:	CLW-C10-35
Related NOM on Draft Plan:	N/A
Motion:	<u>Rathoe Village</u> That county development plan accepts submission Reference no. CLW-C10-35 with extension of village and zoning of site for new Residential.
Chief Executive's Response	
Submission CLW-C10-35 requests that the development boundary for Rathoe (Larger Served Village) in the Draft Plan is extended to include lands to the south that were zoned under the Rathoe Village Local Area Plan 2006. It is requested that the lands are zoned 'New Residential'. i.e. 10.3ha. Further to the submission received the Chief Executive's Response recommends that an	

area 1.3ha of this site is zoned new residential to accommodate 12 no. units. If 10.3ha were developed the site could deliver c. 130 units (@ a low density of 10 units/ha) significantly in excess of the growth allocated to the settlement (18 no. units). Existing population levels recorded in Rathoe in 2016 amounted to 304 persons, development of the scale submitted in this submission could potentially increase the population of the settlement by a further c. 300 persons. The development anticipated would be unsustainable over a six-year period and would be contrary to the overall settlement hierarchy for the county, the provisions of the core strategy and the proper planning and sustainable development of the settlement.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change to recommendation in Chief Executive's Report (page 272).



It was noted that submission CLW-C10-35 also referred.

Cllr. J. McDonald proposed that the number of units be increased to 20 units for this site with a portion to be zoned for Strategic Reserve subject to satisfactory completion of the first 20 units. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. J. Pender.

A discussion took place in which the definition of Strategic Reserve was discussed along with the number of units permitted per hectare.

The proposal of Cllr. J. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. J. Pender to have lands zoned

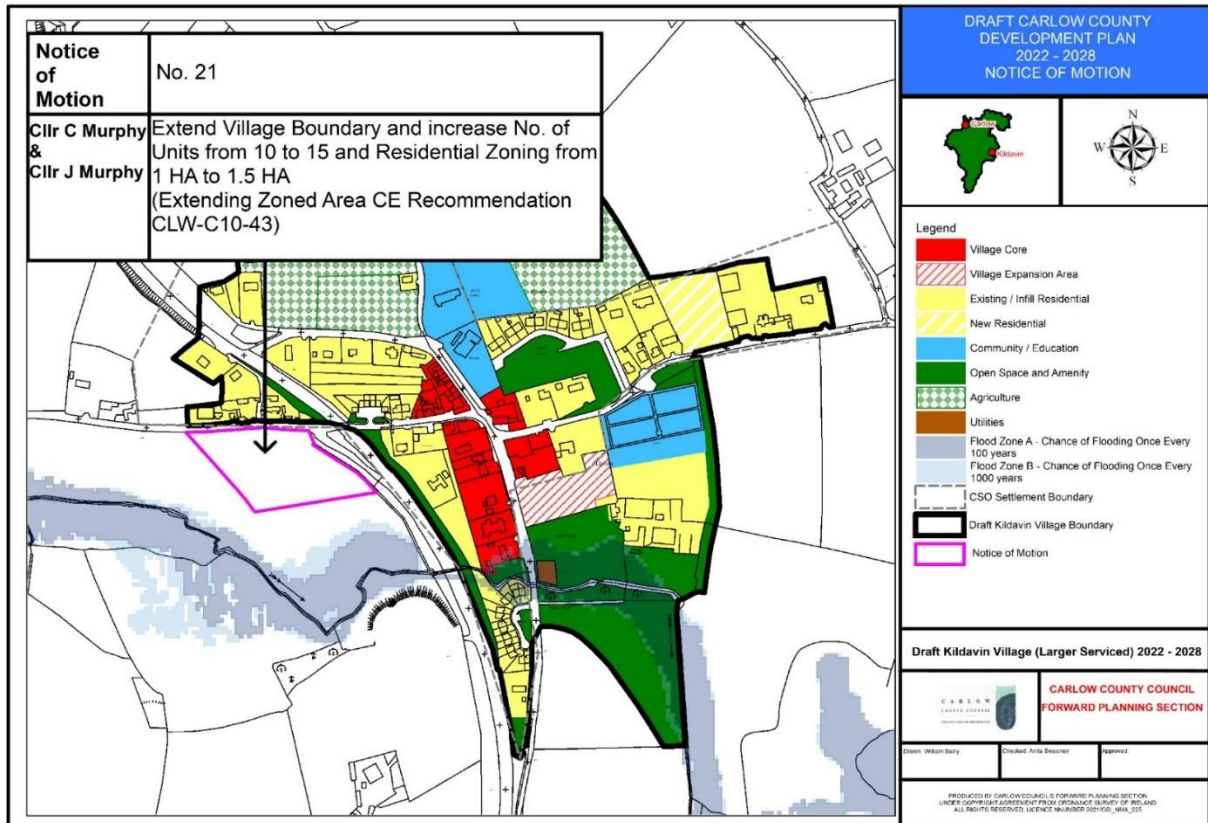
- (1) new residential to community and
- (2) increasing the site to accommodate 20 units (2ha) in this County Development Plan with a further portion of the site zoned Strategic Reserve (2ha) to accommodate a further 20 units subject to completion of the first 20 units (submission CLW-C10-35)

was agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Notice of Motion no.21 submitted by Cllr. C. Murphy and Cllr. J. Murphy

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined the details of motion no. 21 for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

Related Submission on Draft Plan:	CLW-C10-43
Related NOM on Draft Plan:	N/A
Motion:	<u>Kildavin Village</u> To increase the number of units from 10 no – 15 no units on an increased site area from 1ha-1.5ha to provide increased residential opportunities within the settlement of Kildavin.
Chief Executive’s Response	
Kildavin is designated as a larger serviced village in the Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 with an allocation of 16 no. units over the Plan period. Further to the details of submission no. CLW-C10-43 and the reconsideration of lands proposed for new residential, it has been recommended that an area of 1ha be zoned new residential to accommodate 10 no. units. It is considered that a residual provision of 5 no. number units providing for a scheme of 15 units at this location would not have a material impact on the core strategy figures for the settlement and could be appropriately accommodated on the site subject to appropriate siting and design considerations. A scheme of 15 no. units would be deemed an appropriate scale of development for the settlement and subject to appropriate siting and design would maintain the character of the settlement in accordance with the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas.	
Chief Executive’s Recommendation	
To increase the area zoned new residential from 1.0ha to 1.5ha and include a specific objective that a maximum of 15 no. units maybe considered subject to high-quality siting and design, and compliance with all other relevant proper planning and sustainable development considerations.	




It was noted that submission no. CLW-C10-43 also referred.

Cllr. C. Murphy queried whether a Strategic Reserve option for to accommodate 10-15 units could be considered for this site. In response Ms. Sweeney, Senior Planner informed the meeting that the site was affected by such factors as flooding and would not pass a justification test and that a Strategic Reserve zoning would not be appropriate for the rear of the site.

Following a further discussion the material amendment recommended by the Chief Executive with regard to notice of motion no. 21 was proposed by Cllr. C. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. J. Murphy and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Notice of Motion no.22 submitted by Cllr. C. Murphy and J. Murphy

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, outlined the details of motion no. 22 for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

<p>Motion No:</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>Motion:</p>	<p><u>Ballon Small Town Plan</u> That provision be made for 20 number units within the curtilage of the site identified.</p> 
<p>Chief Executive's Response</p>	
<p>The site is located to the west of Ballon Village, immediately adjoining The Oaks housing development, and is accessed from a local road (the L3035). The road frontage of the site is partly within the 50km/hr speed limit zone, and there is an existing footpath and public lighting in place along the entire frontage of the site. The site is proximate to the local community centre and school, being less than 500m to the centre of the village.</p> <p>In terms of infrastructure, sufficient capacity exists in water and wastewater to accommodate development within Ballon. The site itself is not affected by flooding or a natural heritage designation, however it does contain a recorded archaeological monument which may impact on any future design / layout considerations.</p> <p>Under the provisions of the Core Strategy, Ballon has an allocation of an additional 62no. units, and any increase in the unit allocation must be proportionate and in accordance with national policy/guidance. In this regard the maximum residual provision over and above the Core Strategy allocation that could be considered is 15 no. units (max). Having regard to the density allocation as recommended in the Draft Plan and the Chief Executive's Report it is considered that a maximum site area of 1.5 ha be zoned new residential to accommodate a maximum of 15 no. units subject to compliance with design and siting considerations, which shall be informed by detailed archaeological assessment together with all other proper planning and environmental considerations.</p>	
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation</p>	
<p>To extend the town boundary and zone 1.5ha for new residential and to include a specific objective pertaining to these lands. It is an objective of the Council to consider the provision of a maximum of 15 no. residential units, subject to a high-quality design and siting considerations which shall be informed by detailed archaeological assessments as maybe</p>	

deemed appropriate. A proposed scheme shall also seek to address the adjoining public road through a layout that incorporates active frontage to the road, while providing high-quality landscaping and public open space provision, and shall comply all other proper planning and sustainable development considerations as appropriate.

Cllr. J. Murphy proposed the number of units be increased to 20 units on a 2.0ha site and the balance of the site to be zoned Strategic Reserve. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. C. Murphy and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

Notice of motions raised during the meeting

(i) Site at Bog Lane, Borris

Cllr. Quinn referred to a site at Bog Lane, Borris and proposed that the site be considered for 20 serviced sites. He indicated that the roads infrastructure would be completed by the developer. He stated that he would be proposing 10 sites for this Development Plan and the balance of 10 sites be zoned for Strategic Reserve. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. W. Paton.



Mr. Michael Rainey, Director of Services stated that he could not support this proposal as the requirements for towns and villages had already been exceeded and the proposal would be considered unsustainable and not compatible with other Towns and Villages. In addition, he stated that the site was located beside an industrial site between two industrial zones which would not be considered an appropriate location for residential development.

Following a further discussion on the matter the proposal of Cllr. W. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. W. Paton that 10 serviced sites be accommodated in the County Development Plan and that the balance of 10 sites be zoned Strategic Reserve was put to a roll call vote as follows:

Member of Carlow County Council	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Fergal Browne		√		
John Cassin	√			
Andrea Dalton		√		
Michael Doran			√	
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella			√	
Arthur McDonald		√		
John McDonald			√	
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy	√			
John Murphy		√		
Brian O'Donoghue			√	
Tom O'Neill			√	
William Paton	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan		√		
William Quinn	√			
Adrienne Wallace	√			

Decision/Resolution: Motion Passed

(ii) *Site in Hacketstown*

Cllr. J. Pender indicated that he wished to propose the zoning of a 1.9 hectare site in Hacketstown for 20 houses. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. J. McDonald.



Mr. Michael Rainey, Director of Services stated that 14 units could be considered for this site subject to retaining the riparian zone along the stream as open space and would be compatible with the scale of growth for other towns and villages.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Pender and seconded by Cllr. J. McDonald that the 20 units be accommodated on the site.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Kinsella and seconded by Cllr. A. Wallace that 14 units be accommodated on the site.

The proposal of Cllr. J. Pender, seconded by Cllr. J. McDonald to zone 1.9 hectares in Hacketstown to accommodate 20 units was put to a roll call vote as follows:

Member of Carlow County Council	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin		√		
Andrea Dalton			√	
Michael Doran	√			
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella		√		
Arthur McDonald	√			
John McDonald	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy		√		
John Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue	√			
Tom O'Neill	√			
William Paton	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn	√			
Adrienne Wallace			√	

Decision/Resolution: Motion Passed

Chapter 16: Development Management

No Material Amendments as recommended to Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 285-292)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the Chief Executive’s recommendations for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

Submission no change recommended:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to encouraging more sustainable energy efficient development (CLW-C10-3) • Reference to grid connection route options to safeguard national road network (CLW-C10-16) • Requirement for glint and glare assessments relating to national roads (CLW-C10-16)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for car parking and bicycle standards (CLW-C10-97) • Request for inclusion of reference to Waste Management Infrastructure – Guidance for Siting Waste Management Facilities (CLW-C10-107)
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The recommendations of the Chief Executive of no change to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report and in the table above were:

Proposed by Cllr. A. Dalton
Seconded by Cllr. W. Paton
And agreed following a show of hands

Proposed Material Amendments recommended to the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Chief Executive’s Report pages 285 – 292)

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined for the benefit of the meeting the proposed material amendments (highlighted in green) being recommended by the Chief Executive to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

Material Amendments Recommended:	<p>Section 16.10.11 Car Parking</p> <p>(*) Insert addition text to Section 16.10.11 ‘Car Parking’ regarding flexibility in parking standards in accordance with NPO13 as follows:</p> <p><i>National Policy Objective 13 of the NPF advocates that planning standards should be flexibly applied in response to well-designed development proposals that can achieve urban infill and brownfield development objectives in settlements of all sizes. The development management standards regarding car parking provision may be relaxed in urban infill and brownfield sites subject to strict qualitative criteria and provided public safety is not compromised and the environment is suitably protected</i></p> <p>Section 16.10.12 EV Charging Points</p> <p>(*) Amend Section 16.10.2 ‘EV Charging Points’ (page 517) and include additional text to reflect updated legislative requirements:</p> <p>All developments should provide facilities for the charging of battery-operated cars at a minimum rate of 10% of the total car parking spaces or as maybe updated by national guidance. in accordance with the standards in in S.I. No. 393/2021 EU (Energy Performance of Buildings) Regulations 2021 and Table X below, or as maybe updated by national legislation and guidance.</p> <p>The remainder of the car parking spaces should be constructed (wiring and ducting) so as to be capable of accommodating future charging points, as required.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">EV Charging Points</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residential multi-unit developments both new buildings and buildings undergoing major renovations (with private car</td> <td>A minimum of 1 EV charge p five car parking spaces (ducti car parking space shall also b</td> </tr> </table>	EV Charging Points		Residential multi-unit developments both new buildings and buildings undergoing major renovations (with private car	A minimum of 1 EV charge p five car parking spaces (ducti car parking space shall also b
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	spaces including visitor car parking spaces).		
	New dwellings with in-curtilage car parking.	Installation of appropriate infrastructure to enable installation of recharging points for EVs.	
	Non-residential developments (with private car parking spaces including visitor car parking spaces with more than 10 spaces e.g. office developments).	Provide at least 1 recharging point, and a minimum of 1 space per five car parking spaces should be equipped with one fully functional EV charging point.	
	Developments with publicly accessible spaces (e.g. supermarket car park, cinema etc.)	Provide at least 1 recharging point, and a minimum of 1 space per five car parking spaces should be equipped with one fully functional EV Charging Point.	
<p>Section 16.11.5 Construction and Environmental Management Plans (*) Amend Section 16.11.5 (k) ‘Construction and Environmental Management Plans’ and include reference to EPA Best practice Guidance:</p> <p>16.11.5 Construction and Environmental Management Plans <i>Construction Environment Management Plans shall be a requirement of any major planning permission for residential, community, employment or infrastructure related development and implemented throughout the construction / operational period as appropriate. The Plan shall be prepared having regard to the EPA Best Practice Guidelines for the preparation of Resource Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Waste Projects, Such plans shall incorporate relevant mitigation measures which have been integrated into the plan / project and where relevant any Environmental Impact Assessment or Appropriate Assessment.</i></p> <p>CEMPs typically provide details of intended construction practice for the proposed development, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>disposal of construction/demolition waste and details of how it is proposed to manage excavated soil, including compliance with the EPA’s ‘Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource Management Plans for Construction & Demolition Projects 2021, which supersedes previous 2006 Guidelines published by the 2006 Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government; (CLW-C10-107)</i> <p>Section 16.12.1 Built Environment – Climate Action (*) Insert additional text referencing sustainable products in Section 16.12.1 ‘Built Environment- Climate Action’:</p> <p><i>Section 16.12.1 Built Environment – Climate Action</i></p>			

*The Council will encourage all new development proposals to incorporate sustainable building practices, **sustainable products** and incorporate design and layout criteria which minimise energy use, including by passive solar design, energy efficient building design and emission reduction measures. (CLW-C10-42)*

Section 16.15.1 Tourism Development

(*) Insert addition bullet referencing promotion of accessible tourism to Section 16.15.1 ‘Tourism Development’ :

Any proposal for a tourism related activity or development shall include a supporting business and design statement outlining the following:

- **Promotion of accessible tourism and provision of inclusive access** (CLW-C10-60)

Section 16.16 Extractive Industries

(*) Insert addition text in green to bullet point in Section 16.16.3 Extractive Industries’ referencing established rights of way:

16.16.3 Extractive Industries

The development, continuation of use or diversification of activities relating to the extractive industry will be assessed having regard to the Quarrying and Ancillary Activities (DEHLG 2004) (or any superseding national policy document, Guidelines for Environmental Management in the Extractive Industry (EPA, 2006), Guidance on Biodiversity in the Extractive Industry (NPWS), GSI’s Geological Heritage Guidelines for the Extractive Industry (2008), the Archaeological Code of Practice (2009) and the Irish Concrete Federation Environmental Code (2005) and any other relevant superseding policy guidance.

Applicants should submit the following information at application stage:

- Map showing total site area, area to be excavated, and any ancillary proposed development, nearest dwellings or any other development (within 1 km of the site), **including any established rights of way through the site;** (CLW-C10-60)

(*) Amend Table 16.9 ‘Land Use Zoning Categories, Objectives and Land Use Acceptability’ Ref: E Neighbourhood Facilities / Centre.

Table 16.9: Land Use Zoning Categories, Objectives and Land Use Acceptability

Insert additional text in Table 16.9 Neighbourhood Facilities / Centre Objective and Guidance - ***An element of residential maybe considered appropriate subject to achieving the protection of residential amenities and compliance with development management standards.*** (CLW-C10-29)

(*) **Amend the Permitted in Principal Uses under the zoning objective for Neighbourhood Facilities/Centre, provided in Table 16.9, from ‘Shop (convenience ≤ 1,500 sqm)’ to ‘Shop (convenience ≤ 1,200 sqm net)’.**

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, informed the meeting that no notices of motion were received in respect of Chapter 16: Development Management.

The proposed material amendments as recommended in the Chief Executive's Report to be made to Chapter 16: Development Management highlighted in green in the above table were:

Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton
Seconded by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue
And agreed following a show of hands

Volume II: Appendices

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined in summary, details of the of the updated text reflecting changes to the appendices arising from submissions received for the benefit of the meeting as follows:

Appendix I & II	Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment
Appendix III	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment including additional justification tests / text for Ballon, Borris, Leighlinbridge and Palatine ((CLW- C10-101 – OPR) (CLW-C10- 24 OPW)
Appendix IV	HNDA / Housing including Supplemental Assessment – Affordable Housing
Appendix V	Retail Strategy (response to submissions (CLW-C10-96)
Appendix VI	Renewable Energy Strategy (response to submissions) (CLW-C10-19) (CLW-C10-26), (CLW-C10-51), (CLW-C10-72), (CLW-C10-76), (CLW-C10-92) (CLW-C10-93) (CLW-C10-115)
Appendix VII	Landscape Character Assessment (response to submission (CLW-C10-112)
Appendix VIII	Record of Protected Structures (See Chapter 10 above)
Appendix X	Infrastructure Assessment (CLW-C10-101- OPR)

The text changes as outlined in the Chief Executive's Report and in the table above were proposed by Cllr. W. Paton, seconded by Cllr. B. O'Donoghue and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams.

The placing on public display of the material amendments to the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028:

Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran
Seconded by Cllr. J. Pender

and a roll call vote taken as follows:

Member of Carlow County Council	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Fergal Browne	√			
John Cassin	√			
Andrea Dalton	√			
Michael Doran	√			
Andy Gladney	√			
Thomas Kinsella	√			
Arthur McDonald	√			
John McDonald	√			
Ken Murnane	√			
Charlie Murphy	√			
John Murphy	√			
Brian O'Donoghue	√			
Tom O'Neill	√			
William Paton	√			
John Pender	√			
Fintan Phelan	√			
William Quinn	√			
Adrienne Wallace	√			

Whereby, based on the roll call vote, it was unanimously agreed by the Members that, having considered the Draft Plan and the Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received circulated to the Members on 24th November 2021 in accordance with the provisions of Section 12(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), at the meeting of Carlow County Council on 3rd February, 2022 hereby resolve, to amend the Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028, as recommended by the Chief Executive and as further amended by way of motions and resolutions agreed at the Special Council Meeting on 3rd February 2022 and agree to proceed in accordance with Section 12 (7) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended).

Cllr. Phelan then advised that the material amendments would be placed on public display within a period of three (3) weeks of the passing of the resolution. He informed the meeting that once on public display, members of the public then have a period of four (4) weeks to view and make submissions or observations on the material amendments. He further advised that within a period of 8 weeks of the publication of the notice of material amendments, a further Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received must be submitted for the consideration of the Elected Members.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Elected Members, the Chief Executive and the Forward Planning team for the work carried out to date on the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028.

The Chief Executive thanked the Cathaoirleach and Elected Members, Director of Services and the Forward Planning Team.

This concluded the business of the meeting.