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Hi

Please find attached submission from Louth County Council in respect of Draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025.

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Adrian Hughes The Glen Monaghan Co Monaghan

RE : Draft Monaghan County Development Plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

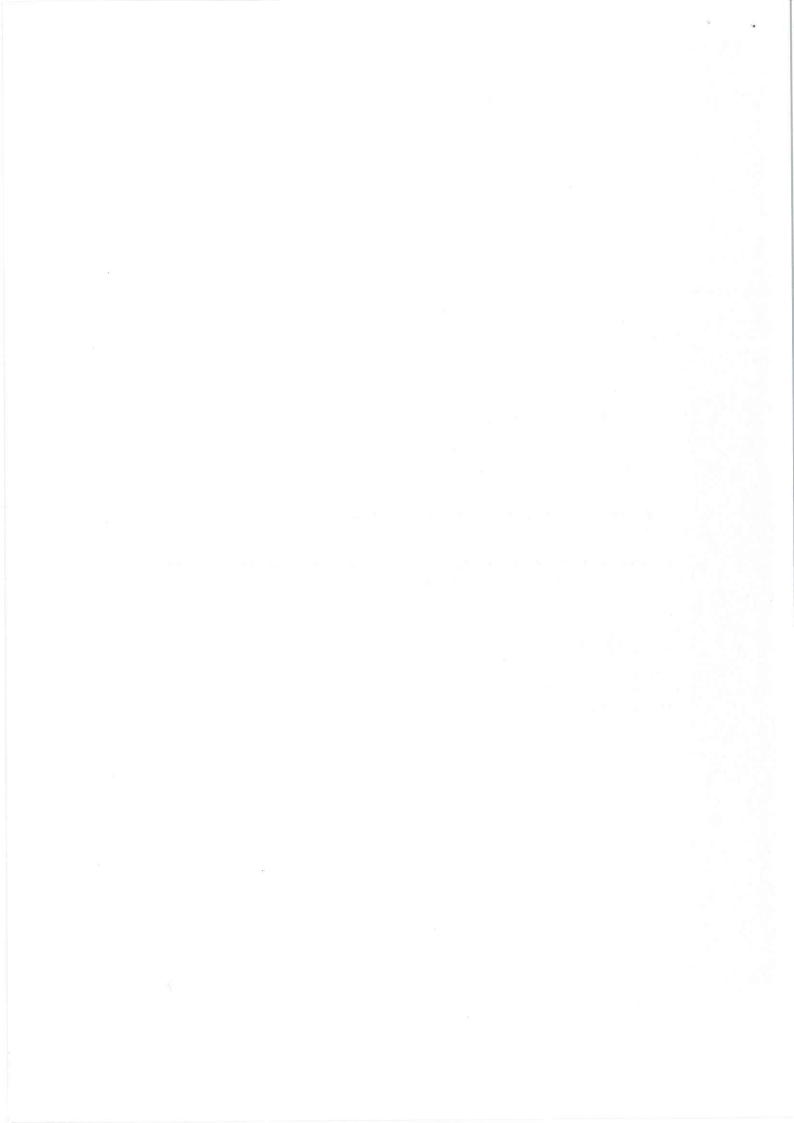
Please find hereunder the comments of Louth County Council in respect of the Draft Monaghan County Development Plan.

Louth County Council welcomes the opportunity to comment and respectfully requests that Monaghan County Council takes into consideration the issues raised in the submission.

Yours/sincer

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Draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025

As an adjoining County, it is expected that any review of the Monaghan County Development Plan will have regard to the objectives of the Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021 in accordance with Section 9(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Having regard to the above it is requested that the following points are considered in the ongoing plan review process:

1.11 Strategic Objective

Louth County Council welcomes the aim of improving linkages and communications with Monaghan County Council.

1.12 Policy Context

In Table 1.0 (National Policies & Strategies) there is no reference to either the 'Rebuilding Ireland' or the 'Realising Our Rural Potential' policy documents.

In Table 1.1 (Regional Policies & Strategies) there is no explanatory text associated with 'Regional Planning Guidelines'.

Smarter Travel: A Sustainable Transport Future 2009-2020 is detailed in Table 1.0 (National Policies & Strategies), but is then also referenced in the list of guidelines on page 11.

2 Core Strategy

It appears that Tables 2.3 and 2.4 quote different population change figures and number of required houses from those given in Section 3.1.3 Housing Land Provision (Population change -5,867 as opposed to 5,979) (Houses -1,977 as opposed to 1,935).

5.0 Community

Louth County Council welcomes the opportunity to work in conjunction with Monaghan to develop the border kingdoms route as detailed in Policy CFP12.

7.0 Transport & Infrastructure

Section 7.2 states that Louth is in the NWRA area, but it is actually now in the Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly area (EMRA).

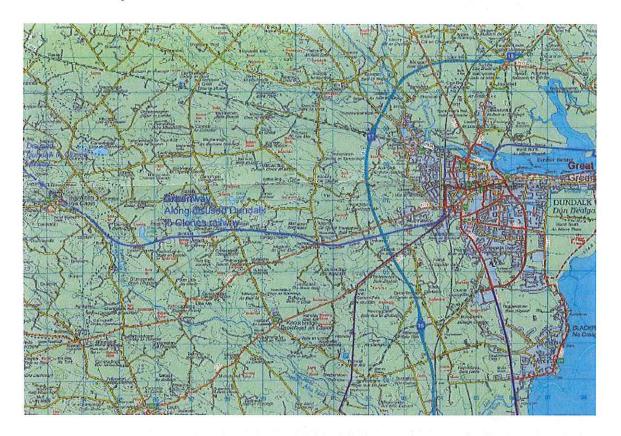
7.1 National & Regional Transport Policy Context

Louth County Council welcomes the future upgrade of strategically important national and regional roads such as the N2/ A5 which serves to link Louth and the wider eastern region to the north-west Derry/ Donegal area through Monaghan, as contained in Project Ireland 2040.

7.8 Roads

We also acknowledge and welcome the proposed upgrade of the N2 (Scheme Ref 3) extending from north of Ardee to south of the Castleblaney bypass.

7.18 Greenways



Louth County Council acknowledges and welcomes recent discussions with Monaghan County Council in relation to the possibility of developing new Greenway linkages along the former railway line from Dundalk to Carrickmacross, as indicated on the map above. We feel that this could be incorporated into the draft Plan at Section 7.18. This discussion was between Louth, Monaghan, Cavan and Meath

County Councils in relation the wider proposed Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway tying and into the transport node in Dundalk.

Like Monaghan, Louth County Council encourages the use of sustainable transport modes as detailed in Smarter Travel: A Sustainable Transport Future 2009-2020.

8.14 Wind Energy

Louth County Council welcomes the utilisation of wind energy in Monaghan as outlined in Section 8.14, and anticipates that Monaghan County Council will take cognisance of visual, environmental and residential amenity issues which may affect County Louth in considering wind farm developments or individual turbine proposals. Policies EP02 – EP09 are relevant in this regard.

12.8 Roads and Traffic Management

Louth County Council would welcome the construction of a new link road from the Dundalk Road (N53) directly to the N2 at Castleblaney (12.8) in the interests of enhanced connectivity and ease of movement towards the north-western region.

Insert 'from' between 25kms and Dundalk.

Louth County Council requests that the foregoing comments and observations are taken into consideration in the making of the draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025.