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**Louth** County Council

Louth County Council submission on  
Proposed Variation No.4 Monaghan  
County Development Plan 2019 -2025



## Introduction

Louth County Council (LCC) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission in relation to proposed Variation No. 4 of the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025.

## Proposed Variation

The proposed variation includes a new objective 'MPO 16' within the Settlement Plan for Monaghan Town which seeks to *'Ensure that all development proposals within the Roosky Lands Master Plan area have regard to the master plan strategy and development objectives of the Roosky Lands Master Plan.'*

The reason for the objective is *'To provide a vision for a place making approach that makes use of this sustainable town centre area to create a desirable and convenient place to live, work and thrive in an area that has considerable development potential.'*

## Background

Louth County Council notes that the proposed variation is required to give statutory basis to the Roosky Lands Master Plan which provides guidance on the regeneration options for future development within the Monaghan Town Centre area. It is also noted that the proposed variation seeks to fulfil the primary strategic objective of the Settlement Plan for Monaghan Town, MTSO 1 (Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025) which states as follows;

*'To facilitate the development of Monaghan to maintain its position as the principal town in the County at the top of the settlement hierarchy and to ensure that its expansion takes place in an orderly and sustainable fashion that will not detract from the vitality and viability of its town centre.'*

## Louth County Council Comments

Louth County Council notes that the proposed variation seeks to facilitate sustainable, compact urban development within Monaghan Town Centre. As such, it is considered to be consistent with National, Regional and County policies and guidance including the National Planning



Framework Ireland 2040, the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2020-2032, Our Rural Future-Rural Development Policy 2021-2025, Town Centre First-A Policy Approach for Irish Towns (2022) and the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025.

## Conclusion

Louth County Council have no objections to Variation No. 4 of the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 and wish the Council well in the progression of this Variation and the future development of the Roosky Masterplan lands.



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