



Your Ref: Boyle Local Area Plan
Our Ref: **FP2022-039**
(Please quote in all related correspondence)

28 July 2022

Planning Department,
Roscommon County Council,
Aras an Chontae,
Roscommon.
F42 VR98

Via online submission at www.rosdevplan.ie

Re: Notification pursuant to Section 20(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Re: Pre-Draft Issues Paper Consultation for Boyle Local Area Plan 2023 - 2029

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I refer to correspondence on 1st July received in connection with the above.

Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated headings.

Archaeology

The Department recommends that the importance of Boyle's archaeological monuments to the town's identity, tourism offering and heritage and green infrastructure, should be highlighted in the new plan.

The importance of protecting this finite and fragile archaeological resource, particularly in development contexts, should also be made clear.

Policies 51-55 and objectives 73-83 in chapter 6 (Built and Natural Heritage) and policy 38 and objectives 67-69 in chapter 5 (Recreation, Leisure and Tourism) of the current Local Area Plan, should be included in the new plan.

Nature Conservation

The pre-draft, pre-planning stage of the plan formation may not be the place for detailed proposals, but it is desirable that the plan attempts to accommodate the natural heritage of Boyle town as much as is possible. If not already in place, it would be desirable to look at



measures to avoid or minimise the use of pesticides in the management of the town's parks and open spaces, to look at the potential for the cessation (or the reduction) of mowing in at least some verge or other grassland areas (with the potential for the creation of wildflower meadow areas), the implementation of actions from the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, to look at the potential for providing nesting sites for Swift and House Martin in public buildings, and to explore measures for the protection of the Boyle River and for habitat creation/enhancement within it.

You are requested to send any further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at manager.dau@housing.gov.ie, where used, or to the following address:

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