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Re: Response to Proposed Variation No. 2 of the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for your recent consultation in relation to Proposed Variation No. 2 of the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025. Meath County Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on Draft Variation No.2 and its associated Environmental Assessments.

By way of context, County Meath is currently preparing its own County Development Plan for the period 2021-2027. Noting that County Meath and County Monaghan share a short administrative boundary of approximately 5.8 kilometres, MCC have reviewed Draft Variation No.2 with a view to achieving policy alignment in cross-boundary areas where applicable, in order to achieve consistency and consensus in the application of Development Plan policies.

Meath County Council would like to acknowledge and welcome the thorough methodology taken by Monaghan County Council to ensure complete alignment of the Monaghan CDP with the NPF and the NWRA RSES and commends this approach which provides a clear outline of the policies and objectives of the Monaghan CDP and any proposed amendments necessary to achieve consistency with national and regional policy.

In this regard, it is noted that the proposed Variation provides a single paragraph confirming the alignment of the Monaghan CDP with the NPF and NWRA RSES due the concurrent preparation of the County Development Plan with the preparation of the NPF and the RSES between 2017 and 2019. We note that the Draft Variation has thus been prepared to ensure legal compliance with Section 11(1)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and therefore contains no material changes to the existing Monaghan CDP,

Consequently, Meath County Council have no further comments to make on Draft Variation. 2 to the Monaghan CDP.

Yours Sincerely

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