



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Offaly County Council
Aras an Chontae
Charleville Rd
Tullamore
Co. Offaly

13th July 2021

Re: Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027

Our Reference: 1827

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed the Environmental Health Service consultation report in relation to the Offaly Development Plan 2021-2027.

The following HSE departments were notified of the consultation request for this development plan on 1st July 2021.

- Emergency Planning – Brendan Lawlor
- Estates – Helen Maher
- Assistant National Director for Health Protection – Kevin Kelleher / Laura Murphy
- CHO – Des O’Flynn

If you have any queries regarding this report please contact Terri Mullee, Principal Environmental Health Officer at Terri.mullee@hse.ie

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terri Mullee".

Terri Mullee
Principal Environmental Health Officer



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The Environmental Health Service (EHS) has reviewed the material alterations to the Draft Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027 and support and agree with the many comprehensive objectives outlined within. This development plan will have the effect of improving the health and wellbeing of the population of Offaly if its objectives are implemented in full.

Efficient implementation of the Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027 into clear and effective action is of the utmost importance. The progressive nature of the development plan will only be considered a success if it is effectively implemented.

Chapter 14 of the Offaly Development Plan discusses Implementation and Monitoring. Offaly County Council recognise the importance of the monitoring process and have stated *“As far as practicable, every effort has been made to formulate objectives that are specific, measurable, achievable and realistic”*. It is stated that a progress report on achieving the objectives will be prepared within 2 years of implementing the development plan.

It is stated that the Planning Department of the Council is the main section responsible for monitoring and implementing the Plan, mainly through the development management function. It is also noted that the Development Plan coordinates the work and objectives of other key departments within Offaly County Council, such as Local Economic Office, Environment and Water Services, Roads, Housing, Tourism, Regeneration, and Local Community Development.” Sources of funding have also been highlighted

No further details are provided on the nature of the progress reports or the data sources which will be utilised to monitor progress on the policy objectives outlined in the Development Plan.

1. It is recommended that criteria for ‘measuring progress’ is outlined for individual policy objectives (where applicable). Offaly County Council could consider setting specific targets in the Development Plan as a goal to work towards.



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2. Offaly County Council should highlight and promote areas where progress is being made and also examine areas where less was achieved and investigate the reasons why. Any barriers to the implementation of the policy objectives should be identified.

3. It is recommended that local communities are involved in the monitoring process. The results of all monitoring and progress reports should be made public.

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