



# Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027

Introduction

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### Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan

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## **Format of Proposed Amendments Report**

For ease of reference, the proposed amendments to the *Draft Roscommon County Development Plan 2021 – 2027* are presented in each of the separate documents of the Draft Plan in which they occur.

- **Volume I**

Proposed Amendments to Volume I of the *Draft Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027*.

- **Volume II**

Proposed Amendments to Volume II of the *Draft Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027*.

- **Record of Protected Structures**

Proposed Amendments to the *Record of Protected Structures* which forms part of the *Draft Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027*.

- **Renewable Energy Strategy**

Proposed Amendments to the *Renewable Energy Strategy* which forms part of the Draft Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027.

- **SEA, AA & SFRA**

Proposed Amendments to the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Natura Impact Report and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

These Amendments will be presented in the three separate environmental reports.

# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Proposed Amendments and Material Alterations to the Draft Roscommon Development Plan 2021-2027

The *Draft Roscommon County Development Plan 2021 – 2027* was placed on public display from Wednesday 21st April 2021 to Friday 2nd July 2021. A total of 160 submissions and observations were received during that period in response to this prescribed stage of public consultation.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 12(4)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), a Chief Executive's Report was prepared, which summarised the submissions received on the Draft Plan and provided the response and recommendations of the Chief Executive on the issues raised.

The Elected Members of Roscommon County Council considered the *Draft Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027* and the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received and resolved, at a Special Council Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021, to amend the *Draft Roscommon County Development Plan*. The proposed amendments constitute a Material Alterations of the Draft Plan.

In accordance with Section 12 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended), Roscommon County Council has screened the Proposed Material Alterations and has determined that Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) are required with respect to certain proposed Material Alterations. The likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the proposed Material Alterations have been assessed. The SEA and AA have been undertaken within the 3 week period following the resolution of Members on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Consequently a further period for the preparation of the SEA and AA, as facilitated under Section 12 (7)(ab) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), is not required.

Further to the resolution of the Council to amend the Draft Plan, in accordance with Section 12(7)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) the proposed Material Alterations will be placed on public display "for a period of not less than 4 weeks" from 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 until 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (both dates inclusive).<sup>1</sup> Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed Material Alterations, the associated SEA Screening Determination and SEA Environmental Report (which includes information on the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the proposed amendment) and the associated AA Screening Determination and AA Natura Impact Report may be made during the public consultation period.

## 1.2 Submissions/Observations

All observations or submissions received in respect of the proposed Material Alterations and associated environmental reports during the above time period will be taken into consideration before the making of the *Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027*.

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<sup>1</sup> The public display period reflects the provisions of Section 251 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and takes into account the 9 day period during Christmas and New Year.

Submissions or observations may be made either:

(a) In writing to: Planning Department, Roscommon County Council, Áras an Chontae, Roscommon, F42 VR98. (Correspondence to be marked 'Draft Roscommon County Development Plan 2021 – 2027')

**or**

(b) In electronic format on the dedicated website at [www.rosdevplan.ie](http://www.rosdevplan.ie)

Submissions or observations that are emailed **cannot** be considered and will be returned.

**The deadline for receipt of all submissions is 5.30pm on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

Submission should be made by one medium only i.e. in hard copy or via the website.

Please note that submissions that do not relate to a proposed amendment or associated environmental reports cannot be taken into consideration. Submissions should quote the relevant material alteration reference number(s).

### 1.3 How this document is organised

Each of the proposed amendments to the Draft Plan are assigned a unique reference number and the original position in the *Draft Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027* is referenced where applicable (references to page numbers are to the *Draft Roscommon County Development Plan* page number).

Where changes to the text of the Draft Plan are recommended, they are displayed in the following format:

- Proposed new text is identified in green.
- Proposed text omissions from the Draft Plan are identified by a single red line ~~strikethrough~~.

A number of proposed amendments relate to the inclusion of additional policy objectives. The inclusion of same will necessitate an overall re-numbering of policy objectives from those contained in the Draft Plan. Prior to the finalisation of the suite of policy objectives, proposed new policy objective numbers are labelled as **TBC** i.e. representing that the policy objective number is to be confirmed later.

Of the amendments proposed, a number pertain to land use zoning changes and related content contained in the Settlement Plan, Village Plan and Area Plan maps contained in Volume II of the Draft Plan. For ease of reference and to assist in comparing the amendments, each relevant original map from the Draft Plan will be included in advance of the map identifying the proposed amendments.

### 1.4 Reference to Chief Executive's Report on Submissions received on the *Draft Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027*

For ease of reference a table has been provided in an appendix at the end of each of the individual plan documents which identifies which Chief Executive's Recommendation each proposed amendment refers to. Amendments proposed in resolutions by Members, in addition to those arising from the Chief Executive's Recommendations, are also identified in each appendix table.

## 1.5 Next Steps

Following the conclusion of the public consultation period on the proposed Material Alterations on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022, a further Chief Executive's report will be prepared on all submissions or observations received during this stage of the consultation and recommendations will be made in response to the issues raised. The report will be submitted to the Elected Members for their consideration. Having considered the proposed amendments to the Draft Plan and the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received, the Elected Members may, by resolution, make the Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027 with or without amendment.<sup>2</sup>

Figure 1 below provides a summary of the key actions at this concluding stage of the plan preparation process.

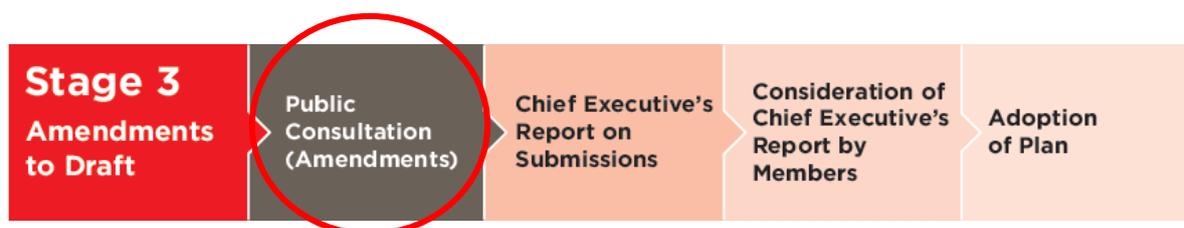
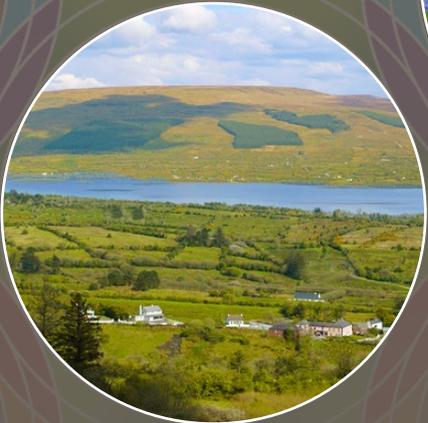


Fig. 1: (Final) Stage 3 of the Development Plan preparation process

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<sup>2</sup> In accordance with Section 12(10)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), further amendments may only be minor in nature.





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