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RE: Proposed Material alterations to the Draft County Monaghan Development Plan 2019-2025

A Chara,

I refer to the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Monaghan Development Plan 2019-2025 and the Northern and Western Regional Assembly would like to thank you for the opportunity to make comment on it.

The Northern and Western Regional Assembly made a submission to the Draft Plan by letter dated 21st May 2018 and it welcomes that a number of comments and observations made in the submission have been acknowledged and addressed in the proposed alterations to the Draft County Monaghan Development Plan 2019-2025.

It is noted that the proposed material alterations include the amendment of zoning in respect of Carrickmacross, whereby it is proposed to zone lands that was previously rural to either 'Strategic Residential Reserve' or to proposed 'Residential B'. The rationale for these proposed zonings being necessary is unclear and the extent of lands that are already proposed to be zoned within the town is considerable. It is recommended that the justification for this additional zoning be reviewed.

The proposed material alterations are considered to be generally consistent with the proper planning and development of the area and the Border Regional Authority, Regional Planning Guidelines (2010 – 2020). It should be noted that the Draft regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) is at the public consultation stage and once the RSES is adopted it will be necessary for Development Plans to be reviewed to ensure that they are aligned with the RSES.

Finally, the abovementioned submission is made in a spirit of collaboration and the Assembly looks forward to ongoing engagement with Monaghan County Council. Should any query arise in respect of this submission then do not hesitate to revert.

Mise le Meas,

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