

## **MONAGHAN SUBMISSION TO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

Mention of a proposed amendment without comment indicates our support.

There are no proposed amendments to which we are opposed.

### **Chapter 1 Introduction**

#### **The National Planning Framework**

#### **Realising our Rural Potential – Action Plan for Rural Development**

### **Chapter 4 Economic Development**

#### **Section 4.6 Agriculture**

#### **Amend heading title to Agriculture and Forestry**

Additional text

1<sup>st</sup> para While we support this we have a problem with “sustainable” on the last line. This word originally set out to mean environmentally sustainability. However, now it seems to also mean economic sustainability ie that the employment is long-term or permanent. Consequently, we submit that this word should be deleted or it should be prefixed with “economic”.

2<sup>nd</sup> para

#### **Policy AGRP6**

#### **Policy AGPR7**

We submit that you should delete “nature designations” as it not related to forestry. It could, of course, be included somewhere else in the Plan

#### **Policy AGR8**

We submit that you should delete “and other amenity facilities” for the reason set out in AGRP7 above.

### **Section 4.7 Tourism**

#### **4.7.1 Product and Appeal**

2<sup>nd</sup> sentence

#### **4.7.2 Tourism Policies**

**TMP5** We submit that this should be **re-positioned in Sec 7.19 Ulster Canal.**

### **Chapter 5 Community**

## **Section 5.9 Cycling and Walking**

### **figure 5.0 Ulster Canal Greenway Route Map**

**Policies CFP 9** We submit that this should be **re-positioned in Sec 7.19 Ulster Canal**.

### **CFP 14**

## **Section 5.11 Public Rights of Way**

While we support this we submit that the Plan would be better served if **some of the text was upgraded to Pols**. Accordingly, we propose:

- 1 that the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should **be retained as text**;
- 2 that the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> sentences should be **merged to form a Pol**:

The Council, recognising the importance of public rights of way as a recreational resource and in their role of facilitating the development of walking trails in areas of high amenity value will protect the integrity of public rights of way;

- 3 last sentence

## **Chapter 6 Heritage Conservation and Landscape**

### **Sec 6.1 Heritage Plans and Biodiversity Plan**

While we support this we submit that the Plan would be better served if **some of the text was upgraded to Pols**. Accordingly, we propose:

- 1 That the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> sentences should **be retained as text**;
- 2 that the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence should be **re-worded**: The Council will protect and preserve the industrial built heritage of the Ulster Canal.

## **Chapter 7 Transport & Infrastructure**

### **Section 7.18 Greenways**

While we support this we submit that the Plan would be better served if the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence **was upgraded to a Pol**. Accordingly, we propose that this sentence should be **re-worded**: The Council will require that any proposal to develop or expand Greenways must conform to the policies and objectives of the Strategy mentioned above.

### **Section 7.19 Ulster Canal**

1<sup>st</sup> para

### **CWP1 & 3**

## **Chapter 8 Environment, Energy and Climate Change**

### **Section 8.12 Energy**

We submit that the Plan would be better served if the text was **upgraded to Pols**. Accordingly, we propose that:

1 We submit that you should **consider replacing** “Regard shall be had to” on the 1<sup>st</sup> line by “Conform to” as the word “regard” is almost totally meaningless. See *Smith & McEvoy v Meath Co Co*.

2 Assess with the prime policy of the Planning Authority to permit developments and projects...

### **Section 8.14 Wind Energy**

We submit that the Plan would be better served if

1 the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence of the 1<sup>st</sup> para were **upgraded to a Pol**

3<sup>rd</sup> sentence

4<sup>th</sup> sentence The Plan would be better served if this was **upgraded to a Pol**.

2 3<sup>rd</sup> para as for 1 above

3 last para as for 1 above

## **Chapter 10 Monaghan Settlement Plan**

### **Section 10.10.2 Monaghan Greenway**

We submit that this should be **re-positioned in 7.19 Ulster Canal** as additional text as the text clearly involves more than **Monaghan town**.

## **Chapter 13 Clones Settlement Plan**

### **Section 13.11.1 Ulster Canal**

In respect of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> para & **Pol CPO7** see Section 10.10.2 above.

## **Chapter 15 Development Management Standards**

### **Section 15.1 Development Management Standards**

### **Section 15.25 Extractive Industry**

We consider that the changes proposed above constitute “material amendments”.

Finally, we would have to say that the Draft(including the proposed amendments) fails to comply with, have regard to or take into account:

The Planning & Development Acts

Plans in adjoining counties

Development Plan Guidelines

Heritage Act 1995

\*Current National Heritage Plan

Development Plan Guidelines

\*\*NPF

\*We submit, when the Plan has been adopted, that you would review the County Plan to see whether or not it conforms to the Plan. If it fails to conform we submit that you should vary the Plan accordingly.

\*\*As it stands the Draft, including the proposed amendments, doesn't comply with some of the provisions in the NFP. Therefor we submit that you should similarly assess the Plan against the provisions in the NFP as it was adopted during the course of your Review. If this turns out to be the case we submit that you should vary the Plan accordingly.

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