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Hi,
Please see submission attached.
Some of the suggestions included may be more relevant to a Community and Economic Plan but I include them in this submission re the Development Plan as well.

Regards,

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Draft Monaghan County Development Plan (2019-2025)

Submission to Monaghan County Council

Local Food, Farmers Markets and Community Supported Agriculture

Increasing the amount of food produced and consumed locally is important for in terms of sustainability. Farmers markets is where local farmers and growers sell their produce directly to the public. Community Supported Agriculture is a partnership between a group of people and a farmer. The members receive a share in the CSA when they commit to pay an agreed fee to the farmer for the duration of a season, and in return they get healthy, local food produced in an agroecological way. Monaghan County Council will work with other stakeholders in developing a strategy for the development of farmers

Woodland

Make it more explicit in the Plan that planting of more broadleaf woodland is important for biodiversity and mitigating climate change and that Monaghan County Council will work with other stakeholders on initiatives in this regard.

Sustainable Energy

Include a piece on the Sustainable Energy Communities Programme

A Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) is a community in which everyone works together to develop a sustainable energy system for the benefit of the community. This is achieved by:

- Aiming, as far as possible, to be energy efficient
- Using renewable energy where feasible
- Adopting smart energy solutions

<https://www.seai.ie/sustainable-solutions/community-projects/>

Monaghan County Council will as far as possible support and assist groups in the county involved in the SEAI Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) Programme.

Supporting dialogue on Climate Action

The Government's National Dialogue on Climate Action says that it is essential that we put in place a system of community engagement to build public support for the action plans on climate change that we need to put in place over the coming years and decades. Monaghan County Council will as far as possible support and assist relevant groups and agencies in the county involved in initiatives under the National Dialogue.

Emergency Planning

Monaghan County Council will work with relevant stakeholders in the further development of emergency plans and support initiatives that will strengthen the resilience of the county to cope with weather and other emergencies. The Council will develop further develop communications strategy in relation to emergency planning and responses.