



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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**Proposed Variation No. 1 of the Monaghan County Development Plan
2019-2025**

There is a need to update the current policy set out in the Monaghan County Development Plan to ensure it is consistent with recent developments in relation to the review of the preferred corridor for the Clontibret to NI Border N2 realignment scheme and the upgrade of the stretch of N2 road between Ardee and Castleblayney.

The proposed variation will provide for the inclusion within the development plan of Policy NRP 7 which states:-

"To protect the selected route of the N2 upgrade road scheme between Ardee and Castleblayney and the selected route between Clontibret and the border with Northern Ireland, and to prohibit development that could prejudice their future delivery."

The reason for the proposed variation is to ensure that development will not prejudice the improvements proposed to the N2 National Road.

The planning authority has determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required in respect of this proposed variation. The planning authority has also determined that an Appropriate Assessment is also not required in respect of this proposed variation. The Proposed Variation does not provide for the development of road improvements (including road upgrades and realignments), rather it provides for the protection of the selected routes for road improvements. It is concluded the existing County Development Plan already provide for the road improvements referred to in the Proposed Variation. The County Development Plan provisions have already been subject to SEA and AA as relevant and appropriate, with mitigation measures integrated into the plan.

The Environmental Health Service has reviewed that proposed changes and has no objection to the proposed variation.

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