



CARLOW
COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PROPOSED VARIATION

Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018 (incorporating the Carlow Town Development Plan 2012-2018) as extended Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 13(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Article 7 (13K) of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 as amended that Carlow County Council has prepared Proposed Variation No. 3 to the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018 (incorporating the Carlow Town Development Plan 2012 – 2018) as extended.

The Proposed Variation seeks to:

- (a) Amend the land use zoning of an opportunity site (No. 10 Former Braun Site) O'Brien Road Carlow from "Industrial" to "Enterprise and Employment".

This is proposed in order to provide for the appropriate expansion of enterprise and employment lands providing a broader range of uses permissible on this strategic brownfield opportunity site within Carlow Town which is in the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

- (b) To include a specific objective to support the provisions of the Vacant Site Levy and to clarify the land use zonings for the application of the Vacant Site Levy.

This is proposed in order to give full effect to the provisions of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 regarding the Vacant Site Levy and urban renewal and regeneration into the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area (JSP) incorporating the Carlow Town Development Plan 2012-2018 (as extended) by, inter alia, including new policies / objectives for the development and renewal of designated residential and regeneration lands for the purposes of the levy that will facilitate achieving a compact and sustainable urban settlement.

- (c) To amend policy ENV P50 to support the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024, the Climate Action Plan 2019, the National Climate Change Adaptation Framework (2018 and any subsequent versions) the National Mitigation Plan (2017 and any subsequent versions) and the County Carlow Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 (or as may be amended).

This is proposed in order to support recent provisions pertaining to Climate Change including adaptation and mitigation which is in the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The proposed Variation (No. 3) is accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination and associated SEA Screening Report, prepared in accordance with the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended). The proposed Variation is also accompanied by an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report prepared in accordance with the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and it has been determined that an Appropriate Assessment (Stage 2) is not required.

A copy of the proposed Variation No. 3 to the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018 (incorporating the Carlow Town Development Plan 2012 – 2018) as extended, together with the Strategic Environmental Assessment, the Appropriate Assessment Screening Reports and Screening Determinations will be on public display and may be inspected during normal public opening hours from Friday 20th December 2019 to Tuesday 28th January 2020 inclusive at the following locations;

- Carlow County Council Offices, Athy Road, Carlow
- Carlow Library, Tullow Street, Carlow

The Proposed Variation is also available to view on www.carlow.ie

Written submissions or observations with respect to the Proposed Variation no. 3 to the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018 (incorporating Carlow Town Development Plan 2012 – 2018) as extended, the SEA and AA Screening Reports may be made in writing, to the Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department, Carlow County Council, Athy Road, Carlow or e-mailed to JSP@carlowcoco.ie before 5.00pm, Tuesday 28th January 2020. Submissions received within the statutory timeframe will be taken into consideration before the making of the variation.

Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are entitled to make submissions or observations to the proposed variation.

All submissions/observations to be clearly marked "Proposed Variation no. 3 to the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018 (incorporating the Carlow Town Development Plan 2012 – 2018) as extended"

NB. As this is a public consultation process, submissions may be made available for public viewing and will be published on the Council's website within 10 days of receipt, and consequently personal details such as address, e-mail address, and phone number should be submitted on a separate sheet accompanying any submissions or observations.

Fiona O'Neill, A/Director of Services,

Dated: 17th December 2019

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