



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

*Planning and Development Act 2000(as amended)
Planning and Development Regulations 2001(as amended)*

Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 (As Varied) in respect of the deletion of Letterkenny-specific policy content

Take Notice that:

1. Whereas statutory planning policy for Letterkenny is currently contained in the County Donegal Development Plan, 2018-2024 (As Varied) ('the CDP'), on 13th November, 2023 Donegal County Council adopted a new Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan 2023-2029. The new Plan will come into effect on 3rd January, 2024. As the CDP will remain effective until July 2024, there would be two statutory land use plans in place at the same time for Letterkenny for a period of approximately six months in the absence of the adoption of the proposed Variation. Furthermore, the contemporary Local Area Plan would, by law, be subservient to the older CDP. To regularise this situation, Donegal County Council is proposing to remove the Letterkenny-specific content from the CDP by means of a statutory Variation in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended). Of note is that the proposed Variation will not introduce any new policy.
2. The Council has also prepared the following associated reports:
 - (i.) An Appropriate Assessment Screening of the Proposed Variation in accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (92/443/EEC) and Part XAB of the above-noted Act; and
 - (ii.) A Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening of the Proposed Variation in accordance with the requirements of Article 13K of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended).
3. A copy of the Proposed Variation and associated documents listed at Pt. 2 above may be inspected between Friday 1st December, 2023 and Monday 8th January, 2024 at the following locations:
 - (i.) on the Council's website at consult.donegal.ie
 - (ii.) at the following Council offices during normal office hours (9am-4.30pm):
 - Reception, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford.
 - Letterkenny Public Services Centre, Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny.
 - Milford Public Services Centre, Main St., Milford.
 - An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Public Services Centre, Gweedore Road, An Clochán Liath.
 - Carndonagh Public Services Centre, Malin Road, Carndonagh.
 - Donegal Town Public Services Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town and
 - (iii.) at the library facilities in the County during their respective opening hours.
4. Hard copies of the documents are also available for purchase from the Planning Department's Central Planning Unit (please contact 074 9153900 or email planningcpu@donegalcoco.ie

5. Written submissions or observations may be made to the Planning Authority between Friday 1st December, 2023 and Monday 8th January, 2024. Such submissions will be taken into consideration before the making of the variation. Submissions may be made in one of the following ways:

- Via the Consultation portal at consult.donegal.ie
- By email to: planningcpu@donegalcoco.ie (please insert following in 'Subject Title' bar: **CDP Variation Letterkenny**)
- By post addressed to: **Letterkenny CDP Variation, Central Planning Unit, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal, F93 Y622.**

The deadline for submissions is on or before **4.30pm** on **Monday 8th January, 2024.**

Please note that submissions (redacted for privacy purposes) will be published on the Council's website in accordance with S.13(3A) of the above-noted Act.

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