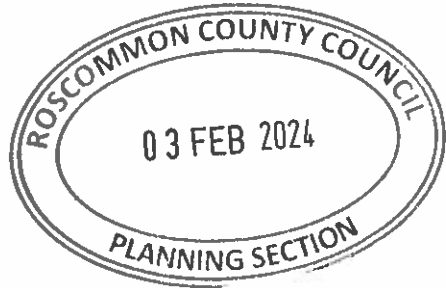




Mote Park Conservation Group

Mote Park, Roscommon

Roscommon County Council,
Aras an Chontae,
Roscommon.



2nd February 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Mote Park Conservation Group I wish to make the following submission to Roscommon Town Local Area Plan:

1. Reference should be made in the Roscommon Town Local Area Plan 2024 – 2030 to the popular and important recreation and tourist area of Mote Park, the entrance to which is immediately adjoining the southern boundary of Roscommon Town. The Plan should include that greater linkages need to be developed from Roscommon Town Centre through the provision of active travel infrastructure and wayfinding signage to Mote Park via the *Salters Gatehouse* entrance and the off-link road from the Golf Club to Hannon’s Hotel (see map below). These access points are heavily used by walkers and cyclists for recreation purposes to access St. Coman’s Walking Trail, Mote Park Heritage Walkway, Derrydonnell Trails and Mote Park Interactive Heritage Tour.



2. Appendix 2 containing the list of the Record of Protected Structures within and in the hinterland of Roscommon Town should also include the protected structures in Mote Park which are at no greater distance from the town boundary as for example Munsboro House, Roxborough House and Hazelbrook House which are included in the list.
3. Edenville House and its attending grounds should be zoned Community Infrastructure as per the zoning on previous Roscommon Local Area Plans. This protected structure and its site offers a unique opportunity for the development of a centre for community, education and heritage uses for the town.
4. The identification of the site at the former Casey's Garage as Opportunity Site No. 1 – Circular Road for the delivery of new residential development should be removed from the Local Area Plan. This prime site at the entrance to the town is being considered as the location for a much needed Regional Apprenticeship Training College which will bring with it considerable economic and societal benefits to Roscommon Town. The suggestion of a significant part of this site in the Plan for residential development has the potential to jeopardise the towns chances of securing the Training College.
5. The identification of back lands to the southern side of Castle Street as Opportunity Site No. 4 – Castle Lane for the delivery of new residential development should be removed from the Local Area Plan. These lands should be zoned Town Core only as per the previous Local Area Plan in the interest of protecting Roscommon Castle.
6. Section 8.3 of the Roscommon Town Local Area Plan 2024 – 2030, Natural Heritage should emphasise the protection of existing mature trees in and around the town through the introduction of Tree Preservation Orders. This section of the Plan should also contain references for the promotion and enhancement of biodiversity throughout business and residential areas of the town.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary

