



Letterkenny CDP Variation
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RE: DONEGAL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2024 (AS VARIED): PROPOSAL TO DELETE LETTERKENNY-SPECIFIC CONTENT

A Chara,

I refer to your notification on 1 December 2023 of Donegal County Council's proposal to delete Letterkenny-specific content from the Donegal County Development Plan 2018-2024, by making a Variation to the said plan.

On 17 February 2023, the Northern and Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) made a submission to the Council on the Draft Letterkenny Local Area Plan (LAP). In that submission, the Assembly recommended that the Council review the legal and logistical implications of proceeding with the Lettekenny Local Area Plan in circumstances whereby the County Development Plan had not been made consistent with the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. It was further suggested that a variation to the CDP was a potential route to address the matter.

On 08 September 2023, the Assembly made a submission to the Council on Material Alterations to the Draft Letterkenny LAP, this submission generally reflected that the Material Alternations illustrated overall a greater consistency with the RSES.

The Assembly note that the purpose of this Variation is to reflect that the policy framework for Letterkenny is now provided within the Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan 2023 – 2029 and that it supersedes policy provisions within the County Development Plan specific to Letterkenny. The Assembly welcomes the proposed deletion of the Letterkenny-specific content from the County Development Plan 2018-2024.

Notwithstanding, it is considered that the Variation may benefit from further clarification being provided through Proposed Amendment 1 (Section 1.6: 'Local Area Plan Programme') to confirm that the Letterkenny Local Plan and Local Transport Plan 2023-2029 has been adopted and that it now provides the local planning policy framework for Letterkenny.

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I trust that the above is of assistance and the Assembly wish to thank Donegal County Council for the opportunity given to provide this submission. If you have any queries in respect of the above, then do not hesitate to revert.

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