



**Comhairle Contae  
Dhún na nGall  
Donegal County Council**

*Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended),  
Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended)*

**Review of the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 (As Varied), Preparation of a New  
County Development Plan 2024-2030, Environmental Report and Natura Impact Report**

**Notice** is hereby given pursuant to Part II, Section 11 (1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), that Donegal County Council intends to review the existing County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 (As Varied) and to prepare a new County Donegal Development Plan, 2024-2030 for the functional area of Donegal County Council.

The preparation of a new Development Plan for the County will be strategic in nature for the purposes of developing objectives and policies to deliver an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area of the County Development Plan and the Core Strategy. The Plan will also incorporate: a Local Area Plan for Buncrana; a Local Area Plan for Bundoran; and a Settlement Framework Plan for Ballybofey/Stranorlar Dealing Exclusively With Potential Economic Development Opportunities Arising from the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal.

**Strategic Environmental Assessment** – In compliance with the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2001/42/EC) and in accordance with Article 13B of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), the Planning Authority proposes to (I) carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment as part of the review of the existing County Development Plan and the preparation of a new County Development Plan, and (II) for this purpose, the planning authority will prepare an Environmental Report of the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the new plan.

**Appropriate Assessment** - Pursuant to the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 94/43/ECC and Section 177U of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), a Stage One Appropriate Assessment Screening of the new County Development Plan shall be carried out as part of the process, and a Stage Two Appropriate Assessment (AA) shall be carried out, if required.

**Issues Papers and Public Consultation**

To inform the preparation of the new County Development Plan, the Council is carrying out a preliminary consultation exercise as required by Section 11 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). It is within that context that submissions or observations regarding the preparation of the new County Development Plan are being invited.

Further information on the purpose and content of the new County Development Plan, together with Issues Papers can be accessed at [www.donegaldevplan.ie](http://www.donegaldevplan.ie)

A copy of the Issues Papers may also be inspected during normal office hours, Monday to Thursday (9.00am to 12.30pm and 1.00pm to 5.00pm) and Friday (9am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 4.30pm) from 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 (both dates inclusive) at the following Council offices:

- The Planning Office, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford.
- Letterkenny Public Services Centre, Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny.
- Milford Public Services Centre, Main St., Milford.

- Dungloe Public Services Centre, Gweedore Road, Dungloe.
- Carndonagh Public Services Centre, Malin Road, Carndonagh.
- Donegal Public Services Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town.

The Issues Papers may also be inspected at the library facilities in the County during their respective normal opening hours.

Submissions or observations regarding objectives and policies to deliver an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area of the County Development Plan may be made in writing between 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 (both dates inclusive) to the Planning Authority at: The Central Planning Unit, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, F93Y622. Submissions or observations may also be emailed to [donegaldevplan@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:donegaldevplan@donegalcoco.ie) (please insert following in 'Subject Title' bar: **Donegal Dev Plan**). Submissions made via email must include the full name and address of the person making the submission.

**Note: Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. hard copy or email. The final date for the receipt of submissions is 4.30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.** Written submissions or observations redacted for privacy purposes shall, save in exceptional circumstances, be published on the website of the authority within 10 working days of its receipt by that authority.

Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are entitled to make submissions or observations.

The Planning Authority intends to review the zoning of the area of the County Development Plan for the purposes of developing objectives and policies to deliver an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area of the County Development Plan and for the purposes of developing the Core Strategy. Requests or proposals for zoning of particular land for any purpose shall not be considered at this stage. There will be an opportunity to make submissions on zoning at a later stage of the process.

Further announcements will be made on the media and social media in relation to public consultation events during April/early May, 2022.

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