

Notice of the Preparation of the Donegal County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council has, pursuant to Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, prepared a Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

Submissions or observations can be made within the period specified in this notice on the:

- Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan from Thursday 9th November to Friday 8th
 December 2023 at 4:00pm (both dates inclusive); and
- from Thursday 9th November to Thursday 21st December 2023 at 4:00pm (both dates inclusive) for the Natura Impact Statement and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report.

The Draft Donegal County Council Climate Action sets out how the local authority will promote a range of mitigation, adaptation, and other climate action measures, to help deliver on the national climate obligations and the Government's overall national Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

The Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 is accompanied by an Environmental Report, prepared in accordance with the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I.435 of 2004 as amended by S.I. 200 of 2011) for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Statement, pursuant to Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

Submissions or observations on Donegal County Council's Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 and on the environmental reports (SEA Environmental Report and Natura Impact Statement) are hereby invited in writing from statutory bodies, the public and any interested parties. All written submissions or observations will be duly considered and taken into consideration before the making of the final plan.

Copies of the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected at the following locations:

- Online at https://consult.donegal.ie/
- Donegal County Council Offices and Public Service Centres: Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm
 - County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co. Donegal, F93 Y622

- Drumlonagher, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal, F94 DK6C
- Bóthar Ghaoth Dobhair, An Clochán Liath, Co. Donegal, F94 H4CF
- Malin Road, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal, F93 YV1N
- Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, F92 TNY3
- Main Street, Milford, Co. Donegal, F92 TD0P

Submissions may be made as follows:

- 1. Online via https://consult.Donegal.ie/
- 2. By email to climatereadydonegal@donegalcoco.ie
- 3. In writing to: Climate Action Team, Donegal County Council, Old Army Barracks, Lifford, Co. Donegal, F93 W586.
- Please make your submission by one medium only, i.e. online or email or post.
- All submissions should include your name and a contact address and, where relevant, details of
 any organisation, community group or company etc., which you represent. In order to assist us
 in complying with Data Protection and GDPR please include this information on a separate sheet
 to the content of your submission/observation.
- Submissions or aspects of submissions relating to the Environmental Reports (Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and/or natura Impact Report) should be clearly marked as such.
- In respect of making a submission or observation please note the following: Children or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are entitled, and encouraged to make submissions or observations on the Draft CAP.
- You should ensure that no vexatious, libellous, or confidential information, including confidential
 information relating to a third party (in respect of which the third party has not expressly, or
 impliedly in the circumstances consented to its disclosure) is included in your submission.
 Donegal County Council reserves the right to redact any submission or part thereof that does not
 comply with this requirement.
- This processing of your personal data is lawful under Article 6 (1) (e) of the GDPR regulations. The Council's Data Protection Policy is available on the Council website.
- Donegal County Council is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act (as amended).
- The personal information (data) collected during the consultation process (which may include
 the collection of sensitive personal data) is collected for the purpose of receiving and dealing
 with submissions and any data collected is subject to Donegal County Council's privacy
 statement which can be found at <u>Data Protection Privacy Statement010618</u> (donegalcoco.ie)

Dated: Thursday 9th November 2023

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Director of Service

Water & Environment