



## **Carlow Climate Action Plan – Non-statutory, Pre-Draft Consultation**

The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act, 2021 enshrines the National Climate Objective to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy. The Amendment Act frames Ireland’s legally binding climate ambition of delivering a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 51% by 2030.

Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Amendment Act 2021 prescribes that:

*Each local authority shall prepare and make a plan relating to a period of five years (... referred to as a ‘local authority climate action plan’) which shall specify the mitigation and the adaptation measures to be adopted by the local authority’ on a trajectory to achieving climate neutrality by no later than the end of 2050.*

Local Authorities will have 12 months to complete their individual plans once directed by the Minister, with the direction to be made within 18 months of the coming into operation of the Act. It is anticipated that the Minister will issue this direction before March 2023.

Carlow County Council Climate Action Plan will actively translate national climate policy to local circumstances and Carlow County Council will be responsible for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from across our own assets and infrastructure, whilst also taking on a broader role of influencing and facilitating others to meet their own targets.

Carlow County Council Climate Action Plan will be based on the following guiding principles:

- Ambitious
- Action Focused
- Evidence Based
- Participative
- Transparent

Carlow County Council are currently building on the Carlow Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 and are progressing the establishment of the evidence base required for Carlow Climate Action Plan.

Building the Evidence Base includes the development of

- Climate Risk Assessment for the County
- Advancing works on the development and formation of a baseline emissions Inventory for Carlow Town and County, as well as the dedicated Decarbonization Zone.

## **Have your say**

In order to ensure that local based information is included, Carlow County Council are inviting observations and recommendations for consideration in the in the draft Climate Action Plan.

Submissions will be accepted from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 10am – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 5pm inclusive.

Submissions may be made as follows:

- Carlow County Council Public Consultation Portal <https://consult.carlow.ie>
- In writing addressed to:  
*Carlow Climate Action Plan January 23 Consultation.*  
*Administration Officer*  
*Carlow County Council,*  
*Environment & Water Services Department.*  
*The Assembly Rooms,*  
*40 Dublin St,*  
*Carlow R93 X3T5*

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