

## Submission for Roscommon Town Local Area Plan

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1. The plan needs to ensure that the archaeological importance of the area both above and below ground leading from the Gaol to Roscommon Castle to the Racecourse Road is planned for and that this area needs to be subject to correct preservation measures within the context of the Local Area Plan
2. Roscommon Military Barracks (Edenville House) - I would like the zoning to be "community infrastructure" as per the previous LAP so that social, cultural, educational and community uses for the building and environs can be fulfilled
3. Railway station - areas and buildings around same - I would like to see that this entire area (including Roscommon Military Barracks/Edenville house, Roscommon Railway Station and related buildings and the Railway Station Master's House) be designated as an architecturally important area - to develop a space to celebrate history and heritage of this particular area, as an extension of the LAP Architectural Conservation Area
4. The lands in the Roscommon Town Draft LAP 2024 - 2030 marked as Residential Opportunity Site, Castle Avenue should be zoned as Town Core as per the previous plan in the interest of protecting Roscommon Castle and its environs
5. Protected views of Roscommon Castle - these need to be included in the Roscommon LAP 2024-2030
6. As part of the Roscommon Town Draft LAP 2024-2030, a local transport plan should be prepared for the town and its immediate environs to demonstrate a commitment to enhancing access for all. The plan should incorporate pedestrian walking facilities (e.g. include ramps for easy access), cycle lane facilities, and enhancement of infrastructure to ensure access for those with mobility issues (e.g. improved access for children's buggies, wheelchair (including electric) access, those with walking challenges). The plan should include an audit of parking spaces to create more disability and age-friendly parking spaces. Provision also needs to be made to develop local transport infrastructure such as bus/taxi lanes, allowing those living outside the core to access the town's services and facilities
7. EV car charging points - more of these should be developed and strategically placed throughout the town to facilitate the move to reduction of negative impacts of climate change

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