



Proposed Material Alterations to the Roscommon Town Draft Local Area Plan 2024-2030

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Dear Mr. Brian Farragher,

Please find below comments from OPW East Regional Engineers.

In the development of Local Area Plans, Local Authorities should consider the Guidelines for Planning Authorities published in November 2009 by the Dept. of Environment, Heritage & Local Government.

These guidelines require the planning system at national, regional and local levels to:

- Avoid development in areas at risk of flooding, particularly floodplains, unless there are proven wider sustainability grounds that justify appropriate development and where the flood risk can be reduced or managed to an acceptable level without increasing flood risk elsewhere;
- Adopt a sequential approach to flood risk management when assessing the location for new development based on avoidance, reduction and mitigation of flood risk;
- Incorporate flood risk assessment into the process of making decisions on planning applications and planning appeals

For Local Area Plans, Chapters 3. Principles and Key Mechanisms & 4. Flooding and Spatial Planning, are most relevant and should be considered when formulating LAP's



Yours sincerely

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