

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 AS AMENDED

NOTICE OF THE PREPARATION OF A PROPOSED VARIATION TO THE MEATH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2007-2013 (VARIATION NO. 1)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 13 (2) b of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended that Meath County Council, as Planning Authority has prepared a proposed Variation of the above mentioned Plan.

The proposed variation relates to Chapter 6, Volume One of the Meath County Development Plan. This Variation relates specifically to Section 6.7.3.1 'Persons who are an Intrinsic Part of the Rural Community.'

The existing policy is as follows:

'The Planning Authority recognises the interest of persons local to or linked to a rural area, who are not engaged in significant agricultural or rural resource related occupation, to live in rural areas. Certain special needs are also recognised in terms of tradespeople, persons with rural family linkages and social needs. For the purposes of this policy section, persons local to an area are considered to include:

- Persons who have spent substantial periods of their lives, living in rural areas as members of the established rural community for a period in excess of ten years and who do not possess a dwelling or who have not possessed a dwelling in the past'

The proposed variation seeks to replace the existing policy as follows:

'The Planning Authority recognises the interest of persons local to or linked to a rural area, who are not engaged in significant agricultural or rural resource related occupation, to live in rural areas. Certain special needs are also recognised in terms of tradespeople, persons with rural family linkages and social needs. For the purposes of this policy section, persons local to an area are considered to include:

- Persons who have spent substantial periods of their lives, living in rural areas as members of the established rural community for a period in excess of Five years and who do not possess a dwelling or who have not possessed a dwelling in the past'

In complying with the SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) and the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations, 2004 SEA screening was carried out and this report is available for inspection.

A copy of the proposed Variation will be available for inspection at the following locations from Monday 10th September 2007 until Tuesday 9th October 2007:

Meath County Council Offices

Planning Department, County Hall, Railway Street, Navan.

Ashbourne Civic Offices, 1-2 Killegland Square Upper, Killegland Street, Ashbourne.

Duleek Civic Offices, Main Street, Duleek.

Dunshaughlin Civic Offices, Drumree Road, Dunshaughlin.
Kells Civic Offices, Headfort Place, Kells.
Navan Civic Offices, Town Hall, Watergate Street, Navan.
Trim Civic Offices, Mornington House, Summerhill Road, Trim.

Meath County Council Libraries

Athboy Branch Library, Kells Road, Athboy
Duleek Branch Library, Main Street, Duleek
Dunboyne Branch Library, Castle View, Dunboyne
Dunshaughlin Branch Library, Main Street, Dunshaughlin
Kells Branch Library, Castle Street, Kells
Meath County Library / Navan Branch Library, Railway Street, Navan
Nobber Branch Library, Nobber
Oldcastle Branch Library, Millbrook Road, Oldcastle
Slane Branch Library, Castle Hill, Slane
Trim Branch Library, High Street, Trim

The proposed variation will also be available for inspection on the Meath County Council web-site www.meath.ie.

Meath County Council hereby invites any interested parties to make submissions in respect of the Draft Local Area Plan to the undersigned before 4pm on Tuesday 9th October 2007. Submissions shall be clearly marked 'Proposed Variation No 1 of Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.' Any submissions or observations so made will be taken into consideration by the Council before the making of the variation.

Submissions or observations in electronic format can be e-mailed to alynch@meathcoco.ie before 4pm on Tuesday 9th October 2007.

Mr. Michael Griffin,
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