

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

1st 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”.

2nd 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

2nd 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 2nd sentence should **be retained as text**;
- 2 that the 1st & 3rd 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 2nd & 3rd sentences should **be retained as text**;
- 2 that the 1st 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 2nd 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

1st 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 1st 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 1st & 2nd sentence of the 1st para were **upgraded to a Pol**

3rd sentence

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

2 3rd 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 1st & 2nd 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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