

Preface

The draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2013–2019 (Incorporating the Development Plans for the towns of Monaghan, Carrickmacross, Castleblayney, Clones and Ballybay) sets out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of County Monaghan.

While separate draft plans have been prepared for each of the Local Authority areas, all of which are contained within this document, they have been prepared concurrently with each other to provide a more comprehensive and cohesive strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the county as a whole.

It should be noted that policies contained within this document may be applicable to all or some of the Local Authority areas. In order to avoid repetition, common policies have not been repeated in each draft plan, but have been cross referenced by paragraph numbers and policy references.

The objectives and policies set out in this document must be read together, and not in isolation, when considering development proposals within the functional areas that make up County Monaghan Local Authorities.

It should also be noted that the land use zoning maps attached to each of the Town Plans contain zoned lands within the environs of the towns which are located within the functional area of the County Council. For the sake of clarity and to avoid repetition, these maps have not been reproduced elsewhere in this document. They will however, in so far as they relate to lands zoned for a particular use within the functional area of the County Council, form part of the draft County Development Plan.

