

**Manager's Report on Submissions received  
in respect of the display of Draft Tara Skryne  
Landscape Conservation Area**

**Under Section 204  
of the  
Planning &  
Development Acts  
2000-2007**



**July 2010**

**Meath County Council**

## Introduction

The affection of the people of Meath for Tara is without question. Tara has always been a powerful symbol of political sovereignty and freedom at the heart of Irish national identity. The history of human activity at Tara and its surrounding landscape can be traced back over five thousand years. The survival of ancient monuments, holy wells, settlements, burial grounds, field boundaries and farmed landscapes, placenames, history, myth and folklore all tell a story. Successive generations have created this landscape we all enjoy today.

In **March 2007** Meath County Council adopted its current County Development Plan (CDP) which has an objective '**To designate the historic Tara Skryne Area as a Landscape Conservation Area, under section 204 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.**' The CDP, 2007-2013 contains all the policies and objectives to be implemented as part of this project. Meath County Council is required to carry out the aims and objectives of its CDP.

The Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area (LCA) is a National Pilot project, led by Meath County Council working with the local community and stakeholders in a collaborative and participative manner. Work commenced on the project in **March 2009**. The project is supported by the Heritage Council and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

The project work programme has three key phases:

Phase	Status
<b>Phase I</b> Background research	Complete
<b>Phase II</b> Public participation and education	Ongoing throughout all phases
<b>Phase III</b> Future Landscape Management	
<b>Stage 1:</b> Adopt Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area	Current Phase
<b>Stage 2:</b> Develop an implementation structure & Action Plan for the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area	Yet to commence

In stage 2 of Phase III of this project MCC, in partnership with the Heritage Council and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, intends to set up a partnership arrangement between the local community, state agencies and relevant research institutions. This will provide a structure to develop and implement an Action Plan for the LCA. The aim of the plan is to develop initiatives that focus on:

- Maximising the socioeconomic benefits & cultural tourism opportunities for the LCA;
- Interpreting & communicating the significance and values of the landscape to a wider audience;
- Examining future management options for the area in particular the state owned lands at the Hill of Tara,
- Establishing working relationships with local schools, sporting organisations, community groups and academic & research institutions to deliver future educational initiatives,

research programmes and to use these relationships to agree the future landscape management of this area in an inclusive.

The purpose of this document is to report on the outcome of the statutory consultation process in respect of the Draft Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area, 2010. The report sets out the Manager's response to and recommendations on the issues raised in the submissions.

The report comprises of three sections as follows:

### **Section One**

Provides an overview of the project and details the non statutory and statutory public consultation undertaken by Meath County Council, to date, in respect of this project.

### **Section Two**

This section contains a full list of the 348 submissions/observations received during the statutory public consultation period of six weeks. It (i) lists the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations, (ii) summarises the issues raised in the submissions or observations, and (iii) gives the recommendation of the Manager to the issues raised.

### **Section Three**

Contains a full list of persons/bodies informed of the publication of the Draft Landscape Conservation Area. In accordance with the requirements of Section 204 (11) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 consultation took place with the relevant State Authorities.

This Report is now formally submitted, at the County Council meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010, to the Elected Members of Meath County Council for their consideration.



# **Section One**

## **Project Overview**

### 1.1 Aims of the project

- Recognise the significance of the Tara Skryne Landscape by establishing a Landscape Conservation Area;
- Implement the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013;
- Engage with the local community and stakeholders in an open and inclusive manner to agree a shared vision and plan for the landscape;
- Promote sustainable landscape management in accordance with best practice;
- Support the delivery of agreed economic, environmental, social and cultural heritage community initiatives.

### 1.2 Public Consultation Process

Active engagement with the public has been an integral part of this project from its commencement in March 2009. Public consultation took place in two phases.

**Phase 1** comprised of the following:

- I. A letter was hand delivered, in July 2009, to 400 properties in the study area, informing locals that the project had commenced.
- II. Twenty three community groups, active in the study area, were contacted in July 2009 and offered a meeting.
- III. The project web site, [www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie), and a project mailing list were established.
- IV. Over 60 stakeholder dialogue/project meetings were held with local community groups, statutory agencies, academic interests, local business, farming organisations etc.
- V. Pre-draft **Public Consultation Events** were held, as follows:
  - March 9th 2010 in Skryne National School
  - March 10th 2010 in Meath Comhairle na nÓg, Navan
  - March 11th 2010 in Maguire's Hill of Tara

#### Notification of Pre-draft Public Consultation Events

Public notices were placed in the Meath Chronicle on February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010 making known the intention to hold public events in Skryne and Tara on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> respectively to assist in the preparation of the Draft Landscape Conservation Area.

Posters advertising the public consultation events were also placed in the following locations:	The following were notified in writing of the public consultation events:
Maguire's Hill of Tara	Meath County Councillors and Navan Town Councillors
Royal Tara Golf Club	Meath TDs
Tara Post Office	Local Clergy
Swans Shop, Skryne	Those who had signed up to the project mailing list
Fox's Pub, Skryne	Community and Voluntary groups active in the Area
Mrs. O'Connell's, Skryne	Meath Community Forum

Parish Hall, Skryne	County Meath Heritage Forum
Skryne Church	
Ward's Shop	
Ross Filling Station	
Texaco Station, Garlow Cross	
Lismullin Conference Centre	
Navan Town Council	
Meath County Council: Planning Department, Motor Tax Office, County Library, Dunshaughlin Library, <a href="http://www.meath.ie">www.meath.ie</a>	

Display boards were erected at the venues which outlined the project and process to date, explained what the Landscape Conservation Area is about, what it will mean for land use planning and invited people complete comment cards. A handout was available for attendees. Events were staffed by the Forward Planning Section of Meath County Council.

Comment cards were provided to record the public's views on the project, how they view and what they value about the Tara Skryne landscape and how they would like to see it managed into the future. Over 80 people attended both public events.

A report on the pre draft consultation public events is available on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

#### VI. Participatory Boundary Workshop- March 24th 2010

The draft boundary was decided by the public consultation process. The boundary currently on public display reflects the outcome of the Participatory Boundary Workshop held on March 24th 2010.

An notification was issued to 79 individuals representing a total of 62 local community groups, local business interests, Meath County Council Elected Representatives, statutory agencies, academics, professional bodies, schools and the community and voluntary sector, inviting them to attend or nominate a representative to attend the workshop.

Feedback from the public consultations events held in Skryne and Tara on March 9th and 11th was circulated at the workshop to assist the discussions.

An invitation was issued to the following to attend the workshop:	
Bellinter Residents Association	Tara Skryne Preservation Group
Dalgan Anglers	10th Meath Skryne Scouts
Dunsany Gaelic Football Club	Columbans Community Dalgan Park
Dunsany Ladies Gaelic Football Club	Skryne National School
Dunsany Pride of Place	Lismullin National School
Dunsany Tennis Club	Tara Hill Riding Club
Dunshaughlin/Skryne Table Tennis Club	Tara Walking and Social Club
Friends of Tara	Meath Archaeological & Historical Society (M.A.H.S.)
Irish Countrywomen Association – Lismullin	Maguire's Hill of Tara
Irish Countrywomen Association – Tara	Tara Ni Rí, Garlow Cross
Old Garlow Cross Committee	Ross Cross Filling Station
Rathfeigh Historical Society	Bellinter House Hotel
Royal Tara Golf Club	Texaco Station, Philipotstown

Skryne Gaelic Football Club	Swans, Skryne
Skryne Indoor Bowls Club	Foxes, Skryne
Skryne Pitch & Putt Club	

The workshop commenced with a series of presentations on the Tara Skryne Landscape:

- **Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area Project** - (Loreto Guinan, Meath County Council and Ian Doyle, Heritage Council)
- **Physical Landscape** - (Robbie Meehan, Geologist)
- **Cultural Landscape** - (Conor Newman, Archaeologist)
- **Visual Character** - (Deirdre Black, Landscape Architect)
- **People and place** (Contributions from Local community)
  - Friends of Tara – represented by Anne Marie Murphy
  - 10th Meath Skryne Scouts represented by Bryan Leonard
  - Columbans Dalgan Park represented by Ger Clarke
  - Bellinter Residents Association represented by Claire Oakes
  - Tara Walking Club letter from Kay Carroll
  - Meath Archaeological and Historical Society represented by John Clancy
  - Community and Voluntary Forum represented by Eamonn Cassells
- **Project GIS and mapping** - Steven Kavanagh (Meath County Council)

Participants were asked to discuss in groups the following themes/questions:

- What features/criteria help to define the character of the Tara Skryne Landscape?
- Based on those criteria/features what area does the group feel is representative of the character of the Tara Skryne Landscape?
- Why has the group chosen this boundary?
- Are there other comments your group would like to record?

A report on the boundary workshop is available on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie))

There were 40 attendees, who were divided into groups and each group mapped what geographic area they felt represented the character of the Tara Skryne Landscape.

These boundaries were mapped on a single map to determine the degree of overlap.

**Phase 2 of public consultation** comprised of the following:

- I. Publication of the Draft LCA from the 4th of May to the 16th June, 2010. Public notices were placed in the Meath Chronicle and the Irish Independent newspapers.

The draft LCA was on public display at the following locations:

- Planning Office, Abbey Road, Navan
- Navan Town Council, Watergate St, Navan



- Navan Library, Railway St, Navan
- Dunshaughlin Area Office, Drumree Rd, Dunshaughlin
- Trim Town Council and Area Office, Summerhill Rd, Trim
- [www.meath.ie](http://www.meath.ie).

II. c. 900 letters were hand delivered, to all domestic and commercial properties within the draft LCA boundary, using An Post GeoDirectory information.

III. Utilising Land Registry information, details land owners with no property on their land were obtained and were forwarded a letter by registered post.

**Project Reports published to date and available on the project website:**

1. Phase I - Outcomes Report
2. Phase II: Public Participation and Education, Progress report June 2009 to February 2010
3. Report on Pre Draft Public Consultation Events, March 2010
4. Report on Draft Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area Participatory Boundary Workshop, April 2010

**1.3 Next Step**

In accordance with Section 204 (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the Elected Members having considered the proposed order and submissions or observations made, may, as they consider appropriate, by resolution, make the order, with or without modifications, or refuse to make the order.



## **Section Two**

### **Submissions Received**

## 2.1 List of Persons and Bodies who made submissions

Upon receipt of each submission the submission was given a number and it is this numbering sequence which is used in the report. The submissions are available for inspection in the Planning Department, Abbey Mall, Abbey Road, Navan.

1	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of P J McIntyre
2	Una & Patrick Verhulst & family
3	Michael Slavin
4	Dept. of Education
5	Quintin Greally
6	Edel Clinch
7	NRA
8	EPA
9	Mrs. Lalor, Clontara, Dunsany
10	Sean Boyle on behalf of Oliver Mitchell
11	Peadar O 'Ceallaigh
12	Paddy Reynolds, Riverstown, Tara
13	Peter O'Reilly
14	Brigit Kretschmann on behalf of Duncan Grehan
15	Edel Farrell
16	Paul & Fergal Flynn
17	Reynolds Family, Riverstown
18	Bridie Reynolds on behalf of the Reynolds Family.
19	Luke Bowden, Chairman Friends of Tara
20	Patrick & Kathleen McEniff
21	Michael & Mary Byrne
22	Cllr Nick Killian on behalf of Patrick & Kathleen McEniff
23	Cllr Nick Killian on behalf of Larry, Frances & Whelan Family
24	Cllr Nick Killian on behalf of Anthony Mulvany
25	Cllr Nick Killian on behalf of Marie Clinch
26	Cllr Nick Killian on behalf of Michael Mulvany
27	Cllr Nick Killian on behalf of Gordon, Karen and Dardis Family
28	Ricky Powderly
29	Nora Judge & Martin Dier
30	Marie Clinch
31	Laurence Whelan
32	Derek Icton
33	Quntan & Annemarie Durkan
34	Monica O'Dowd
35	Senator Dominic Hannigan
36	Dr. Conor Irwin
37	Michael Ryan
38	Margaret Hilliard
39	The Dardis Family
40	Michael Malin, Belper, Dunsany
41	Ballinter Residents Association
42	Seamus & Siobhan Gibbons
43	Thomas Gibbons
44	Jessica & Colin Magnier
45	Barbara Grehan, Dunsany
46	Gerry & Bridie Reynolds
47	Kathleen Gibbons
48	Peter O'Reilly & Rita Swan Proudstown, Tara.
49	Meath Archaeological & Historical Society
50	Margaret Morgan Old Road Dunsany, Co. Meath.
51	Joseph O'Brien, Cabragh, Tara, Co. Meath.
52	Margaret O'Reilly, Proudstown, Tara, Co. Meath.
53	Samantha O'Brien, Riverstown, Kilmessan, Co. Meath.
54	Tom Cluinn, Ringlestown, Kilmessan, Co. Meath.
55	Martin Valentine O'Brien, Riverstown, Kilmessan, Co. Meath.
56	Kathleen Hanrahan, Odder, Tara, Co. Meath
57	Martin Dier, 3 Kennedy Crescent, Proudstown Road, Navan, Co. Meath.

58	Joseph P. Fenwick, National University of Ireland, Galway.
59	John Clancy, Julitta Clancy and Martin Dier, Meath Archaeological & Historical Society
60	John Rooney, Parsonstown Manor, Batterstown, Co. Meath.
61	John Morgan, Old Road Dunsany
62	Gavin Langishe
63	Patrick & Susan Meehan, Garlow Cross
64	Noel McGuinness Garlow Cross
65	Derek McAuley, Proudstown, Skryne
66	Pat & Sharon Fitzpatrick, Garlow Cross
67	Alan Carty, Berrillstown, Tara
68	Kevin & Sharon Smith, Skryne Rd, Walterstown
69	Philip Mc Gowan, Garlow Cross
70	Philip Brady, Garlow Cross
71	James Hayden, Esker Farm, Lucan, Co Dublin
72	June Wilkinson, Rathmore, Athboy
73	Michael O Loinigh, Skryne GFC
74	Dermot Carty, Collierstown, Tara
75	Joan Cluian, Ringlestown, Kilmessan
76	Professor Patrick Duffy, NUI Maynooth
77	Patrick & Mary Dunne, Arrodstown, Summerhill
78	Anthony & Mary Rose Mulvaney, Belper Tara
79	Cyril Carty, Collierstown Tara
80	Oliver Ward Spiddal Nobber
81	Ann O Reilly, Rathfeigh Tara
82	Darren Carty, Collierstown Tara
83	Rose Gibbons, Garlow Cross
84	Martin Kavanagh, Walterstown
85	Seamus Hennelly, Walterstown
86	Fergal McGirl Architects on behalf of Jonathan & Everina Kilfeather, Lismullen
87	Val Morgan, Belper, Dunsany
88	Brenda Morgan Belper, Dunsany
89	Sean Morgan Belper Dunsany
90	JCR Lenehan, Garlow Cross
91	Mary Rogers, Belper, Dunsany
92	Niamh Morgan, Belper Dunsany
93	George Eogan, Rathgar Dublin 6
94	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Pat & Mary Dunne
95	Seana McGearty, Coordination Unit
96	Patrick Hayden, Esker Farm, Lucan Co Dublin
97	Grainne Brady, Garlow Cross
98	Julitta Clancy, Batterstown
99	Anne Marie Murphy,
100	Deirdre Brady, Garlow Cross
101	Gretta Brady Halpin, Garlow Cross
102	Mary Kevitt Brady, Garlow Cross
103	Christopher Barry, Tara Construction Co Ltd
104	Christopher & Claire Oakes, Bellinter, Navan
105	Andre Hennelly, Lismullen, Navan
106	Edmond & Barbara Roche, Garlow Cross
107	Gerard Rice, The Presbytery, Kilcloon
108	Brenda & Michael Ferris, Garlow Cross
109	Matthew & Rebecca Lee, Garlow Cross
110	Richard Greally
111	Pat Clinch
112	Trevor & Lorraine Lynch
113	Edel Farrell
114	Niall O Sullivan
115	Noel Gallagher, Loughanstown, Tara
116	Stephen & Margaret Neylon
117	Josephine Farrell, Ringlestown, Kilmessan
118	Tommy O Reilly Councillor
119	John McCormack Bellinter, Navan
120	The Wilkinson Family, Baronstown
121	Tadhg Donnelly
122	Tara Greally
123	David Clinch

124	Eamon O Ciosain NUI Maynooth
125	Michael Heery, 136 North King St Dublin 7
126	Hazel Hughes
127	Eoghan Greally
128	Niamh & Michael Lynch
129	Aoife Farrell
130	Sean Brennan
131	Derek Stewart
132	Shane McEntee TD on behalf of Constituents
133	Susan Mulligan
134	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Alan Hughes
135	Alan Park
136	Kieran Cummins 63 Eldergrove Trim
137	Jackie Callan
138	Terry & O Flanagan on behalf of Cathal Mc Carthy Garlow Cross
139	Terry & O Flanagan on behalf of Justin Mc Carthy Garlow Cross
140	Cathal Duffy
141	Terry & O Flanagan on behalf of Paul Mc Carthy Garlow Cross
142	Terry & O Flanagan on behalf of Tara na Ri Garlow Cross
143	Breda McKeown
144	Bernadette & John Burke, Corbalton Tara
145	Jim Harlin Kilmessan Branch Chairman
146	James Monaghan Skryne Branch Chairman
147	Barry O Dowd Ross, Tara
148	Ronan & Ashley O Dowd Ross Tara
149	Carmel Diviney Tara Skryne Preservation Group
150	Cardine Giles Lee
151	Ann Murtagh
152	Alan Hughes
153	Michael Gibbons Garlow Cross
154	Dr Thomas O Connor
155	Kay Hughes
156	Derek Lawlor
157	Oliver Collier
158	Val & Phyllis Farrelly Garlow Cross
159	Liam Sheridan
160	David Farrell
161	Philip McCormack
162	Conor Farnan
163	George Wilkinson
164	Padraig & Martina O Connell
165	Aileen & Richard Greally
166	Deirdre Brady
167	Seamus Mac Gabhann NUI Maynooth
168	Declan Creavin
169	Ciaran Murphy
170	Elizabeth & Raymond Martin Bellinter Navan
171	Celine & Ivan Tuite
172	Fergus Gallagher Kilsaran Concrete
173	R G Budden
174	James Duignan Skryne Tara
175	Sinead McGrath
176	Trish Groves, Co Kildare
177	Dr Brian Reidy
178	Barbara Martin, France
179	Sarah Lundberg, East wall, Dublin 3
180	Dessiree Kennedy
181	Seamus Enright ,Cork
182	Hans Georg Lundahl, France
183	Eamonn Walsh
184	Brendan & Darina Goodman & Family
185	Peter Farrell
186	Mary Kenneally
187	Brian Sutherland
188	Julie Brosnan
189	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Mr Mc Carthy by Terry O Flanagan Architects

190	Sheena Mc Rory, New York
191	Geoff Boden, Sheffield England
192	Kathryn Walley
193	Dan W McCann, New Mexico
194	Gabrielle McCann
195	Declan Kenny
196	Melodie Mayne
197	Martha Elkayem
198	Philip Cantwell Councillor
199	Dominic Magliocco Belfast
200	Sean & Pauline Connell
201	Elizabeth Healy
202	Marc Gijsemans
203	Thomas Freeman
204	Vincent Salafia
205	Carmina Kearney
206	Pauline Bleach
207	Joanne Mc Donald
208	Emily Doherty
209	Damien Murray
210	Patricia Mc Cormick
211	Noel Aherne
212	Eve Hickey
213	Markus Petz
214	Terry & O Flanagan on behalf of Tara Stud
215	Dr Niall Hanlon
216	Quintin Greally
217	Paul Gogarty
218	Gabriel Cooney
219	Ailish Sherlock
220	Declan & Irene Browne
221	Emer O Carroll
222	Sorcha O Shea
223	Pauline Clarke
224	Carl Bekaert
225	Alex Vierhout
226	Tommy Farnan
227	Greg Timony
228	John Walsh
229	Liam Carolan
230	Fionnuala McGowan
231	Dara Swan
232	Jane Donnelly
233	David Lawlor
234	Pauline Donnelly
235	Adrian Stone
236	Keith, Timtom & Thomas James
237	James O Neill O Brien O Brien Clan Foundation
238	Slyvia O Brien
239	Amal El-Mohtar
240	Gabriele Ackman
241	Valerie Curtis
242	Margot McNelis
243	Stephen Chambers
244	David Johnston
245	Thomas Byrne TD
246	Sean Boyle Assoc on behalf of Jack Smith
247	Paul & Ann Marie Quinn
248	Liam Boyce Iarnrod Eireann
249	Derbhal Hogan
250	Lauren Stonebanks
251	Derek Byrne
252	Brendan Duffin
253	Stephen Carey
254	Cora O Brien
255	David Hogan

256	Councillor Seamus O Neill
257	Pat Lenehan
258	Breda & JJ Lenhan
259	Thomas Hamill
260	John J Duignan
261	Suzanna Duffy
262	Anne Curtis
263	Tommy & Joan Murphy
264	Patrick Murtagh
265	Martin & Catherine Hanley
266	Denis Farrell
267	Albert & Liliios Cherry
268	P J Clarke
269	Kevin Keaveny
270	Ronan Pierse
271	Frank & Margaret Naughton
272	John & Francis Naughton
273	Liam Donohoe
274	Patrick Allen
275	Cecilia Daly
276	John Daly
277	James Hamill
278	Michael O Keeffe Walterstown GFC
279	Jim Harlin
280	Brian Harlin
281	Patrick Reilly
282	John Harlin
283	Ronan Harlin
284	George Briscoe
285	Gerry & Nuala Tobin
286	Liam & Lucy McLoughlin
287	Patrick Dunne
288	Paul & Angela Dunne
289	Ray Reynolds
290	Terry Durney on behalf of the Columban Fathers
291	Mary Wright
292	Paul Rafter
293	Geraldine Rafter
294	Paul & Grainne Rafter
295	Paul Wright
296	Regina Wright
297	Mary Ann Pierse
298	Liam Barry
299	Ephrem Swan
300	Damien Murphy
301	Matthew Bissett
302	Susan Murphy
303	Marie Mulvaney
304	The Magnier Family
305	James & Rosemary Byrne
306	Paul Blake
307	Caroline Sheridan
308	John Mc Cormack Ringlestown Kilmessan
309	Patrick Dunne Ross Filling Station
310	Derek & Kay Carroll
311	Cathal & Julie Swan
312	Fintan Murphy
313	Damien & Deirdre McAteer
314	Francis Steen
315	Robert Dier
316	Andrew Tobin
317	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of local Residents
318	John Curtis
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320	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Gerry & Bridie Reynolds
321	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Michael Malin



322	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Edel Clinch
323	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Patrick & Kathleen McEniff
324	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Conor Irwin
325	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Quentin & Anne Mare Durkan
326	Tom Cooney Irish Aviation Authority
327	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Michael, Marie & Ciaran Mulvaney
328	Mary & George Begley
329	Jean & Eoghan Cullen & Paddy Mulvaney
330	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Josephine Farrell
331	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Andrew Hennelly
332	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Mary Kevitt & Philip Brady
333	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Deirdre & Philip Brady
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336	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Gunter Devine
337	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Tara Greally
338	Karen Kearney
339	Linda Larkins
340	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Kathleen Gibbons
341	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Colin & Jessica Magnier
342	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Derek Iceton
343	Mick O Dowd
344	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Michael & Niamh Lynch
345	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Niall Bannon
346	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Liam Sheridan
347	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Kay Hughes
348	Colm O'Conaill, Dept of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources

## 2.2 Detailed Consideration of Submissions received<sup>1</sup>

Submission Number	Name and Address
1	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of P J McIntyre

### Summary

The submission opposes the proposed Draft LCA. It states that MCC failed to notify the resident of the plan and advise them of implications and that no proper consultation for residents in the area was conducted. It is stated that the implementation of this plan would further impoverish an already impoverished area due to current planning legislation. It is stated that the plan will severely impact an already hard pressed farming community and future development of farming in the area. It is submitted that the plan will not create more jobs in the area and the submission states that the project will have the opposite effect.

### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

It is not accepted that the project will have a negative socio economic impact on the area. In stage 2 of Phase III of this project MCC, in partnership with the Heritage Council and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, intends to set up a partnership arrangement between the local community, state agencies and relevant research institutions. This will provide a structure to develop and implement an Action Plan for the LCA. The aim of the plan is to develop initiatives that focus on:

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Current farming practices will be unaffected if the draft LCA is adopted in its current form.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

<sup>1</sup> County Development Plan 2007-2013 referred in the report as CDP  
Draft Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area referred in the report as Draft LCA

Submission Number	Name and Address
2	Una and Patrick Verhulst and Family

**Summary**

It is submitted that in the future their children may apply for planning permission and concern is expressed as to how this may be affected by the proposal. It is stated that the beauty and history of the area is appreciated, however children must still be provided for.

**Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
3	Michael Slavin

**Summary**

This submission states that area covered is too large and should be confined to the two hills with some 300 acres of a buffer zone around each. It is submitted that the plan should be put to a vote of the people in the area.

**Manager's Response**

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)). Places that are connected historically or culturally are not necessarily inter-visible.

The adoption of the LCA is a Reserved Function in accordance with the provisions of the Section 204 of Planning and Development Act 2000. The Elected Members of Meath County Council having considered the proposed order and submissions or observations made, may, as they consider appropriate, by resolution, make the order, with or without modifications, or refuse to make the order.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
4	Lorraine Brennan, Executive Officer, Forward Planning, Planning and Building Unit, Department of Education and Science, Portlaoise Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

**Summary**

The submission states that they have no comment to make in this instance.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
5	Quintin Greally

### Summary

Submission expresses opposition to the Draft LCA. The following grounds for opposition are expressed: (i) If the plans is implemented it will be virtually impossible for people to get one off rural housing for local needs; (ii) without doubt the local community will be destroyed; (iii) local GAA will fall into decline and local trades will suffer in all parishes in the affected area; (iv) Bective is a long way from Tara hill so how can it be within the boundary?; (v) how was the boundary determined, and what were the criteria to the extent of it? The submission writer considers that the consultation meeting in Skryne School was poorly organised, with insufficient information available on the proposal. The brochure distributed had very little information about the proposal and didn't show the extent of the boundary. The submission states 'Meath County Council did not care about educating the locals about the proposal and were just making sure all their boxes had been ticked.' It is stated that if the farmers in the area will find it almost impossible to extend to a livestock shed if the proposal goes ahead

### Manager's Response

As our landscapes are places where people live and work, the central objective of this project is not prevent development or change but rather to manage change in a manner that compliments the character and values of the landscape and creates vibrant communities. The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the LCA.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)). Places that are connected historically or culturally are not necessarily inter-visible.

The draft boundary was not available at the public event in Skryne referred to it the submission as the boundary had not been identified at that stage of the process. The comments from the public events informed discussions at the boundary workshop which decided the boundary of the Draft LCA.

Current farming practices will be unaffected if the draft LCA is adopted in its current form.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
6	Edel Clinch

#### Summary

The submission objects to the Draft LCA. The submission states that information has not been in the public domain long enough to inform locals and allow their views to be heard. It is submitted that there is concern about the response of the Department of the Environment to a planning application that is in its initial stages which has not been submitted to date. Concern is expressed regarding the long term effects of preventing young couples from settling locally and raising future generations.

#### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

The role of the Department of Environment in respect of planning applications is that of a prescribed body in the Planning and Development Act which entitles the Department to comment on planning applications.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
7	National Roads Authority (NRA), Waterloo Road, Dublin 4

#### Summary

The submission states that Meath County Council will be aware of proposed route of the Leinster Orbital Route (LOR) which has been identified in the Leinster Orbital Route Feasibility Study Final Report issued by the Authority to Meath County Council in March 2009. The NRA notes that the route of the LOR as identified in the Feasibility Report is in proximity to the north west boundary of the Draft Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area and that the River Boyne represents a common boundary at this location. The NRA states that the proposal to develop the LOR is included in the Meath County Development Plan and is a key objective of the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area and requests that the Draft Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area Plan acknowledges the proposed LOR.

#### Manager's Response

INF POL 28 of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 states as follows: '*To co-operate with the National Roads Authority and other Local Authorities to provide the Dublin Outer Orbital Route as proposed in the RPGs and Transport 21.*' Meath County Council's commitment to the LOR is therefore acknowledged in the CDP. The proposed LOR is supported by the Draft Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area, 2010-2022.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
8	Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Inspectorate, Inniscarra, Co. Cork

**Summary**

The submission acknowledges the correspondence on the Draft Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area and notes its contents.

**Manager's Response and Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
9	Mrs. Lalor, Clontara, Dunsany, Co. Meath

**Summary**

This submission contains suggestions for (1) development of tourism at Tara and (2) improvements to Tara Monuments and Features. These suggestions comprise the submission writer's vision for Tara in 2025 and contend that the possibilities of an extended Tara, re-invigorated and re-enacted are immense. Eight proposals for development of tourism to the Tara region are set out in the submission and summarised below:

- 1) Hold an Annual Tara Festival of Light and Unity;
- 2) Add flags to Tara to enhance and provide more visibility for the Hill of Tara;
- 3) Build a Tara Information Centre
- 4) Provide new co-ordinated tourist trail for Tara
- 5) Hold a Tara Banquet
- 6) Eve of St. Patrick's Day Candlelight procession on Tara
- 7) Protect the votive hawthorn tree
- 8) Extend of proposed new conservation area of Tara

The submission also suggests that interpretative information at Tara is inadequate and suggests that new information plaques should be placed at every monument and archaeological feature at Tara.

**Manager's Response**

A number of the suggestions in this submission merit further examination as part of the future action plan preparation process. MCC recognises that the development of the tourist industry in the LCA could function as a key driver of future economic activity this area. It is acknowledged that the state owned lands at the Hill of Tara are managed by the OPW and access to the site and its interpretation are currently under its remit. It is anticipated that there will be pro active involvement by the OPW in implementation phase of this project.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
10	Sean Boyle on behalf of Oliver Mitchell

**Summary**

This submission is from the owner of Abbey Farm, Bective and states he has no objections to an LCA of the Tara Skryne Area and considers it important that the Tara area and particularly the Hill of Tara and its views are protected. The submission does not understand the need to extend the

draft LCA to extend as far west as Bective and Connell Cross Road. Submission contends that a number of structures within the Bective area (i.e. Bective Abbey) have their own designation and protection mechanism (Protected Structures, Special Conservation Areas). The submission makes two suggestions for boundary amendments and includes maps of same. The suggested boundary alterations remove a portion of the draft LCA in the Bective Area.

#### **Manager's Response**

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

Places such as Bective that are connected historically or culturally with Tara may not necessarily be inter-visible.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
11	<b>Peadar O'Ceallaigh, Gabhra Independent Archaeological Surveys and Eireannach Co-operative Society Ltd.</b>

#### **Summary**

This detailed submission is entitled a Conservation Plan: Meath, Kildare, Fingal and the Boyne: *Conservation, Restoration and Preservation*. The document defines and explains what a conservation plan is and highlights that it can be the first stage of a management plan but not vice versa (i.e. the Conservation Plan sets out a sites significance and conservation principles from which an appropriate management plan can then be arrived at). The submission describes the methodology necessary and surveys required to produce a Conservation Plan and summaries it as *Understanding the site, Assessing its significance, Identifying Issues and Vulnerabilities, Conservation Policy and Implementation*. An account of the archaeological significance of the Meath, Westmeath, Kildare and the River Boyne is given in which Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth, Tara, Mythology, Celtic traditions and Christianity are discussed. Maps of the source and course of the Boyne are included. The submission outlines key milestones in heritage and archaeological legislation and references a number of High Court and European court cases. In addition some examples of recent conservation plans undertaken in the UK and Ireland are listed (e.g. Bere Island, Henrietta Street). The submission calls for a Conservation Plan for the Tara Skryne Landscape.

#### **Manager's Response**

No comments on draft LCA contained in submission.

#### **Recommendation**

No change required.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
12	<b>Paddy Reynolds (by email)</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission is from a significant landowner in the area concerned about the future effect that the Draft LCA will have on his farming/business interests and his children's ability to build a house

on family lands at Riverstown, Tara. Submission states that he wishes to built farm buildings in the future and is anxious that this will not now be facilitated under the new proposals. It is requested that MCC provide further advice on implications of the LCA.

#### **Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Peter Reilly (by email)</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission asks for clarification on the criteria used to delineate the boundary as the submission writer considers it to be far away from the Tara Skryne Valley and the submission writer is interested in particular in the reasons for identifying the eastern boundary.

#### **Manager's Response**

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Duncan Grehan and Partners Solicitors on behalf of Duncan and Barbara Grehan, Highfield, Dunsany, Co. Meath</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission states that his clients property is included within the Draft boundary and this it is considered will have restrictive and adverse consequences for them and their successors. It is stated that the inclusion of their client's property is unfair and discriminatory and unjustly imposes adverse and negative consequences on private property rights and will discriminate it from the many other properties local to it and not included. The submission writer considers that there appears to be no statutory grounds for inclusion of the property and as many of the properties from Dunsany Cross to the bottom of Swainstown Hill are excluded. In particular the submission notes the exclusion of Tullykane Quarry and states that as the quarry is clearly visible from the Hill of Tara it should be included in the LCA whereas the lands of Mr and Mrs Grehan at Highfield, which it is stated cannot be seen, from the Hill should be excluded. The submission states that



there will be an adverse impact on their property values. This is considered to be discriminatory and will have financial consequences for which compensation will be sought.

#### **Manager's Response**

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)). Places that are connected historically or culturally are not necessarily inter-visible.

The quarry at Tullykane referred to in the submission is an active working quarry with existing development entitlements.

There is no evidence provided to support the opinion expressed in the submission that property values would be adversely affected by the designation.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Edel Farrell, Ringlestown, Kilmessan (by email)</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission states that a recent application for planning permission on family lands has been made and hopes that the Draft LCA will not affect this application.

#### **Manager's Response**

Any current planning application before Meath County Council will be assessed for compliance with the Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Paul and Fergal Flynn, Drummond House, Old Road, Rush, Co. Dublin</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission is from two full time farming families in Cabragh townland and refers to implications of the draft LCA on development of their farm to its full potential (i.e. build new farm buildings and yards), maintenance their farmland in good condition (i.e. drain wet spots and maintain hedgerows) and on building of houses for their families on their own lands. The submission states that their lands should not be sterilised at any point into the future.

#### **Manager's Response**

The Draft LCA acknowledges that the Tara Skryne landscape is a maintained landscape with a vibrant local rural community. As it is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of this project is to positively manage change in the landscape guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

The use of sterilisation of lands as a development management tool has been superseded by the DOE Guidelines for Sustainable Rural Housing, 2005.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Reynolds Family, (by email)</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission is from a family farming at Riverstown, Kilmessan which asks if their son and two daughters want to build their homes here, will they get planning permission if the LCA is adopted.

#### **Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Reynolds Family (Same submission as above)</b>

#### **Summary**

Please refer to Submission No. 17.

#### **Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to Submission No. 17.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Friends of Tara (by email)</b>

#### **Summary**

Friends of Tara consider that the document is negative and highlights what is prohibitive about the draft LCA. It suggests that if the proposal is to be accepted by the community there must be a commitment from MCC to do something positive for the designated area, such positive commitments must include: that the Hill of Tara remain open and free to the public, approach roads are maintained to high standards, village of Tara should not be supersede by a visitor centre located a distance from Tara, provide access to wells around the Hill, improved signage and wheelchair access to the interpretive centre at the church and sewage treatment plant that serves Dunshaughlin, Ratoath and parts of Navan should be made available to residents of the designated LCA.

### Manager's Response

A number of the suggestions outlined in this submission merit further examination as part of the future action plan. In stage 2 of Phase III of this project MCC, in partnership with the Heritage Council and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, intends to set up a partnership arrangement between the local community, state agencies and relevant research institutions. This will provide a structure to develop and implement an Action Plan for the LCA. The aim of the plan is to develop initiatives that focus on:

- Maximising the socioeconomic benefits & cultural tourism opportunities for the LCA;
- Interpreting & communicating the significance and values of the landscape to a wider audience;
- Examining future management options for the area in particular the state owned lands at the Hill of Tara,
- Establishing working relationships with local schools, sporting organisations, community groups and academic & research institutions to deliver future educational initiatives, research programmes and to use these relationships to agree the future landscape management of this area in an inclusive.

The state owned lands at the Hill of Tara are managed by the Office of Public Works and access to the site and its interpretation are under their remit. The issue raised in the submission regarding connections to the sewage treatment plant is outside the scope of the Draft LCA.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
20	Patrick and Kathleen McEniff (by email)

### Summary

The submission advises that the writers only received one letter regarding the LCA and feel that if MCC were including their lands that they should have been communicated with throughout the process. It is their opinion that the area covered in this conservation area is far too large and completely unnecessary. Submission asks for an explanation on why their house, which is stated cannot be seen from Tara, is included while Tullykane Quarry which is visible from Tara is excluded. Submission writers consider that facilities at Tara should be improved. The submission questions what impact the designation will have on the rural community and on the ability of their family to continue to live in the area as it is their hope that if one of their five children need a site in years to come that they would be in a position to do that for them.

### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. The public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

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at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)). Places that are connected historically or culturally are not necessarily inter-visible.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Current farming practices remain unaltered by the Draft LCA, if adopted in its current form.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
21	Michael and Mary Byrne, Cardiffstown Lane, Riverstown, Kilmessan

#### **Summary**

The submission, from landowners and home owners within the Draft LCA, objects to the proposed designation on the basis of lack of information regarding the proposal. The submission states that there is a strong community within the Draft LCA and the proposal will result in people who live in the area not getting planning permission and is concerned about how the Department of Environment would view future applications. The submission concludes by stating that improvements to Tara are welcomed but that people must live and it is strong community ties that makes an area successful.

#### **Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. The public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

As our landscapes are places where people live and work, the central objective of this project is not prevent development or change but rather to manage change in a manner that compliments the character and values of the landscape and creates vibrant communities. The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the LCA.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

The role of the Department of Environment in respect of planning applications is that of a prescribed body in the Planning and Development Act which entitles the Department to comment on planning applications.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
22	Cllr Nick Killian on behalf of Patrick and Kathleen McEniff

**Summary**

Please refer to submission No 20.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to submission No 20.

Submission Number	Name and Address
23	Cllr Nick Killian on behalf of Larry, Frances and Whelan Family

**Summary**

The submission express the view that the Draft LCA document makes a case for not building the M3. The submission writers are supporters of the motorway. The submission states that they all want to preserve the Hill of Tara and Skryne but that there must be balance between the preservation of the area and the needs of the local people who live there. The submission considers that the area is way too large than what is needed to protect Tara. The submission contends that the Draft LCA is an insult to the people of the area who had a motorway built and are now being told by the same people that they can't build a house for a son or daughter.

**Manager's Response**

As our landscapes are places where people live and work, the central objective of this project is not prevent development or change but rather to manage change in a manner that compliments the character and values of the landscape and creates vibrant communities. The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the LCA.

The rural housing policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
24	Cllr Nick Killian on behalf of the Mulvaney Family

**Summary**

The submission on behalf of the Mulvaney Family who live within the proposed Draft LCA considers that it will stymie rural settlement for the parishes of the area and will eventually create a beautiful landscape with few families living within the boundary area. Submission states that the consultation was inadequate and highlights that at a public meeting in Skryne on June 8<sup>th</sup> there was unanimous recognition of the necessity for a conservation area around the Hill of Tara but that the area being proposed is needlessly extensive. The submission states that people need to be living in the area for communities and clubs to thrive.

**Manager's Response**

The Draft LCA acknowledges that the Tara landscape is a place where people live and work, the objective of the project is not to prevent development or change but rather to manage it in a

manner which compliments the character and values of the landscape and sustains vibrant communities.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The rural housing policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Cllr Nick Killian on behalf of the Clinch Family, Garlow Cross</b>

### **Summary**

The submission states that a lack of consultation is their main concern and is critical of the perceived large part played by state stakeholders. Concern is expressed about the ability of their daughter to build a house and what response that may receive from the Department of Environment to an application. The submission considers that the boundary is difficult to understand as there are areas included not visible from Tara or Skryne. The submission objects to the proposal and questions how it will help tourism if the landscape is empty of young families as interaction with Irish people is a vital part of the what tourists want.

### **Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

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The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form. The role of the Department of Environment in respect of planning applications is that of a prescribed body in the Planning and Development Act which entitles the Department to comment on planning applications.

The Draft LCA acknowledges that the Tara landscape is a place where people live and work, the objective of the project is not to prevent development or change but rather to manage it in a manner which compliments the character and values of the landscape and sustains vibrant communities.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
26	Cllr Nick Killian on behalf of Michael Mulvaney, Ross, Tara

**Summary**

The submission refers to the local community as protectors of Tara down through the years. Submission raises the issue of the proposed sterilisation of the Tara Skryne Landscape as this, it considers, will destroy a vibrant community and force future descendants to move to nearby towns and villages.

**Manager's Response**

The Draft LCA acknowledges the existence of a vibrant local community in the area and recognises that the Tara landscape is a place within which people currently live and work. The objective of the project is not to prevent development or change but rather to manage it in a manner which compliments the character and values of the landscape and sustains local communities. The use of sterilisation of lands as a development management tool has been superseded by the DOE Guidelines for Sustainable Rural Housing, 2005.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
27	Cllr Nick Killian on behalf of Dardis Family, Oberstown, Skryne, Tara

**Summary**

The submission is opposed to the Draft LCA and is critical of the consultation process and in particular states that locals living in the area were not invited to attend the boundary workshop. Submission makes the point that their children should be entitled to build their homes on their land or gardens in this safe area.

**Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. The public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

Representatives of the community were invited to attend the boundary workshop to input the views of the wider community rather than individual land owners. The details of invitees to the boundary workshop are detailed on page 6 of this report.

The rural housing policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
28	Ricky Powderly (by email)

#### Summary

The submission is from a property owner within the Draft LCA which recognises the importance of Tara and asks that the views of local people be given most weight in the process. It is stated that the primary objection of the writer is that the area is too large and that it should be reduced to a radius of 1km radius from its summit. The submission considers that whatever size the area is families who are living there should have some mechanisms to be able to apply for planning permission under specific circumstances and subject to strict planning guidelines.

#### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

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The rural housing policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
29	Tara Celebrations, Tara Vista, Hill of Tara

#### Summary

Tara Celebrations are a group actively using the Hill and surrounding landscape for earth centred spirited mediations and rituals and having attended two meetings held in Maguire's Tara Celebrations public consultation process broadly welcome the public consultation process. Draft document should take into account (Section 2.3.2) any actions or interactions with this scared ground that have taken place in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Submission raises concerns about the protection of scared ground (and includes a reference from the International Union for Nature Conservation (IUCN)) and the erosion of the integrity of the archaeological and cultural landscape with the construction of the M3 and the destruction of Fodeen (Ireland's smallest townland). Sacred natural sites are wildlife corridors. The submission discusses enhancement of Sacred landscapes through restoring local wells, appropriate development if done in a mindful and aesthetic way, opportunities to improve local biodiversity. In relation to the built environment further provisions of vernacular or religious buildings should be avoided and any enhanced use of buildings for religious and scared purposes should come from existing stock e.g. Church at Tara which is under utilised. The submission proposes a number of actions to conserve, enhance or restore the sacred landscape.

#### Manager's Response

Issues raised in the submission are outside the remit of the Draft LCA.



**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
30	Marie Clinch

**Summary**

The submission is from a local resident who thinks the proposal is unacceptable and should be dropped and states that it is the right of those who live in a democracy to live in their own area and to give their children the opportunity to build a suitable home close to their birth place, in particular the submission writer's daughter. The submission refers to the potential response that may be received from the Department of Environment to a planning application. The boundary is hard to understand as it is contended that there are areas included not visible from Tara or Skryne. The view is expressed that this proposal will not help tourism.

**Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form. The role of the Department of Environment in respect of planning applications is that of a prescribed body in the Planning and Development Act which entitles the Department to comment on planning applications.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

Tara is one of the most visited tourist sites in the county and visitor numbers have been increasing steadily over the past number of years. High quality landscapes are directly linked to a successful economy and underpin our tourism industry.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
31	Larry & Frances & Whelan Family, Whispering Pines, Oberstown Cross, Tara, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission states that the Draft LCA makes a massive case against the building of the M3 motorway. It is their view that the size of the proposed conservation area is more than is needed for the protection of the Tara Skryne area. It is stated that while they are a supporter of the M3 motorway, they cannot understand how that was built through the Tara Skryne Valley and how now people living in the area cannot build houses for their families. It is proposed that the size of the area is reduced to create a balance between the needs of the people who live in the area and landscape conservation.

**Manager's Response**

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants

defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Derek Iceton, Tara Stud</b>

#### **Summary**

This submission wishes to object to the proposed restrictions in the Tara Skryne area and states that as probably the largest employer in the area and owner of Skryne Castle that he was never directly approached about the project. It is stated that he attended the information evening at Skryne School and that he felt there was little information and debate. It is stated that the plan will retard any growth in the horse and farming community. The submission asks if MCC wishes that the area resemble a theme park whilst over exploiting Tara and ruining its simplicity.

#### **Manager's Response**

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As our landscapes are places where people live and work, the central objective of this project is not prevent development or change but rather to manage change in a manner that compliments the character and values of the landscape and creates vibrant communities. The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the LCA.

The draft LCA acknowledges that Tara is one of the country's most important cultural assets and its visitor experience is enhanced by its openness and setting.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>Quntan &amp; Annemarie Durkan, Cardiffstown Lane, Riverstown, Co. Meath</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission is from a home owner in the area which considers the public consultation to be inadequate. The submission writers consider that the draft LCA will be divisive to the strong community that exists in the area at present as it will force younger members of the community to move away because they will not be able to get planning permission in the area. Concern is expressed that Department of the Environment may not look at the human aspect (family connections, length of time living in the area, working in the area) when viewing planning applications. It concludes by welcoming any improvements for Tara but states that making it a

dead landscape would not serve any purpose. It is stated that sustainable well planned and landscaped housing will enhance the area.

### **Manager's Response**

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The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

The role of the Department of Environment in respect of planning applications is that of a prescribed body in the Planning and Development Act which entitles the Department to comment on planning applications.

MCC recognises that design and siting are critical considerations in accommodating new development. The Meath Rural House Design Guide has been published by MCC in order to positively encourage the application of good design principles to new single house development in the countryside.

### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>Monica O'Dowd</b>

### **Summary**

The submission objects to the restrictions that the plan will impose and states that they have been living and farming in the area all their lives and wish to continue to do so with no such restrictions. As an attendee at the Boundary Workshop on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010 the writer considers that all implications of the LCA were not communicated.

### **Manager's Response**

As our landscapes are places where people live and work, the central objective of this project is not prevent development or change but rather to manage change in a manner that compliments the character and values of the landscape and creates vibrant communities. The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the LCA.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

The planning implications of the Landscape Conservation Area designation were discussed at the boundary workshop.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
35	Senator Dominic Hannigan

**Summary**

This submission states that Tara has huge potential and is not being fully utilised and that a Tara Interpretive Centre could boost Meath Tourism and boost jobs in the area.

**Manager's Response**

Meath's tourism industry is centred on a high quality heritage product and MCC is supportive of the development of tourism which can contribute significant economic benefits to the county. However, the provision of an interpretative centre for Tara is a matter for future consideration.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
36	Dr Conor Irwin, Ratoath Dental Centre, The Well Road, Ratoath, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission is critical of what is stated to be a lack of information about the project to residents of outlying areas of the draft LCA. It is stated that the area outlined on the survey map is far too extensive and in many cases has little relevance to the areas of historical sensitivity. It is stated that the sensitive areas should be treated with tremendous care and where possible improve the amenities such as cycle paths, public toilets and guided tours and avoid any industrial, commercial and oversized agriculture developments close to the areas of Tara and Skryne. It is suggested that perhaps an amended plan would ensure sympathetic treatment of the historical areas while allowing the local people to survive and prosper in their rural environment.

**Manager's Response**

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The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development polices and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in this area.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
37	Michael Ryan

**Summary**

The submission objects to the proposed Landscape Conservation Area and feels the area included in the plan is too severe. It is stated that people in the area have been poorly informed as to the draconian measures that are about to take place.

**Manager's Response**

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development polices and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in this area.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
38	Margaret Hilliard. Ringlestown, Kilmessan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission considers the area to be too large. It will, according to this submission, reinforce strong hurdles in the Development Plan which already limit the building of one-off houses by local people and sterilize all the land within the area.

**Manager's Response**

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

The use of sterilisation of lands as a development management tool has been superceded by the DOE Guidelines for Sustainable Rural Housing, 2005.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
39	The Dardis Family, Oberstown, Skryne, Tara, Co. Meath

#### Summary

The submission states that no locals living in the area were invited to any meetings and any that did try were refused entry. It is their view that if this proposal is accepted, the restrictions on new builds will force children of the area away from the parishes into towns or other countries thus making clubs such as football, bowling golf and soccer clubs totally extinct.

#### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report. Representatives of the community were invited to attend the boundary workshop to input the views of the wider community rather than individual land owners. Feedback from the public consultations events held in Skryne and Tara on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> was circulated at the workshop and informed the discussions.

The explanatory document which accompanies the boundary map provides a socio-economic profile of the vibrant community within the Draft LCA and it is a clear objective of the project to seek to assist in maintaining this community.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
40	Michael Malin, Belper, Dunsany, Co. Meath

#### Summary

The submission strongly objects to the Tara Skryne Conservation Plan and proposed changes to exempted development and states that the first notification received was on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June which left very little time to make a submission. The submission states that his lands are not near Tara or Skryne and cannot be seen from either location and that there were no meetings held in Dunsany or Kilmessan to inform the locals that their area was being included. It is stated that he was refused entry to the workshop in the Ardboyne Hotel on the basis that he was not an invitee and that the 15 local people who represented the people living in the area were not elected to represent the communities of Dunsany, Kilmessan, Bective and Walterstown. The submission writer makes the point that his family has lived in the area for 400 years and he reserves the rights to protect his rights and the rights of future generation to build anywhere in this area. It is concluded that Meath County Council currently has enough control over Planning and Environmental regulations to keep development in check.

#### Manager's Response

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Representatives of the community were invited to attend the boundary workshop to input the views of the wider community rather than individual land owners. Feedback from the public consultations events held in Skryne and Tara on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> was circulated at the workshop and informed the discussions.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Farming practices will also remain unaffected, if the LCA is adopted in its current form.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
41	Bellinter Residents Association, Bellinter Cross, Navan

### Summary

The submission states that Tara is the core of an internationally recognised cultural landscape and that on going research will provide further insights into the history of the area. They believe that the site has the potential to be considered as a World Heritage Site in time with the right development and discovery and that every effort should be made to ensure that nothing further is done to impair that potential. The development of the site should take on board the following:

- Making the site more visitor friendly and readily understood (self guiding tours, provision of wellingtons, access to monuments outside of the core hill top);
- Development of the area needs to be controlled – existing farms must be allowed to adopt the necessary modern methods for their survival in relation to farms buildings propose that grants be made available to offset the cost of additional planning controls;
- Industrial, commercial, retail and infrastructural development should be stopped within a specified area to protect and preserve the greater landscape.

### Manager's Response

The Draft LCA acknowledges that the Tara Skryne Landscape is an internationally recognised cultural landscape.

In stage 2 of Phase III of this project MCC, in partnership with the Heritage Council and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, intends to set up a partnership arrangement between the local community, state agencies and relevant research institutions. This will provide a structure to develop and implement an Action Plan for the LCA. The aim of the plan is to develop initiatives that focus on:

- Maximising the socioeconomic benefits & cultural tourism opportunities for the LCA;
- Interpreting & communicating the significance and values of the landscape to a wider audience;
- Examining future management options for the area in particular the state owned lands at the Hill of Tara,
- Establishing working relationships with local schools, sporting organisations, community groups and academic & research institutions to deliver future educational initiatives, research programmes and to use these relationships to agree the future landscape management of this area in an inclusive.

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development polices and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the LCA.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>Seamus and Siobhan Gibbons, Decoy, Garlow Cross</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission strongly objects to the proposal and considers that public consultation was inadequate. The submission states that the plan will impinge on their rights as landowners. Their lands are located five miles from Tara and the submission requests that a smaller boundary be implemented.

#### **Manager's Response**

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#### **Recommendation**

No change is recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Thomas Gibbons</b>

#### **Summary**

This submission objects to the Draft LCA on the basis that it will have an adverse impact on the family farm and his future plans for rural one off housing. The submission is critical of the public consultation process. The submission queries the implications of the LCA on one off rural housing, renovations of existing buildings, farm buildings and development, public play areas, restructuring of boundary fences.

#### **Manager's Response**

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The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development polices and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the LCA.



The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
44	Colin and Jessica Magnier, Skryne, Tara

### Summary

The submission is from landowners on the M3 motorway who attended the meeting in Maguire's on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The submission is critical of what they consider to be a lack of information regarding the project. The submission considers there to be no logic to the boundary. On public display. Concern about future planning applications for one-off houses/ commercial enterprises is expressed. The submission is critical of MCC and the government's role in what they consider to be poor development built over the years.

### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

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The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
45	Barbara Grehan, Highfield, Dunsany

### Summary

Submission queries the exclusion of the quarry at Swainstown and 3 acres of council owned property at Dunsany Cross. The submission queries the future implications for property owners and how the boundary was identified. A population reduction in the area will result if the LCA is adopted, according to the submission.

### Manager's Response

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development polices and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)). Places that are connected historically or culturally are not necessarily inter-visible.

The quarry referred to in the submission is an active working quarry with existing development entitlements.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
46	Gerry and Bridie Reynolds

#### **Summary**

The submission is from a landowner and farmer who has a son who is engaged in agriculture on a full time basis and states that it will be necessary for him to build sheds and expand the family business and have a house. It states that other family members have sites and wish to build homes where they have a strong community spirit. Welcomes any improvements to Tara, and that well planned buildings should enhance the area.

#### **Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form.

Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
47	Kathleen Gibbons, Decoy, Garlow Cross, Navan

#### **Summary**

The submission is from a local resident who is unhappy with the public consultation process. The submission asks what were the criteria for the boundary and notes the exclusion of Kilsaran Quarry. The submission queries what are the future planning implications for residents/farmers etc.

**Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

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The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
48	Peter O'Reilly and Rita Swan, Proudstown, Tara

**Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of their property within the draft LCA area as it is stated that restrictions over and above those contained in the rural housing policy will apply. Submission states the boundary encloses an excessive area and asks for the criteria to define the eastern boundary. The effect on their property will be significant due to restrictions on use and potential for development that the LCA will impose, according to the submission. It is stated that the consultation process has been inadequate.

**Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the LCA.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
49	Meath Archaeological and Historical Society

### Summary

The submission is on behalf of the Meath Archaeological and Historical Society (which has c. 600 members in Meath). The submission expresses the view that the designation of the Tara-Skryne archaeological and cultural landscape as a Landscape Conservation Area will prove of immense benefit - not only to the rich heritage of Tara-Skryne but also to the local residents, local communities, and to the county as a whole in selling Meath as a prime heritage destination for tourism. Subject to the minor amendments suggested, the extent of the boundary of the LCA is supported. The submission states that they understand that the archaeological and cultural landscape of Tara extends beyond this boundary, however they recognise the need to be practical and they also recognise that the boundary as defined in the draft LCA was arrived at following extensive research and consultation with a range of experts in the field, and with the relevant stakeholders, communities and representatives of numerous local groups and societies. Suggested amendments to the Draft Landscape Conservation Area:

Boundary amendments:

(i) North boundary of the Draft LCA: Include townlands of Corballis, Gillstown, Clonarden, and Monkstown to the extent of a line drawn from the apex of the north boundary of Clonarden across to the north apex of the boundary of the Draft LCA, to protect the views and vistas from the Tara-Skryne prominence with particular reference to the north axial view created by the monument known as the 'Banqueting Hall',

(ii). South west boundary of the Draft LCA: Include townland of Tullykane as it its stated that this is crucial to the preservation of the setting of Tara, Include models of best practice in the final document as this would be important in reassuring residents and communities, Include MAHS as listed stakeholders in final document.

Submission urges Meath County Council to urgently address the misinformation fears being raised in relation to the possible planning implications for local residents. Commends Meath County Council for carrying through this valuable initiative (heralded in the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013) and the work undertaken to date in the preparation of the Draft LCA, and for the extensive research and consultation undertaken over the past year in what is also to be a pilot project which will inform future landscape conservation areas in other parts of the country. The society looks forward to playing their part in further consultations as the LCA develops and in learning from others in the community.

### Manager's Response

The input of the Meath Archaeological and Historical Society is welcomed.

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### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
50	Margaret Morgan, Old Road, Dunsany

**Summary**

This submission objects to the plan and any changes to planning exemptions. The submission considers that the impact on future generations will be significant.

**Manager's Response**

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form.

Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the LCA.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
51	Joseph O'Brien, Cabragh, Tara

**Summary**

The submission writer objects to the LCA, as it will disadvantage residents of the proposed area. States that existing planning regulations should be relaxed for local residents. Asks that this plan be withdrawn and introduce proposals which will enhance the area and allow local people to continue to live there. The agricultural industry should not be made adhere to restrictions and put to additional expense for planning permissions which are unnecessary elsewhere in the country.

**Manager's Response**

As our landscapes are places where people live and work, the central objective of this project is not prevent development or change but rather to manage change in a manner that compliments the character and values of the landscape and creates vibrant communities. The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the LCA.

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
52	Mrs. Margaret O'Reilly, Proudstown, Tara

**Summary**

The writer objects to the inclusion of their property within the LCA as it will include restrictions over and above those contained in the rural housing policy, in her opinion. The boundary is also queried. The consultation process has been inadequate in that the timetable is too short.

**Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the LCA is adopted in its current form.

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
53	Samantha O'Brien, Riverstown, Kilmessan

**Summary**

The submission is critical of the public consultation process and objects to the impacts of the LCA on one off houses.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
54	Tom Cluinn, Ringlestown, Kilmessan

**Summary**

The submission objects to the LCA due to its implications for farming and one off house development.

**Manager's Response**

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the LCA is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
55	Martin Valentine O'Brien, Riverstown, Kilmessan

**Summary**

Critical of public consultation process. Concerned that the LCA will affect their family farm and three daughters who may in the future wish to build houses like the past four generations.

**Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
56	Kathleen Hanrahan, Odder, Tara, Navan

**Summary**

Objects to the project on the basis that it does nothing for Tara and is bad for people living here.

**Manager's Response and Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
57	Martin Dier, 3 Kennedy Crescent, Proudstown Road, Navan

**Summary**

This submission wishes to convey congratulations to Meath County Council on the extensive scoping and public consultation that has taken place in drafting the Landscape Conservation Area. It is stated that the transparent way in which this was carried out is progressive and inclusive. It is stated that he would to include St. Bridgit's Holy Well at Ardsallagh (just outside the boundary). Concerned at scurrilous claims made by certain councillors on the effect of planning permission within the LCA having already voted for it in their County Development Plan. Suggests that a public seminar addressed by equal numbers of experts in planning, agriculture, commerce and culture to air concerns in a fair, factual and non biased way

**Manager's Response**

This submission is welcomed. An explicit commitment of this project is to make heritage and educational resources more accessible to all so that the landscape itself can be better understood.

**Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
58	Joseph P. Fenwick, Department of Archaeology, National University of Ireland

**Summary**

The submission commends Meath County Council for thorough, progressive and thoughtful proposals as states that its an impressive document and credits those who have contributed their time and energies to its completion. It is stated that local community involvement in formulating a vision for the future of the county is entirely appropriate as those residing there should have a say in shaping the ever evolving landscape, conserving places of universal value, protecting vulnerable heritage and safeguarding its irreplaceable assets for future generations. It will redeem Meath's rightful claim to be Ireland's 'Heritage County' and stimulate the county to look forward with a renewed confidence in building a viable future on sounder foundations

**Manager's Response**

This submission is welcomed. The LCA designation will acknowledge the significance of the Tara Skryne Landscape, implement the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 and promote sustainable landscape management. These objectives will support the delivery of agreed economic, environmental, social, cultural, heritage and community initiatives in the area.



**Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
59	Meath Archaeological and Historical Society

**Summary**

Please refer to submission No 49.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to submission No 49.

Submission Number	Name and Address
60	John T Rooney, Parsonstown Manor, Batterstown

**Summary**

The submission writer is in favour of the proposed Landscape Conservation Area included as part of the County Development Plan 2007-2013. Believes it is a positive step forward and will benefit the not only the rich heritage of Tara Skryne but local residents, local communities and the county as Ireland's Heritage Capital – a prime destination for tourism.

**Manager's Response**

This submission is welcomed. The LCA designation will acknowledge the significance of the Tara Skryne Landscape, implement the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 and promote sustainable landscape management. These objectives will support the delivery of agreed economic, environmental, social, cultural , heritage and community initiatives in the area.

**Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
61	John V Morgan, Old Road, Dunsany

**Summary**

The submission strongly objects to the implementation of the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area and any changes to planning exemptions as it will, according to the submission writer, have serious repercussions on the community and future generations.

**Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development polices and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the LCA.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
62	Gavin Langishe, Arlonstown, Dunsany

**Summary**

Submission objects strongly against the planning and development of Tara Skryne Area.

**Manager's Response and Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
63	Patrick and Susan Meehan, Lismullin, Garlow Cross, Navan

**Summary**

The submission is from landowners between the M3 motorway and the Hill of Tara who are concerned that proposals will have a negative impact on their property. It is stated that they intend to apply for a large bungalow on their lands shortly and have family who will in the future be seeking planning permission and feel the Landscape Conservation Area will be used to stop planning permissions. The NRA used their cul-de-sac (No. 1345) for construction traffic and when finished just tarred the road to the CPO line and not the Conference Centre as they originally informed them they would do. Rathlugh attracts a lot of visitors on this unfinished road. Concerned that future tree planting will enclose the farm.

**Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Roads matters raised in the submission are outside the remit of the draft LCA.

Suitable tree species planted in appropriate locations can, it is considered, make a positive contribution to the landscape.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
64	Noel McGuinness, Blundelstown, Garlow Cross

**Summary**

This submission states that there was a lack of consultation and that the area is grossly oversized. Concern is expressed that the area will be sterilized which will impact on one off housing, farming and the future community.

**Manager's Response**

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#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>65</b>	<b>Derek McAuley, Proudstown, Skryne, Tara</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission is critical of the public consultation process. The view is expressed that the proposal is too late when grant-aided farm buildings have been allowed on the Hill of Skryne, a motorway constructed (despite widespread protests) and planning permission given to many with no local needs or family in the area and to those who already own a house in the county. It is stated that the area is far too large and will that it will have a detrimental effect on their locality

#### **Manager's Response**

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The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development polices and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>66</b>	<b>Pat and Sharon Fitzpatrick, Lismullin, Garlow Cross</b>

#### **Summary**

Submission is from a landowner which states that they would like in the future to seek planning permission for their seven children.

#### **Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
67	Alan Carty, Berrillstown, Tara

#### Summary

Submission states that the extent of the area too large, his property is not visible from either Tara or Skryne. Queries how MCC and the Dept of Environment will assess future planning applications. The writer suggests that if development in the area meets good design and proper landscaping how can this interfere with Tara Skryne and states that in the early 1900s both Tara and Skryne were thriving settlement with multiple residences. Submission concludes by stating that it is locals who have looked after the Hill of Tara for generations and these proposals will prevent people from being able to reside in their own locality.

#### Manager's Response

Meath County Council acknowledges that successive generations have created the landscape we all enjoy today at Tara and that the landscape will continue to evolve in response to natural processes and human influences.

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#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
68	Kevin and Sharon Smith, Skryne Road, Walterstown

#### Summary

Concern is expressed in the submission that future generations will be unable to obtain planning permission to remain living in the area.

#### Manager's Response

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
69	Philip and Margaret, McGowan, 'Knocniel', Jordanstown, Garlow Cross, Navan

**Summary**

The submission expresses opposition to any future restrictions which may be imposed in the area on residents after the construction of the M3.

**Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development polices and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
70	Philip Brady, 'Ankerland', Corballis, Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The Submission is critical of the public consultation process. The submission writer considers that there will be future restrictions as a result of the LCA. Believes the plan will not be beneficial to the area at large and urges a review of the proposal.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
71	James Hayden, Esker Farm, Lucan, Co. Dublin

**Summary**

The submission is critical of the public consultation process and as a farmer in the area is opposed to the project.

**Manager's Response**

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meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>72</b>	<b>June and Clarendon Wilkinson, Ambleside, Rathmore, Athboy</b>

#### **Summary**

Submission is from residents of County Meath who welcome the Draft Landscape Conservation Area which they believe will benefit the rich heritage of Tara Skryne and local residents, local communities and for selling tourism in the county

#### **Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>73</b>	<b>Michéal O'Loinsigh, on behalf of Skryne G.F.C.,</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission states that the long term implications for the community of the content and scope of the proposals have only been clarified in recent dates. The submission criticises the extent of the boundary. It is stated that a dwindling population will be to the detriment of local clubs. Submission asserts that If development meets good design and proper landscaping it will not interfere with the Tara Skryne Landscape and highlights that in the early 1900s both hills were once thriving villages with multiple residences.

#### **Manager's Response**

Meath County Council acknowledges that successive generations have created the landscape we all enjoy today at Tara and that the landscape will continue to evolve in response to natural processes and human influences.

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#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
74	Dermot Carty, Collierstown, Tara

#### Summary

The submission writer is critical of the draft boundary, considers it to be too large and states that his property is not visible from either Tara or Skryne. The submission queries how MCC and the Dept of Environment will view future planning applications in the area. The writer considers that if development in the area meets good design and proper landscaping how can this interfere with Tara Skryne. In the early 1900s both Tara and Skryne were thriving settlement with multiple residences Concludes by stating that it is locals who have looked after the Hill of Tara for generations and these proposals will prevent people from being able to reside in their own locality

#### Manager's Response

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#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
75	Joan Cluinn, Ringlestown, Kilmessan

#### Summary

The submission writer objects to the proposal as a mother and grandmother she will not have a chance to give any green area to her grandchildren. Considers this a huge loss on their farm.

#### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
76	Professor Patrick Duffy, 14 Hamilton Place. Trim

**Summary**

Submission is from a Meath resident and Professor of Geography at NUI Maynooth. Believes that the opening of the M3 makes it essential that special conservation measures be invoked for the Tara region. It is noted that the proposal is based on a comprehensive research process undertaken by Meath County Council. Important pilot to provide information and look at landscape conservation in other parts of Ireland. Feels that its important that County Meath lead the way in the protection of our landscape heritage. It is stated that he is disappointed to read about the alarmist and cynical reaction of local representatives which it is stated hark back to the worst features of land and housing speculation of the 1990s. Meath County Council should proceed with this proposal

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
77	Patrick and Mary Dunne, Arrodstown, Summerhill

**Summary**

Submission from residents who live in the Summerhill Area and within the Tara-Skryne Hill Landscape Character Area (LCA) 12 as identified in the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 and for some inexplicable reason landscape is characterised As being of 'exceptional sensitivity and international importance'. Do not live within the proposed area but have serious concerns about this proposal

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
78	Anthony and Mary Rose Mulvany, Belper, Tara

**Summary**

Submission expresses the view that the public consultation process was inadequate. Such a proposal if adopted would lead to the stagnation and death of parishes, according to this submission.

**Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of this project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
79	Cyril Carty, Collierstown, Tara

**Summary**

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**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
80	Oliver Ward, Secretary of Meath Field Names Project, Spiddal, Nobber

**Summary**

Commends Meath County Council in finally drafting a boundary to ensure the conservation of such an important heritage site and historical area. Despite reservations on the M3 and its potential to attract industrial development its imperative that the publicly agreed area for conservation be clearly defined and conditions for future development clarified. Blatant

misinformation currently expounded for crass political reasons must not be allowed to deprive future generations of their rightful inheritance. Through the Meath Field Names Project they are being made aware of what has already been lost and of the importance of local heritage to the people of Meath. Suggests the inclusion of Corballis, Gillstown, Clonarden, Monkstown and Tullykane

### Manager's Response

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### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
81	Ann O'Reilly, Rathfeigh, Tara

### Summary

Submission is from a Meath resident who endorses the Draft landscape Conservation Area and believes it will safeguard the marvellous heritage for future generations. As a pilot partnership project working with local communities will ensure the best possible outcome for County Meath

### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
82	Darren Carty, Collierstown, Tara

### Summary

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### Manager's Response

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#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>83</b>	<b>Rose Gibbons, Decoy, Garlow Cross</b>

#### **Summary**

This submission rejects the proposal as the submission writer has farmed here for all her life and wishes that her son and daughter in law earn a viable living and are able to develop their lands and buildings. It is felt that that this plan will impinge on his right as a landowner. Makes the point that Tara has stood the test of time unchanged or hindered by local residents.

#### **Manager's Response**

Meath County Council acknowledges that successive generations have created the landscape in this area that we all enjoy today and that the landscape will continue to evolve in response to natural processes and human influences.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>84</b>	<b>Martin Kavanagh, Walterstown, Garlow Cross</b>

#### **Summary**

Submission is from a farmer and landowner inside the proposed area, who lives five miles from Tara and is critical of the public consultation process.

#### **Manager's Response**

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#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
85	Seamus Hennelly, Walterstown, Navan

**Summary**

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**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
86	Fergal McGirl Architects on behalf of Jonathan and Everina Kilfeather

**Summary**

Submission on behalf of clients lands at Lismullen and at the request of MCC prepared a Graig Design Statement for Lismullin (enclosed).

**Manager's Response**

The graig design statement is a separate objective of the CDP 2007-2013 which will not be affected by the adoption of the LCA.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
87	Val Morgan, Belper, Dunsany

**Summary**

Submission objects what is described in the submission sterilisation of lands and proposed changes to planning exemptions as it will affect the futures of all people. The submission is critical of the public consultation process.

**Manager's Response**

The use of sterilisation of lands as a development management tool has been superceded by the DOE Guidelines for Sustainable Rural Housing, 2005.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
88	Brenda Morgan, Belper, Dunsany

**Summary**

An objection to the LCA is outlined in this submission as it will have, according to the writer, serious repercussions on the community and future generations. MCC are considered to have enough power to control development in the Tara Skryne Area and reference is made to lessons having been learnt by the people of Brú na Bóinne.

**Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
89	Sean Morgan, Belper, Dunsany

**Summary**

An objection to the LCA is outlined in this submission as it will have, according to the writer, serious repercussions on the community and future generations. MCC are considered to have enough power to control development in the Tara Skryne Area and reference is made to lessons having been learnt by the people of Brú na Bóinne.

**Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
90	Joseph, Cahal, Rory Lenehan on behalf of JCR Lenehan, Clonardran, Garlow Cross

**Summary**

The submission is from a family run business employing 4 full time and 8 seasonal staff supporting 7 families of which three are located within the proposed area. Holds major contracts with Tesco Ireland, Marks and Spencer's, Superquinn and are subject to strict audit and inspection by Bord Glás Quality Assurance which focuses on farm buildings and storage facilities. Previous audits have indicated that structures will need to be replaced and expanded to meet the inspection criteria. Concern expressed as to how the proposal will affect future expansions of the business and queries what provisions are in place for expansion or replacement of existing structures.

**Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

With specific reference to business uses in the area, the Economic Development Strategies of the CDP and the draft RPGs will be of relevance in the assessment of any future planning applications of this type.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
91	Mary Rogers, Belper, Dunsany

**Summary**

An objection to the LCA is outlined in this submission as it will have, according to the writer, serious repercussions on the community and future generations. MCC are considered to have enough power to control development in the Tara Skryne Area and reference is made to lessons having been learnt by the people of Brú na Bóinne.

**Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
92	Niamh Morgan, Belper, Dunsany

**Summary**

An objection to the LCA is outlined in this submission as it will have, according to the writer, serious repercussions on the community and future generations. MCC are considered to have enough power to control development in the Tara Skryne Area and reference is made to lessons having been learnt by the people of Brú na Bóinne.

**Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
93	Professor George Eogan, 59 Brighton Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6

**Summary**

The writer considers the draft LCA to be a thorough piece of work that deals comprehensively with this important complex and which it is contended will bring wider economic benefits to the area by encouraging visitors. It is stated that the document highlights the unique character of the area. It is stated that most people consider Tara to be a hill top but the report makes clear it is an important cultural landscape which the M3 traverses and in doing so partitions the core complex by cutting off Rath Lugh. Maintaining the integrity of Tara within its natural setting depends on implementation of landscape conservation and the proposal is welcomed and it is hoped that it will be accepted by Meath County Council.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
94	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Pat and Mary Dunne, Arrodstown, Summerhill, Co. Meath

**Summary**

Submission from residents who live in the Summerhill Area and within the Tara-Skryne Hill Landscape Character Area (LCA) 12 as identified in the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 and for some inexplicable reason landscape is characterised as being of 'exceptional sensitivity and international importance'. Do not live within the proposed area but have serious concerns about this proposal.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
95	Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

**Summary**

No comments or observations to make without prejudice to any comments the Eastern Regional Fisheries Board.

**Manager's Response and Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
96	Mr. Patrick Hayden, New House, Esker Farm, Lucan, Co. Dublin

**Summary**

The submission is critical of the public consultation process and is opposed to the LCA as a farmer. The writer considers that the LCA will have detrimental effects to the orderly expansion and development of his business and will present difficulties with regard to rural housing.

**Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For

ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Current farming practices will not be affected by the LCA designation, if adopted in its current form.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>97</b>	<b>Grainne Brady, Corballis, Garlow Cross, Navan</b>

#### **Summary**

Submission writer is critical of public consultation process. The primary concern of the writer is effects on planning permission for a once off rural dwelling. The submission writer states that she has no objection to the protection of our heritage, but she feels very strongly that in this case it is our rural community that needs to be protected.

#### **Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>98</b>	<b>Julitta Clancy, Parsonstown, Batterstown</b>

#### **Summary**

As one of the many people in Meath who took part in the consultation meetings held with Meath County Council officials over the past year on the proposed LCA for Tara Skryne, the submission writer is impressed with the level of consultation as it included representatives from virtually every local group living in the Tara-Skryne area, as well as local businesses, farming and sporting interests, relevant stakeholders and numerous landscape and heritage experts. Issues such as planning implications for local residents and farmers were raised and discussed, as well as other issues such as how the plan would work in practice etc, what would be the extent of the area, what the benefits would be both for the heritage and the local community, and how the process would evolve over the next few years in the action plan (if the proposal itself is adopted). As this is a new type of conservation area (a pilot project for the whole country), there are obviously many practical aspects which will have to be further researched and consulted on with the local people and with local representatives as the plan is rolled out. Having studied the draft Landscape Conservation Area happy to support the proposal as she believes it will bring enormous benefits to the locality (and to Meath's economy):

(i) ensuring the protection of this unique heritage and cultural landscape from inappropriate development,



- (ii) ensuring a programme of ongoing research, investigation and better interpretation of the heritage for many years to come -all in collaboration with local people,
- (iii) enabling sustainable development and protection of the rural environment,
- (iv) enhancing the lives of local residents and communities,
- (v) attracting even greater numbers of quality tourists to Meath with all the benefits that will bring, and
- (vi) fostering and enabling new enterprises to facilitate and service this new demand.

Feels fears of possible planning implications may be based on a mis-reading and misunderstanding of the documentation and suggest that Meath County Council address these concerns publicly. Suggest that the Kilsaran Quarry in the townland of Tullykane be included and the townlands of Corballis, Gillstown, Clonarden, and part of Monkton

### Manager's Response

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
99	Anne Marie Murphy, Croí Airmid, Slanduff, Brownstown, Navan

### Summary

Submission makes the following requests: (i) that the accepted "Parkland feel" of the hill of Tara to remain, free and open access 24 hours a day 365 days a years, no displaced interpretive centre or bus ferry system to be put in place; (ii) keep the village of Tara alive, and open for all; (iii) pedestrian access to Lismullen Henge along the new motorway & reconstruct the Inner Circle of Lismullin Henge as a symbolic monument on the western embankment (iv) reopen Rath Lugh National Monument to the public; (v) erect monuments at Roestown, Collierstown, Baronstown, Soldier's Hill and Lismullin; (vi) re-interment of the bodies which were removed from their sacred burial grounds.

The submission discusses Ceremonial Fire and states the following: Since Lighting a Fire is part of Various Religions and Spiritual Paths, requests removal of the ban on use of fires on the Hill of Tara. Suggests that financial support be provided for farmers/ landowners in the bounded area to keep hedge rows planted with native species and appropriately maintained, Additional financial grants available for roadside stone walls to be maintained and appropriately planted by farmers/Landowners in the bounded area. Support for the continued sensitive restoration of the wells of Tara and those within the bounded area and pedestrian access to them.

### Manager's Response

In stage 2 of Phase III of this project MCC, in partnership with the Heritage Council and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, intends to set up a partnership arrangement between the local community, state agencies and relevant research institutions. This will provide a structure to develop and implement an Action Plan for the LCA. The aim of the plan is to develop initiatives that focus on:

- Maximising the socioeconomic benefits & cultural tourism opportunities for the LCA;

- Interpreting & communicating the significance and values of the landscape to a wider audience;
- Examining future management options for the area in particular the state owned lands at the Hill of Tara,
- Establishing working relationships with local schools, sporting organisations, community groups and academic & research institutions to deliver future educational initiatives, research programmes and to use these relationships to agree the future landscape management of this area in an inclusive.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
100	Deirdre Brady, Corballis, Garlow Cross, Navan

### Summary

The submission is critical of the public consultation process. Concerns are expressed in the submission relating to the future of planning permission for one off rural dwellings and the subsequent consequences to the rural school environments. The submission quotes HER POL 2 *“To promote education, knowledge and pride in the natural heritage of the county”* and reiterated and states that the foundations of this objective lies in the education of local history to future generations of families of the area. Support is given to the general aim of preserving culture and heritage, but describes the proposed plan, in its present form, as neglecting the most fundamental aspect of culture and heritage: the people and urges a review of the proposed plan for a Landscape Conservation Area

### Manager’s Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

Meath County Council acknowledges that successive generations have created the landscape we all enjoy today and that the landscape will continue to evolve in response to natural processes and human influences.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

In stage 2 of Phase III of this project MCC, in partnership with the Heritage Council and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, intends to set up a partnership arrangement between the local community, state agencies and relevant research institutions. This will provide a structure to develop and implement an Action Plan for the LCA. The aim of the plan is to develop initiatives that focus on:

- Maximising the socioeconomic benefits & cultural tourism opportunities for the LCA;
- Interpreting & communicating the significance and values of the landscape to a wider audience;
- Examining future management options for the area in particular the state owned lands at the Hill of Tara,

- Establishing working relationships with local schools, sporting organisations, community groups and academic & research institutions to deliver future educational initiatives, research programmes and to use these relationships to agree the future landscape management of this area in an inclusive.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
101	Gretta Brady Halpin, Garlow Cross, Navan

#### Summary

The submission states that the writer is opposed to the proposed plan as she has land in the area and feels that this will not allow her family to live there if they so wish.

#### Manager's Response

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
102	Mary Kevitt Brady, Corballis, Garlow Cross, Navan

#### Summary

The submission is to inform Meath County Council of her objection to the Draft LCA 2010. It is stated that as the owner of a small farm she feels that her children have a right to live in the area they were reared in, should they decide to, and she believes that this plan will make seeking planning permission extremely difficult in the future. The submission urges for a reconsideration of the extent of this proposed plan and the consequences it will have on local families.

#### Manager's Response

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form. Domestic extensions are unaffected.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
103	Christopher Barry, (Managing Director), Tara Construction Co. Ltd

#### Summary

The submission states that the Barry Family have lived in this area for four generations and that he has been running Tara Construction Co. Ltd., a construction company based in the area for 30 years. The company depending on its workload employs up to thirty people mainly from the local area. Its base at Garlow Cross is use for the secure storage of construction plant and material from where it is transported to building sites mainly in Dublin area. It is stated that for the company to continue its operation it may require expansion or upgrading of its base storage facilities and he would have serious concerns with restrictions to development being proposed in Draft Landscape Conservation Plan. It is requested that the Draft Landscape Conservation Plan be amended to remove any further restrictions to development and let existing planning permission regulations continue to regulate development matters.

#### Manager's Response

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

With specific reference to business uses in the area, the Economic Development Strategies of the CDP and the draft RPGs will be of relevance in the assessment of any future planning applications of this type.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
104	Christopher and Claire Oakes, Bellinter, Navan

#### Summary

This submission welcomes the proposal regarding the Draft Landscape Conservation Area for Tara Skryne and that they are delighted that they reside within this unique area. It is stated that it is fitting that Tara, Ireland's ancient seat of power, should be the place chosen for this pilot landscape conservation project. They believe that the plan is a positive and progressive proposal which will bring benefits to the area in many ways, especially if the tourist and educational potential of this historic landscape are developed. It is stated that it can further enhance the experience of living in such a significant place, bring tourism related employment and provide an opportunity for everyone, local and visitor alike, to learn and gain more understanding of Ireland's rich heritage. The submission commends Meath County Council for progressing this forward-thinking initiative as promised in the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013. It is stated that through this process they as the local people have been rightly given an opportunity to have a say in shaping and protecting this special landscape for ourselves and for future generations and that they are happy to have participated in this process and feel proud to be part of Ireland's first Landscape Conservation Area plan.

#### Manager's Response

Submission is welcomed, positive comments and engagement in the consultation process are also welcomed. The Landscape Conservation Area will acknowledge the significance of the Tara Skryne Landscape, implement the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 and promote sustainable landscape management. This will support the delivery of agreed economic, environmental, social, cultural, heritage and community initiatives. A key

objective of the Landscape Conservation Area project is to develop the potential of the landscape as an educational resource.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
105	Andrew Hennelly, Lismullin, Navan

### Summary

The submission states that as a resident within the Draft Landscape Conservation Area he wishes to object to this plan and expresses criticism of the public consultation process. It is stated that he is proud to live in an area so rich in Heritage and understands that we need to treasure and preserve this unique landscape and feels that large scale development in this area should be treated by the planners as inappropriate. However if the building of family homes in this large area is severely curtailed/restricted he thinks that communities in the area at present will be virtually sterilised.

### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form. Domestic extensions are unaffected.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
107	Fr. Gerard Rice, PP, Kilcoon

### Summary

Welcomes and endorses the draft landscape conservation area planned for Tara, Skryne and believes it will be of great benefit, not only to the rich heritage of the Tara Skryne area but also to the local residents, local communities, the county as a whole in selling Meath, "Ireland's Heritage Capital" as a prime heritage destination for tourism. Notes that Meath County Council have held extensive consultations. Feels that from different points of view it is of primary interest to those who study the history, who encourage the tourism in our country, who are involved with the archaeological exploration of the various monuments on the Hill of Tara and which alone can be protected and conserved by the new plan.

### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
108	Brenda Ferris and Michael Colm Ferris, Garlow Cross, Navan

**Summary**

Welcomes and endorses the draft Landscape Conservation Area for Tara Skryne. Believes the project will prove of immense benefit - not only to the rich heritage of the Tara-Skryne area but also to the local residents, local communities, and to the county as a whole in selling Meath – 'Ireland's Heritage Capital'- as a prime heritage destination for tourism. Feels that the project is a great chance to develop the unique selling point of our local area

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
109	Matthew and Rebecca Lee, Monkstown, Garlow Cross, Navan

**Summary**

The submission states that they are writing to formally lodge their strong objection to the proposed Tara Skryne Draft Landscape Conservation Area 2010 as they are being directly affected by this proposal. The submission is critical of the public consultation process.

**Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
110	Richard D Greally

**Summary**

This submission is concerned that the proposed plan will have serious negative implications for once off rural housing. It is stated that the family has lived and farmed the area for three generations and they want to continue to do so by building a house on family owned lands and if necessary farm sheds. The method of deciding the boundary is questioned. The submission is critical of the public consultation process and states that local clubs were not involved in the project.

**Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form. Domestic extensions are unaffected.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For

ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)). The comment contained in this submission regarding lack of involvement by local clubs is not accepted, details of contacts with the various clubs are outlined on pages 5-8 of this report.

### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>111</b>	<b>Pat Clinch, Garlow Cross</b>

### **Summary**

It is stated that his family have lived and worked in this locality for more than 100 years and that he is very involved in the community here especially with the GAA club in Walterstown. It is stated that he is totally opposed to this proposal. The need of local people to build homes near their families is a fundamental one. The submission is critical of the public consultation process. The submission asks how the boundary was decided upon and by whom and queries why areas are included which are not in any way affecting the view from or to Tara or Skryne.

### **Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
112	Trevor and Lorraine Lynch, Lismullin, Skryne

#### Summary

It is stated that they are not in favour of the draft and that they live approximately 4 miles from the Hill of Tara in the Skryne Valley. They are currently expecting their third child and would hope that in the future the option would be available for their family to seek planning for their own homes in the local area, should they wish. They are fearful that should the draft get approval that the Dept of Environment may not look at their planning application in the same light as Meath County Council's planners would consider the planning requirements at local level.

#### Manager's Response

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form. The role of the Department of Environment in respect of planning applications is that of a prescribed body in the Planning and Development Act which entitles the Department to comment on planning applications.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
113	Edel Farrell, Ringlestown, Kilmessan

#### Summary

Submission expresses fear that having applied for planning permission on family lands at Riverstown, Kilmessan, that the Draft Landscape Conservation Area, if passed, will impact significantly on the application thus resulting in difficulty gaining planning permission in the area.

#### Manager's Response

Any current planning application before Meath County Council will be assessed in accordance with the existing policies for the area and development management guidelines and standards as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
114	Niall O'Sullivan, Spiral Cottage, Swainstown, Dunsany

#### Summary

This submission is from a property owner just outside the proposed plan area working in the area of Healing/Spirituality as a teacher/healer/facilitator. It is stated that he would like to object to the proposed submission as he feels it's like closing the gate when the horse has bolted. The road is built now conserve our heritage site. It is stated that his feeling is that all land/Mother Earth is Sacred and should be treated as so instead of Draft Landscape Conservation Area he would propose that An Eco Village be consider for this area. Instead of rural sprawling, designate a portion of land and allow people form an environmental friendly community living space just like



they have done in Cloughjordan Co .Tipperary called thevillage.ie and cites the Eden Project in Cornwall UK is a good model. He proposes that a national conference centre, as a tourism initiative, be built at Tara to host top international speakers in the world on Spirituality. It is submitted that these proposals are made from a visionary place not taking either side blaming or judging what has gone before but as a new starting point stretching our minds outside the box and consult and seek advice from professional in this area

#### **Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan recognises that the outstanding quality and variety of the natural and built environment in Meath underlies the importance of sustainable tourism development. All proposals for tourist development will be assessed on their merits for compliance with relevant CDP requirements.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>115</b>	<b>Noel Gallagher, Loughanstown, Tara</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission writer expresses opposition to the proposed Landscape Conservation Area and stated that having built the motorway that the powers that be now seek, in his opinion, to prevent people from building homes for themselves and their children.

#### **Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form. Domestic extensions are unaffected.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>116</b>	<b>Stephen and Margaret Neylon, Bellinter, Navan</b>

#### **Summary**

This submission seeks to object to the proposal on the basis that have suffered enough inconvenience and devaluation of their lands due to the M3 construction and do not want any further restrictions been placed on their lands.

#### **Manager's Response and Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
117	Josephine Farrell, Ringlestown, Kilmessan

#### Summary

Submission states that she hopes to start up an alternative rural enterprise on their farm at Ringlestown and hopes that the Draft landscape Conservation Area will not prevent or cause them difficulty in doing this.

#### Manager's Response

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 expresses support for proposals for agri-tourism developments such as farmhouse guest accommodation, equestrian centres, outdoor pursuit centres and other similar activities including small-scale craft activities subject to compliance with development plan requirements and normal development criteria in relation to satisfactory access, appropriate location and design and waste management.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
118	Cllr Tommy Reilly, Ardsallagh, Navan

#### Summary

The submission welcomes the Draft Landscape Conservation Area for the Tara Skryne area in principle and agrees with its aspirations and proposals but states that there are a number of items within the plan and in particular the boundaries that he would wish to see amended. It is stated that there is confusion and fear as to what extent the plan will affect people in the future in relation to building a house, extensions or agricultural sheds without going through a cumbersome and expensive planning process. It is his belief that further local public consultations with farmers and landowners are necessary so that planners and experts can give an explanation of what is entailed within the plan as people have only recently become aware of it and that it may affect their property and future plans. It is requested that further public consultation take place so that firstly to ensure that people understand the importance of the designation and secondly affects of same on them.

#### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
119	John McCormack, San Antonio, Bellinter, Navan

**Summary**

Submission welcomes and supports the Draft Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area and believes that it will be immense benefit to the rich heritage of the area and the county in selling Meath, Ireland's Heritage Capital, as a prime destination for tourism.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
120	The Wilkinson Family, Baronstown,

**Summary**

The submission is critical of the public consultation process. A concern is expressed that the proposed plan would lead to the stagnation of the parishes within the area and families of longstanding do not wish their sons and daughters to emigrate to towns because of the sterilization of their farms. It is submitted that they have in a personal way been decimated by the M3 and that their pleas to protect the historic valley fell on very deaf ears. It is submitted that they have a civic right to live, work and build locally on our own land and that this document contravenes this right. It notes that the quarry at Dunsany and the Piggery at Danestown are excluded.

**Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of this project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

The use of sterilisation of lands as a development management tool has been superceded by the DOE Guidelines for Sustainable Rural Housing, 2005.

The quarry at Tullykane referred to in the submission is an active working quarry with existing development entitlements.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
121	Tadhg Donnelly

**Summary**

The is submitted that the proposed Landscape Conservation Area will severely restrict the building of family houses and asserts that the normal planning guidelines are restrictive enough

without the extra requirements which will be imposed by this proposal. The submission is from a farmer with lands close to the Hill of Tara who now feels that the ability to develop the farm will be restricted with the removal of exemptions. It is submitted that the proposal is an unfair restriction on the use of property within its boundaries for short term political expediency

### **Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of the project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form. Domestic extensions are unaffected.

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>122</b>	<b>Tara Greally, Lismullin</b>

### **Summary**

This plan, it is submitted, will have an implication for people in the area looking for one-off rural housing for local need e.g. Brú na Bóinne. It is stated that if there are fewer young local people staying on in the area then communities and all the activities and sports will fall into decline. The submission writer is critical of the public consultation process and the extent of the boundary. It is submitted that the area is very rich in agricultural farming and a number of these de-exempted planning items will make life very difficult for the ordinary farmers, who are already struggling in the current environment.

### **Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
123	David Clinch

### Summary

This submission objects to the proposed Landscape Conservation Area as he feels it will cause serious problems for locals especially young people seeking to build a home in their own area which they should be able to do and the writer concerned about the response of the Department of Environment to a Planning Application. The submission is critical of the public consultation process. The submission asks how the boundary of the proposed was decided upon as areas are included not visible from Tara or Skryne.

### Manager's Response

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form. The role of the Department of Environment in respect of planning applications is that of a prescribed body in the Planning and Development Act which entitles the Department to comment on planning applications.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
124	Eamon Ó Ciosáin, Department of French, National University of Ireland, Maynooth

### Summary

The submission supports the Draft Landscape Conservation Area for Tara Skryne and believes it will be of benefit to the local community and surrounding communities by confirming the areas importance for cultural tourism and heritage.

**Manager's Response and Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
125	Michael Heery, 136 North King St., Dublin 7

**Summary**

This submission from a Fáilte Ireland National Tourist Guide who has been conducting tours with foreign visitors to Tara over that past decade and endorses the Draft Landscape Conservation Area which will also go towards enhancing Ireland's heritage both nationally and internationally. It is stated that damage has been done to Ireland's reputation among my foreign visitor clients by the building of the M3 motorway and that this plan will go some way towards rehabilitating our reputation, and regaining our own respect for our history and traditions. This submission writer feels that that local support for the present M3 route would not have been so strong had it been fully informed of the significance of what was to be destroyed and that there is a disconnect between the academic studies and local residents. It is submitted that selfish interests may be about to obscure the remarkable views and evidence of an ancient Irish history which has been heralded world wide for centuries.

**Manager's Response**

The submission is welcomed as are the positive comments on the cultural tourism potential of the Tara Skryne Landscape.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
126	Hazel Hughes, Skryne Resident

**Summary**

This submission states that the writer considers that the Landscape Conservation Area will have serious implications for local residents and landowners within its area and will restrict residents from making minor adjustments to their homes and an impossibility for those who wish to build a home on family landholdings much like Brú na Bóinne. It is submitted that the proposal is unjust and will unfairly impact on every single community members way of life. It is stated that the writer would like to put forward the following reasons: People from the area love and know it better than any one and should be the best judge of its future; Families that have been here for generations have strong emotional ties to the area, younger generations will be forced to leave the area and an aging population will be left; Families that have lived in the area, like the monuments, are part of our heritage, and should be treasured and respected in the same way; Residents and landowners were not consulted in a just way and the vast majority received no correspondence at all; Land will become useless to landowners; that the M3 wasn't considered a threat to heritage but local families that want to build a one off house is, is contradictory and insulting; Proposal will take away planning decisions from Meath County Council and give them to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government; The people of the community wants to preserve our heritage and ancient monuments but this draft is not the way to achieve that.

**Manager's Response**

Meath County Council acknowledges that successive generations have created the landscape we all enjoy today and that the landscape will continue to evolve in response to natural processes and human influences.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
127	Eoghan Greally, Lismullin

### Summary

This plan, it is submitted, will have an implication for people in the area looking for one- off rural housing for local need e.g. Brú na Bóinne. It is stated that if there are fewer young local people staying on in the area then communities and all the activities and sports will fall into decline. The submission writer is critical of the public consultation process and the extent of the boundary. It is submitted that the area is very rich in agricultural farming and a number of these de-exempted planning items will make life very difficult for the ordinary farmers, who are already struggling in the current environment.

### Manager's Response

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
128	Michael and Niamh Lynch, Monkstown, Skryne

**Summary**

The submission expresses their objection to the proposed Landscape Conservation Area. Concern is expressed that their children will find it difficult to get planning permission in the area when they are older if the plan goes ahead. It is stated that planning restrictions may cause the area to be comprised of only elderly people in the future as young people will have to move away and schools and sports clubs will also be affected by a lack of young people in the future. The submission is critical of the public consultation process.

**Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community which is detailed in the socio economic profile provided in the explanatory document. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of the project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
129	Aoife Farrell, Ringlestown, Kilmessan

**Summary**

Submission is concerned that the if the proposal is passed this will result in greater difficulty obtaining planning permission for locals who have grown up in the area.

**Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.



Submission Number	Name and Address
130	Sean Brennan

**Summary**

Submission would like to object to the proposal as the writer considers there are sufficient restrictions on planning the area and this proposal discriminates unjustly against families in the area providing housing to family members and represents a financial penalty.

**Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form. The DOE Guidelines for Sustainable Rural Housing, inform County Development Plan rural housing policies.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
131	Derek Stewart on behalf of the Grange Bective Residents Group

**Summary**

This submission from Grange Bective Residents group states that the designation would be of enormous benefit to the tourism industry. The submission supports the proposed boundaries but submits that the townlands of Corballis, Gillstown, Clonarden and Monkton (from the apex of the north boundary of Clonarden across to the north apex of the boundary of the Draft LCA) while to the south west, it is submitted that the townland of Tullykane should be included to satisfactorily protect the vistas from the hill. It is stated that the final document should include the models of best practice as this would be important in reassuring residents and communities affected by the LCA. Requests that the Meath Archaeological and Historical Society be listed as a stakeholder in the process. Submission compliments Meath County Council's Planning Department for their work

**Manager's Response**

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
132	Deputy Shane McEntee, TD, Constituency Office, 3 Copper Beech, Duleek

**Summary**

This submission is made on behalf of his constituents in his capacity as a public representative and as a private individual living in Co. Meath and seeks to register objection to the proposed Tara Skryne project. It is stated that he fully agrees with the need to preserve the historical

landscape of Tara/Skryne area, but does not consider it appropriate to include areas which are not of significance from a historical point of view. It is submitted that Meath County Council has gone too far to extend the area included in the plan. It is stated that it affects the farming and rural population and also a huge number of people could be affected when looking for planning permission. People who have lived in the area for generations are facing the likelihood that future generations will not be able to get planning permission to build near their family homes. It is submitted that if this were to happen it would be disastrous for local communities. It is submitted in his opinion that the entire plan should be scrapped. It is stated that he has every confidence in Meath County Council, in particular the planning applications office and that he is sure that they would be able to deal with individual planning application and assess each one individually.

### Manager's Response

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

The submission does not clarify which areas that are not of historical importance are included within the Draft Landscape Conservation Area.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
133	Susan Mulligan, Barronstown, Skryne

### Summary

Submission objects to the proposed Landscape Conservation Area on the basis that not enough information has been given to the community on what its future effect will be.

### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
134	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Alan Hughes

### Summary

The submission states that the Tara Skryne area is of significant heritage and historical importance and should be preserved and managed in sustainable manner that is inclusive of local residents and stakeholders alike. Submission states that there appeared to little or no consultation with the local community. It is submitted that there is concern on the effect that the designation will have on one off rural housing. The submission urges the council to ensure that any future decisions in the area are based on the its original wording which states that 'our

*landscapes are places where people live and work so therefore the objective is not to prevent change but rather manage it in a manner which compliments the character and values of the landscape and creates vibrant communities'*

### **Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>135</b>	<b>Alan Park on behalf of Bellinter Residents Association</b>

### **Summary**

This submission states that Bellinter Residents Association participated in the boundary workshop and they would like to reaffirm their continued wholehearted support for the project. It is submitted that it is regrettable that many ill informed voices are now being raised against the proposal and that Councillors, previously supportive are now opposing it.

### **Manager's Response and Recommendation**

Meath County Council welcomes the continued support of Bellinter Residents Association and thanks them for their engagement and participation in the project. No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>136</b>	<b>Kiernan Cummins, 63 Eldergrove, Trim</b>

### **Summary**

This submission is from a solicitor and planning and environmental specialist and states that the designation would be of enormous benefit to the tourism industry. The submission supports the proposed boundaries but submits that the townlands of Corballis, Gillstown, Clonarden and Monkstown (from the apex of the north boundary of Clonarden across to the north apex of the boundary of the Draft LCA) while to the south west. The submission considers that the townland of Tullykane should be included to satisfactorily protect the vistas from the hill. It is stated that the final document should include the models of best practice. Requests that the Meath Archaeological and Historical Society be listed as a stakeholder in the process. Submission compliments Meath County Council's recent initiatives to secure the Tara Skryne Landscape for future generations.

**Manager's Response**

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>137</b>	<b>Jackie Callan</b>

**Summary**

Submission objects to the Draft Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area as the area is too extensive, according to the submission writer, but states that has no objection with the current Tara Conservation Area. The plan as it stands not only adversely affects the present generations but generations to come.

**Manager's Response and Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>138</b>	<b>Terry &amp; O'Flanagan Architects, Planners and Consulting Engineers of Unit F1 Centrepoint Business Park Oak Road Dublin 12 on behalf of Mr. Cathal McCarthy, Philpotstown House, Garlow Cross, Navan</b>

**Summary**

This submission states that the public consultation procedure was fundamentally flawed in that landowners were not been given proper notice of the proposals and the definition of the extensive boundary which represents an unwarranted and disproportionate infringement on the constitutional property rights of landowners and that further is required. It is submitted that the extent of the proposed Landscape Conservation Area (11 km by 8 km at its widest) is excessive having regard to the views, which it is sought to protect. It is submitted that the removal of a range of exempted development rights is disproportionate in particular those relating to agriculture and farming. The submission states that Section 204 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 makes provision for the Minister to 'prescribe' certain development irrespective of the provisions relating to exempted development contained within the Act or Regulations and observes that the draft scheme makes no reference to the fact that the preparation of the list of prescribed development (i.e. de-exempted development) is a function of the Minister and not Meath County Council nor is mention made of any list of prescribed development (i.e. de-exempted development) having been prepared by the Minister. In addition the submission contends that the ability of the Minister to merely 'prescribe' certain development, which has been provided for in primary or secondary legislation approved by the Oireachtas, as being de-exempted is legally dubious and offends the principle of the separation of powers between the legislature and the executive. It is submitted that the removal of exempted development rights established by legislation (whether primary or secondary) would require legislation, which it would be necessary to put before the Oireachtas. Meath County Council should consider the removal of the automatic de-exemption of certain development, which would otherwise be exempted by virtue of the Planning and Development Act 2000 or secondary

legislation. At the very least affected parties should be afforded the opportunity to seek a declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

The submission states that there is a strong argument to be made that the existing planning framework is sufficient to adequately protect important aspects of the landscape and notwithstanding the assurances given in with respect to rural housing, these proposals will severely restrict rural housing (and other development) which will be difficult to rebut.

It is submitted that Meath County Council should reconsider the extent of the area and should explicitly state that there is a presumption that proposed development will not impact upon those components of the landscape worthy of protection unless the contrary is shown. A map accompanies this submission.

### **Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

Places that are connected historically or culturally are not necessarily inter-visible.

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

The rural housing policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>139</b>	<b>Terry &amp; O'Flanagan Architects, Planners and Consulting Engineers of Unit F1 Centrepoint Business Park Oak Road Dublin 12 on behalf of Mr. Justin McCarthy, Philpotstown House, Garlow Cross, Navan</b>

### **Summary**

Please refer to submission No. 138

### **Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to submission No. 138

Submission Number	Name and Address
140	Cathal and Kathleen Duffy,

**Summary**

The submission is from residents of Ringlestown for the past 30 years who object to the proposal on the basis that it will stagnate the area and leave a barren countryside. The submission states that the area can be developed sensitively by building dwellings which are not intrusive and states while in favour of preserving this area for future generations, people living here at the heart of the area are required.

**Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community which is detailed in the socio economic profile given in the explanatory document. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of this project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
141	Terry & O'Flanagan Architects, Planners and Consulting Engineers of Unit F1 Centrepoint Business Park Oak Road Dublin 12 on behalf of Mr. Paul McCarthy, Polo Fields House, Garlow Cross, Navan

**Summary**

Please refer to submission No. 138

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to submission No. 138

Submission Number	Name and Address
142	Terry & O'Flanagan Architects, Planners and Consulting Engineers of Unit F1 Centrepoint Business Park Oak Road Dublin 12 on behalf of Tara Na Rí, Philpotstown House, Garlow Cross, Navan

**Summary**

This submission states that the public consultation procedure was fundamentally flawed in that landowners were not been given proper notice of the proposals and the definition of the extensive boundary which represents an unwarranted and disproportionate infringement on the constitutional property rights of landowners and that further is required.

It is submitted that the extent of the proposed Landscape Conservation Area (11 km by 8 km at its widest) is excessive having regard to the views, which it is sought to protect. The submission states that there is a strong argument to be made that the existing planning framework is sufficient to adequately protect important aspects of the landscape.

It is stated that as owners of the property they propose to provide local services at the premises as part of the future redevelopment as the site has acted as a services centre in the past and will continue to fulfil this role with the opening of the M3 and downgrading of the existing N3

The proposals if adopted should state that there is a presumption that proposed development will not impact upon those components of the landscape worthy of protection unless the contrary is shown. A map accompanies this submission.

### **Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

MCC recognises the potential of the existing site, the subject of this submission, to accommodate visitor type services in the future as part of a redevelopment proposal having regard to the existing established uses on site and the location of the site at a potential gateway into the LCA area.

With specific reference to business uses in the area, the Economic Development Strategies of the CDP and the draft RPGs will be of relevance in the assessment of any future planning applications of this type.

### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>143</b>	<b>Breda McKeown, Proudstown, Skryne</b>

### **Summary**

It is stated that the submission writer resides within the boundary and is concerned with how the Department of Environment might deal with future Planning Applications. It is stated that the writer objects to the scale and size of the boundary and as according to the writer neither the Hill of Skryne nor Hill of Tara are visible from property a redraft of the boundary is required.

### **Manager's Response**

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

The role of the Department of Environment in respect of planning applications is that of a prescribed body in the Planning and Development Act which entitles the Department to comment on planning applications.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
144	Bernadette and John Burke, Burkes Farm, Corbalton, Tara

#### Summary

Submission highlights the short time scale available to study the effects that the Draft Landscape Conservation will have on their future farming and planning.

#### Manager's Response

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving and therefore the objective is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
145	Jim Harlin Kilmessan Brach of the Irish Farmers Association

#### Summary

Concern is expressed that the proposal will add significantly to the restrictions imposed on agriculture and development potential in the area. It is submitted that the members are critical of what they consider to be the a lack of consultation with them as a group. The size of the boundary is questioned. The submission notes that the document states that '*this rural landscape is the most consistent to the original historical; setting and that within the study area there are examples of this typically Irish landscape which has remained relatively well preserved over time*'.

The branch members recommend that no plan is required for the area as they the custodians are already working with county, national and European requirements to fulfil the Drafts plans. Members have reservations regarding planning and schedule of de-exempted developments will lead to further restrictions of members and this families. Members believe that the present requirements as set out by the County Council are adequate to look after the area

#### Manager's Response

County Meath is renowned for its rich soils and pasturelands that have supported a variety of farming types. Meath County Council acknowledges that generations of faming families have played an important cultural role in maintaining and creating this landscape. In drafting the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area Meath County Council has articulated that landscape is



about the relation between people and place and has sought a balance approach to landscape management consistent with the principles of sustainable development.

Meath County Council has held meetings with the Meath IFA and has kept Meath IFA informed during various stages of the project. Meath IFA was invited to and attended the boundary workshop on March 24<sup>th</sup> in the Ardboyne Hotel. A report on the boundary workshop is available on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
146	James Monaghan on behalf of Skryne Branch of Irish Farmers Association

### Summary

Concern is expressed that the proposal will add significantly to the restrictions imposed on agriculture and development potential in the area. It is submitted that the members are critical of what they consider to be the a lack of consultation with them as a group. The size of the boundary is questioned. The submission notes that the document states that *'this rural landscape is the most consistent to the original historical; setting and that within the study area there are examples of this typically Irish landscape which has remained relatively well preserved over time'*.

The branch members recommend that no plan is required for the area as they the custodians are already working with county, national and European requirements to fulfil the Drafts plans. Members have reservations regarding planning and schedule of de-exempted developments will lead to further restrictions of members and this families. Members believe that the present requirements as set out by the County Council are adequate to look after the area

### Manager's Response

County Meath is renowned for its rich soils and pasturelands that have supported a variety of farming types. Meath County Council acknowledges that generations of faming families have played an important cultural role in maintaining and creating this landscape. In drafting the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area Meath County Council has articulated that landscape is about the relation between people and place and has sought a balance approach to landscape management consistent with the principles of sustainable development.

Meath County Council has held meetings with the Meath IFA and has kept Meath IFA informed during various stages of the project. Meath IFA was invited to and attended the boundary workshop on March 24<sup>th</sup> in the Ardboyne Hotel. A report on the boundary workshop is available on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
147	Barry O'Dowd, Ross, Tara

### Summary

Submission objects to the Draft Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area

### Manager's Response and Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
148	Ronan and Ashley O'Dowd, Ross, Tara

### Summary

Submission objects to the Draft Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area

### Manager's Response and Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
149	Tara Skryne Preservation Group (TSPG)

### Summary

Submission states that the TSPG are a group of individuals both local and non local, stakeholders and concerned citizens who wish to improve the Tara Skryne Landscape after the destruction of the M3 motorway. It is submitted that they recognise the Inner Demesne of Tara as being bound by the Boyne to the west, Ardmulchan to the north, Lagore to the south and Rathfeigh to the east. It is submitted that the motorway should be grassed over.

A number of measures are proposed to be undertaken by the authorities responsible for the Tara Landscape project including: Noise and Light Pollution Management – Blundelstown Interchange; a Conservation Plan for the whole of the Tara Skryne Landscape; a programme of tree husbandry on the Hill of Tara; To restore the wells within the Tara Landscape; reopen Rath Lugh National Monument to the Public; reconstruct the inner circle of the Lismullin Henge as a symbolic monument of the western embankment; complete a survey of Rath Lugh and Lismullin Henge; erect monuments at Roestown, Collierstown, Baronstown, Ardsallagh, Soldier's Hill and Lismullin; return the artefacts and conserve the Mound of the Hostages.

It is submitted that access to the Hill of Tara remain unrestricted and with free admission. It is demanded that the removal of the ban on the use of fire on the Hill of Tara. It is requested that the 'patron' signage at the car park of the Hill of Tara be removed. It is stated that no fencing should be erected on the Hill of Tara. It is suggested that an artistic trail through the Tara Skryne landscape should be established. It is suggested that the mound and other archaeological features be reconstructed in accordance with Petrie's map of Tara.

### Manager's Response

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

In stage 2 of Phase III of this project MCC, in partnership with the Heritage Council and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, intends to set up a partnership arrangement between the local community, state agencies and relevant research institutions. This will provide a structure to develop and implement an Action Plan for the LCA. The aim of the plan is to develop initiatives that focus on:

- Maximising the socioeconomic benefits & cultural tourism opportunities for the LCA;
- Interpreting & communicating the significance and values of the landscape to a wider audience;
- Examining future management options for the area in particular the state owned lands at the Hill of Tara,
- Establishing working relationships with local schools, sporting organisations, community groups and academic & research institutions to deliver future educational initiatives, research programmes and to use these relationships to agree the future landscape management of this area in an inclusive.

The state owned lands at the Hill of Tara are managed by the Office of Public Works and access to the site and its interpretation and management are under their remit.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
150	Caroline Giles Lee

### Summary

The submission states that it is difficult to understand Meath County Council's short vision with a proposal which will have an extremely detrimental effect on the local community. It is submitted that the rules and regulations set out in the Draft LCA appear to be similar to those in other areas whereby the most basic home improvements (installation of a WC) for families living in the area for 100s of years are being turned down. The submission is critical of the public consultation process.

### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders,

meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The rural housing policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Domestic extensions are also unaffected.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcome of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics and on the outcomes of the public information events held at Tara and Skryne and project stakeholder meetings. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
151	Ann Murtagh

### Summary

This submission expresses support for the Draft Landscape Conservation Area and commends Meath County Council. It is stated that the plan will ensure that the county can legitimately be marketed as Ireland's Heritage Capital. The submission states that this plan can be a model for other counties to follow and that it is imperative that elected members made a decision based on the long term interests and adopt it

### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
152	Alan Hughes

### Summary

This submission states that the Tara Skryne area is of significant heritage and historical importance and should be preserved and managed in a sustainable manner that is inclusive of local residents and stakeholders alike. It is submitted that there appeared to be little or no consultation with the local community. It is concerned in regard to the proposed plan in relation to one-off rural housing. It is stated that he hopes and urges the council to ensure that any future decisions in the area are based on wording set on in its original documentation which states that *'our landscapes are places where people live and work so therefore the objective is not to prevent change but rather manage it in a manner which compliments the character and values of the landscape and creates vibrant communities'*

### Manager's Response

Meath County Council concurs with the assertion that Tara Landscape is a significant cultural landscape that should be managed in a sustainable manner.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders,

meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
153	Michael Gibbons, Decoy, Garlow Cross, Navan

### Summary

Submission objects to the proposed LCA and questions why the area is be conserved now when a motorway has just been built through it and what impact this will have on local people. It is suggested that the County Council should focus on the condition of the roads and hedgerows.

### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
154	Dr. Thomas O'Connor, Lismullin Conference Centre

### Summary

This submission commends Meath County Council for consulting widely and producing a comprehensive and pioneering document. This submission outlines the Heritage Lecture Series run at the Lismullin Conference Centre and their contribution to raising public awareness of the historic importance. The submission urges Meath County Council to appreciate the merits of the plan.

### Manager's Response

Submission is welcomed and the educational contribution of the Lismullin Heritage Lectures Series is acknowledged. An explicit commitment in this project is to make heritage and educational resources more accessible so that the landscape itself and its story, can be better understood and appreciated, and its mosaic of heritage values better managed.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
155	Kay Hughes, Lismullen, Garlow Cross, Navan

**Summary**

Submission details current family circumstances and highlights the importance of family support living close by and queries how that might be impacted upon by the Landscape Conservation Area. It is stated that the people of this community love their heritage and value the Skryne and Tara and want them preserved in a sensible fashion.

**Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
156	Derek Lawlor

**Summary**

The submission writer is critical of the public consultation process undertaken. It is stated that as a full time farmer he wishes to object to the inclusion on his lands and requests that Meath County Council discuss with him how the proposal effects his farm and development in the area.

**Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
157	Oliver Collier, Ringlestown, Kilmessan

**Summary**

This submission objects to the proposal and states that he would like the status quo to remain. It is stated that decisions which interfere with people's livelihood should not be made by people from outside the area.

**Manager's Response and Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
158	Val and Phyllis Farrelly, Garlow Cross

**Summary**

This submission objects to the proposal with regards to the future planning implications that such a draft will impose, according to the submission writers. The requirement for a one off house for

their daughter is referenced in the submission. The submission writer states that she feels the Draft area is quite vast and that suggests that maybe a smaller area surrounding Tara would be more sufficient.

### **Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>159</b>	<b>Liam Sheridan, Ringlestown, Kilmessan</b>

### **Summary**

This submission highlights what he considers to be a lack of consultation and asks for the criteria for including Ringlestown and excluding Swainstown Quarry and what affect it will have on farming practices. It is submitted that his farm will be devalued as a result of the designation and asks will landowners be compensated for potential loss of earnings. This submission seeks clarification on how rural housing policy will be affected. It is stated that landscape can easily accommodate development as long as there is not environmental damage

### **Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

The quarry at Swainstown referred to in the submission is an active working quarry with existing development entitlements.

Current farming practices will not be affected, if the draft LCA is adopted in its current form.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
160	David Farrell, Ringlestown, Kilmessan

**Summary**

This submission states that he would expect his successors to be able to farm without unnecessary constraints being placed on them by this proposal. It is stated that he has had no consultation from Meath County Council and that he feels the conservation area is far too wide and unnecessary. It is submitted that at present there are sufficient constraints in relation to planning permission in this area.

**Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of the project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013. Current farming practices are not affected.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
161	Philip McCormack

**Summary**

This submission endorses the plan and believes it will benefit to local residents, local communities and the county as a tourism destination.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
162	Conor Farnan B.A., Hill of Skryne

**Summary**

Submission states is broadly in favour of planning which supports sustainable and healthy communities but it is submitted that he believes that plan is disingenuous coming after a major



motorway has been routed through the community. It is submitted that he supports the prohibition of major industrial development in the area but one-off rural housing must still be allowed to proceed. It is stated that he is suspicious of the political mandate and motivation behind the plan.

#### **Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>163</b>	<b>George Wilkinson</b>

#### **Summary**

This submission acknowledges that it is easier to criticise initiatives than design and implement them and the need for a good planning system but concludes that the current proposal is not correct. It suggests that all planning decisions should be transparent and each specific case considered on its' own merits within the planning system, as already exists. It is submitted that the proposal will make any business development in the area extremely unlikely or even impossible to the detriment of the locality and contends that the area is extremely large and does not appear to be very fair in terms of the inclusions and omissions.

#### **Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

Our landscapes are places where people live and work, the objective of this project is not to prevent development or change but rather to manage it in a manner which compliments the character and values of the landscape and creates vibrant communities.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>164</b>	<b>Padraig and Martina O'Connell, Meadowview, Belper, Tara</b>

#### **Summary**

This submission objects to the proposal as its their view that its very restrictive on households and farmers and feels that there are no benefits form it or compensation for the people affected.

#### **Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

In stage 2 of Phase III of this project MCC, in partnership with the Heritage Council and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, intends to set up a partnership arrangement between the local community, state agencies and relevant research institutions.

This will provide a structure to develop and implement an Action Plan for the LCA. The aim of the plan is to develop initiatives that focus on:

- Maximising the socioeconomic benefits & cultural tourism opportunities for the LCA;
- Interpreting & communicating the significance and values of the landscape to a wider audience;
- Examining future management options for the area in particular the state owned lands at the Hill of Tara,
- Establishing working relationships with local schools, sporting organisations, community groups and academic & research institutions to deliver future educational initiatives, research programmes and to use these relationships to agree the future landscape management of this area in an inclusive.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>165</b>	<b>Aileen and Richard Greally</b>

#### **Summary**

This submission, it is stated, is totally opposed to the plan and suggests that it will have a negative impact on rural one off housing and farm development resulting in depopulation and the decline of the community. It is submitted that the boundary being considered is very large.

#### **Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>166</b>	<b>Deirdre Brady, Corballis, Garlow Cross, Navan</b>

#### **Summary**

Please refer to submission No. 100

#### **Manager's Response and Recommendation**

Please refer to submission No. 100

Submission Number	Name and Address
167	Séamus Mac Gabhann, Editor of <i>Ríocht na Midhe</i> , Chair of County Meath Heritage Forum and National University of Ireland Maynooth

#### Summary

This submission is from a Meath native and university lecturer specialising in Irish Studies and the Chairperson of the County Meath Heritage Forum. It is stated that the rich heritage of Meath and warmly welcomes the proposal and congratulates Meath County Council. Submission highlights the document is the result of exacting research and analysis and highlights the rich potential of the Tara Skryne for the economic, cultural and educational benefit of local residents and the county. It is stated that as editor of *Ríocht na Midhe (Journal of the Meath Archaeological and Historical Society)* he has long been conscious of the benefits for Meath of an initiative such as this which can release the dormant potential of this rich heritage. The submission calls upon the elected representatives to realise this pioneering initiative in landscape conservation which promises to make County Meath pre-eminent in Ireland in terms of educational, cultural, tourist and economic prestige

#### Manager's Response

Submission is welcomed. It is Meath County Council's view that the Landscape Conservation Area designation will acknowledge the significance of the Tara Skryne Landscape, implement the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 and promote sustainable landscape management. This will support the delivery of agreed economic, environmental, social, cultural, heritage and community initiatives for the area.

#### Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
168	Declan Creavin, Old Ross, Tara

#### Summary

This submission states that the designation should not be allowed as residents within the Landscape Conservation Area should have the same planning regulations as everybody outside the area on a 'local needs' basis.

#### Manager's Response

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
169	Ciarán Murphy

#### Summary

This submission is from a local farmer and landowner concerned that plan will impede further development of his property and on local businesses. The submission acknowledges the need to protect the Hill of Tara from large scale development but expresses the opinion that local people should be allow to develop their own lands.

**Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
170	Elizabeth and Raymond Martin, Bellinter, Navan

**Summary**

This submission welcomes and endorses the plan and believe it will be of immense benefit to the area but also to local residents, communities and in selling Meath as a prime destination for tourism.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
171	Celine and Ivan Tuite, Proudstown, Tara

**Summary**

The submission states that they live on the Proudstown side of the Barrowaddy road in Skryne and question why the opposite side of the road to them (Oberstown) is not included. It submitted that they would like to know why their house is included in the area as it cannot be seen from either the Hill of Tara or the Hill of Skryne.

**Manager's Response**

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

Places that are connected historically or culturally are not necessarily inter-visible.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
172	Kilsaran Concrete, Head Office, Piercetown, Dunboyne

**Summary**

This submission states that that Kilsaran Concrete own land extending to 138 ha in the townlands of Tullykane and Arlonstown and notes that the lands at Arlonstown are included in the Draft LCA. It states that these lands are not visible from either of the two County Development Plan key view points namely VP1 – Hill of Tara and VP 27 – Skryne or from either Skryne or Tara Hills. It is submitted that rock reserves could effectively be sterilised by their inclusion the LCA and recommends that their landholding be removed (marked on a map included with this submission)

to protect future aggregate reserves. It is stated that as a large landowner in the area it is imperative that their views be taken on board.

### Manager's Response

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
173	RG Budden, Belper House, Dunsany

### Summary

Submission is from a local resident wishes to express support for the plan but states that excluding Tullykane quarry and its surrounding landscape does not make sense in their opinion and may negatively impact on the visual amenity of Tara. It is submitted that that restrictions on planning approvals will only be acceptable to the local community if they are applied by staff that are seen to be accountable, in a manner that is open and transparent, proportional and necessary.

### Manager's Response

The quarry at Tullykane referred to in the submission is an active working quarry with existing development entitlements.

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
174	James Duignan, Baronstown, Skryne, Tara, Co. Meath

### Summary

The submission states its difficult to understand Meath County Council's short vision with a proposal which will have an extremely detrimental affect on the local community. It is state that the rules and regulations set out in the Draft LCA appear to be similar to those in other areas whereby the most basic home improvements (installation of a WC) for families living in the area for 100s of years are being turned down. The submission is critical of what he considers to be a lack of public consultation and queries the extent of the boundary.

### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For

ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

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The rural housing policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Domestic extensions are also unaffected.

Submission Number	Name and Address
175	Sinéad McGrath, Craughwell, Co. Galway

**Summary**

Submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
176	Trish Groves, 7 Rockfield Green, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

**Summary**

Submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area to protect the historic Tara landscape and ensuring it can be enjoyed by generations to come.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
177	Dr. Brian Reidy, School of Biology and Environmental Science, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4

**Summary**

Submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area to prevent inappropriate development along the M3 motorway.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
178	Barbara Martin, Les Noyers, 74350 Le Sappey, France

**Summary**

Submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
179	Sarah Lundberg, East wall, Dublin 3

**Summary**

Submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
180	Dessiree Kennedy, Bray, Co. Wicklow

**Summary**

Submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
181	Seamus Enright, Southern Road, Cork

**Summary**

Submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
182	Hans-Georg Lundahl, Paris, France

**Summary**

Submission supports the plan in so far as it does not interfere with local businesses already going on without harming the landscape

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>183</b>	<b>Eamon Walsh, Court Hill, Dunboyne</b>

**Summary**

This submission from a farmer who farms on the side of the Hill of Tara and it is stated that the de-exemptions being proposed will effectively close down any future development of the farm and this cannot be seen as a positive or progressive. It is suggested that fresh thinking and support for positive conservation and development measures through engagement with the farming and wider community are needed. It is requested that this proposal be rejected

**Manager's Response**

This project is a national pilot which seeks to develop a new framework to manage change within historic landscapes. It is recognised that generations of farming families have played an important cultural role in creating and maintaining this landscape.

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>184</b>	<b>Brendan and Darina Goodman and Family, Monkstown, Garlow Cross</b>

**Summary**

This submission is from the owners of a local horticultural business which states that in their view it is not a good idea to prevent normal rural development in the area proposed by the draft. It is submitted that Tara is the people who live in the area as much as it is the hill and historical sites. It is stated that the M3 is a vital necessity for the community and that while there is a need to prevent industrial scale development the local community should be able to have houses, farm development and local businesses.

**Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

With specific reference to business uses in the area, the Economic Development Strategies of the CDP and the draft RPGs will be of relevance in the assessment of any future planning applications of this type.

**Recommendation**

No change required.



Submission Number	Name and Address
185	Peter Farrell on behalf of Kilmessan Hurling Club

**Summary**

This submission objects to the proposal Landscape Conservation Area. It is submitted that as a local club should have been given an opportunity to meet with Meath County Council. It is stated that the club needs a local population to be sustained. It is stated that the club is the largest social outlet for children in the Kilmessan/Dunsany area and the proposal would prevent them from developing new facilities and playing fields and request a member of Meath County Council to discuss how the proposal will affect the club.

**Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community and the contribution of sporting clubs to the life of the community is acknowledged. As the area is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of the project is to positively manage change and support existing community facilities in the area, guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
186	Mary E. Kenneally, Irish Australian

**Summary**

The submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area proposal and it is stated what more honourable way to support Ireland's economy and the shared culture with its Diaspora than to uphold its stewardship of cultural places. It is submitted that Ireland's culture is her greatest asset and is manifest in and inseparable from its historic landscapes and places. The submission states that one third of Australians claim Irish ancestry and with more outreach and education from Ireland would love to visit Ireland

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
187	Brian Sutherland

**Summary**

Submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area proposal

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
188	Julie Brosnan, 55 Ardnaculla, Ennistymon, Co. Clare

**Summary**

Submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area proposal

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
189	Mary Wallace TD, on behalf of Tara Stud by Terry O Flanagan Architects

**Summary**

Please refer to submission No. 214.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to submission No. 214.

Submission Number	Name and Address
190	Sheena Mac Rory, 284 Kepler Ave, Bronx, New York

**Summary**

Submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area and states that we should respect these amazing monuments and historical sites which have been around for thousands of years.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
191	Geoff Boden, 29 Crookes, Sheffield S10 1QJ, UK

**Summary**

Submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area which will protect against inappropriate development in the environs of the Hill of Tara.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
192	Kathryn Walley, Garlow Cross, Navan

**Summary**

This submission endorses the Draft Landscape Conservation Area for Tara Skryne and believes it will prove to be of immense benefit to local residents, communities and to the county particularly in selling Meath as 'Ireland's Heritage Capital' and as a unique and memorial visitor experience. It is submitted that local housing needs will be considered into the future where a need is proven necessary and it is stated that more stringent regulations to ensure developer led speculative building are necessary. This submission acknowledges the extensive research and consultation undertaken over the past year in relation to public meetings with concerned stakeholders, local groups and societies.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
193	Dan McCarn, Geologist, 108 Sherwood Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA

**Summary**

Supports the proposal for the creative Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area and feel that Tara represents a world class archaeological resource.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
194	Gabrielle McCann, School of Education, Trinity College Dublin

**Summary**

This submission welcomes the very promising Draft Landscape Conservation Area which will be of heritage, educational, economic and tourism value and help redeem Meath's image internationally

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
195	Declan Kenny, The Drawing Board, 2 Mill Lane, Leixlip, Co. Kildare

**Summary**

This submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area and states that the area is one of the most important historical landscapes not just in Meath but in Ireland and is of the view that the proposal will offer protection from unwarranted development without preventing the normal sustainable level that the local community requires It submitted that it should allow the people living in and around Tara to enjoy their locality, and give reassurances that it is possible to preserve these sites for future generations without stifling the lives and livelihoods of those living in the present. The submission hopes that this will be a blueprint for other sensitive areas in Ireland

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
196	Melodie Mayne

**Summary**

Submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
197	Martha Elkayem

**Summary**

Submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
198	Cllr Philip Cantwell, Trim Town Council

**Summary**

This submission states that the writer stood in protest with the members of the public opposed to the building of the M3 through the Tara Skryne Valley because it is submitted that the road would result in the destruction of the unique archaeology of the Tara/Skryne Valley. It is stated that he supports the proposed Landscape Conservation Area for Tara Skryne Valley and hopes that it goes some way to make up for the destruction of our irreplaceable archaeology in "Ireland's Heritage Capital". It is submitted that in time it is hoped that a world quality visitor's centre will be built (preferably into the landscape) such as the visitors centre at the Cliffs of Moher and in an area sensitively chosen where all archaeology/artefacts from the area can be put on permanent display.

**Manager's Response**

It is the policy of Meath County Council to promote the development of tourism in a sustainable manner and to encourage the provision of a comprehensive range of tourism facilities, subject to location, siting and design criteria, the protection of environmentally sensitive areas and areas identified as sensitive landscapes and the consideration of other planning factors such as the Landscape Character Assessment (CDP – ED POL 47).

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
199	Dominic Magliocco, 81 Brompton Park, Belfast

**Summary**

This submission supports the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area as it is one of the most important sites in Europe

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
200	Sean and Pauline O'Connell, Walterstown, Navan

**Summary**

This submission objects to the proposed Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area and believe it will make it difficult to get planning permission in future and cause young people to move from the area.

#### Manager's Response

Our landscape are places where live and work, the objective is not to prevent development or change but rather to manage it in a manner that compliments the character and values of the landscape and creates vibrant communities.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
201	Elizabeth Healy, Carraholly, Westport, Co. Mayo

#### Summary

The submission is in support of the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area. The area is considered to be of prime heritage significance, both on an Irish and a world level and should be a World Heritage site. It is stated that the area should be kept free from development and should not be destroyed by any level of further development.

#### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
202	Marc Gijsemans, 137 Bevel – Dorp, B-2560 Nijlen, Belgium

#### Summary

The submission supports the proposal for the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area. It is submitted that the area was once the cultural and political centre of Ireland and that it would be a shame to let it disappear under inappropriate development. It is stated that the writer's son is Irish and he wants to be able to show him where his roots come from as it is now.

#### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
203	Menolly Homes, 4 The Mall, Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

#### Summary

The submission refers to residential property at Kilmessan in the control of Menolly Homes. It is stated that it is unclear from the map whether their property is located within the boundary. Clarification is requested on this and in the event that the lands are found to be located within the proposed boundary it is requested that the proposed boundary be amended to exclude said lands. A map of the subject lands is included in this submission.

#### Manager's Response

It is confirmed that the lands are located inside the Draft LCA boundary. These lands are included within the Kilmessan Local Area Plan 2009-2015 development boundary and have a residential

land use zoning objective attached. This constitutes a drafting error, as these lands are within an existing built up urban area it is recommended that the boundary be altered to omit these lands.

### Recommendation

Proposed alteration to boundary to omit these zoned lands from within the draft LCA boundary.

Submission Number	Name and Address
204	Vincent Salafia, Tara Watch, Suite 108, The Capel Building, Mary's Abbey, Dublin 7

### Summary

This submission is made by Vincent Salafia, on behalf of NGO, Tara Watch. It is stated that TaraWatch support the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area and requests that the planning authority to implement the Draft Plan in its current form. It is submitted that the proposed area accurately reflects the area of the cultural and natural landscape, directly associated with the Hill of Tara and the Hill of Skryne. It is considered that the planning restrictions are absolutely necessary to achieve proper planning and sustainable development of the area. It is stated that Meath County has acted in bad faith by developing the M3 in its current route and is under a legal duty to mitigate the damage to the Tara Skryne Landscape by the M3 motorway. It is put forward that given the fact that the Hill of Tara was placed on the World Monuments Fund – 100 Most Endangered Sites List in 2006 is compelling evidence that it deserves to be given protection as a LCA. It is submitted that the effects of the LCA are similar to those of a UNESCO designation and that if the council refuses to implement the proposed plan, then it is essentially opposing the UNESCO designation of the same area. A copy of the formal nomination form for UNESCO designation is contained in the submission.

### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
205	Carmina Kearney, 137 Bevel – Dorp, B-2560 Nijlen, Belgium

### Summary

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### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
206	Pauline Bleach, Springfield House, Springfield, Ballyfin, Portlaoise, Co. Laois

### Summary

The submission highlights the perceived struggle between protection versus openness. It is stated that the 'M3 can't remain if we are serious about the Tara Landscape'. Tara is regarded as a living landscape and openness in the reoccurring theme in people's relationship to Tara and therefore should be respected. It is submitted that without re-routing the M3, Tara will remain a one hour stop on the way to somewhere else rather than an area which is visited regularly. This is

considered to be economically damaging to Meath. It is stated that economically, archaeologically and socially there is no reason to keep the M3 motorway in its current route. It is argued that by ensuring the landscape area remains rural and doesn't suffer from over development, it will attract both local and international visitors. It is stated that UNESCO cannot accept Tara with the M3. It is put forward that a collaborative non political approach may work better than the current system.

#### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
207	Joanne McDonald, 327 Lower Kimmage Road, D6W

#### Summary

The submission expresses support for the proposed Tara Skryne Valley LCA and the proposal to place planning restrictions on and around the Hill of Tara and parts of the M3 motorway to prevent inappropriate development.

#### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
208	Emily Doherty, Parkside, Palmerstown, Rathmines, Dublin 6

#### Summary

The submission expresses support of the proposed LCA and the placing of planning restrictions on and around the Hill of Tara and parts of the M3 motorway to prevent inappropriate development. It is stated that this area 'is a very important part of our cultural heritage'.

#### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
209	Damien Murray, Riverstown, Kilmessan, Co. Meath

#### Summary

This submission is from a landowner in the area. The submission objects to the proposed Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area in its current form. It is considered that the LCA puts draconian planning restrictions on the local people, many of which have lived in Tara for generations. It is stated that the proposed area is unnecessarily large and in many respects, does not make sense. It is submitted that the landowner and the vast majority of the people in the area, wish to see the historic sites of Tara respected and preserved. It is proposed in the submission that: (i) all historic sites in Tara and the great Tara area should be identified; (ii) a preservation order should be placed on these sites to preserve them from further destruction; (iii) that areas of historic significance close to the hilltop should be acquired by the state and conserved, in particular, lands to the north east of the hill which is identified on ancient maps as significant, and on which deep ploughing is still permitted.

#### Manager's Response

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

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### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
210	Patricia McCormick, England

### Summary

The submission is in favour of the Draft Landscape Conservation Area. This submission focusing on cultural and heritage tourism. It is stated that tourism would both directly and indirectly lead to job creation within and outside the Conservation Area and provide a much needed boost to the local economy. It is submitted that Landscape Conservation Areas are common throughout Europe and, take many forms and are seen as the responsible way to manage sensitive landscapes. It is stated that the ideal solution with regard to the M3 would be to reroute it to the west of Tara serving Trim and increasing the traffic volume to play the tolls and avoid payments under the traffic guarantee in the contract. It is considered that LCA will protect, preserve and manage this important area to the mutual benefit of those who are fortunate enough to live within it as well as those who visit it. In adopting and implementing the plan, that writer states that Meath County Council will be taking a lead in protecting the environment on behalf of the local community and showing other authorities how Landscape Conservation can be an economic asset drawing fund and support into the area.

### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
211	Noel Aherne, 4 Woodlands, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

### Summary

Given the historical, archaeological and incalculable significance, along with the fragility of the area it is considered that there should be strict planning restrictions on and around the Hill of Tara and parts of the M3 motorway, to prevent inappropriate development. It is argued that the country has profited so many times in the past at the expense of our heritage. The submission states that 'the devastation of the Wood Quay development should still echo in the planning authority's collective ear'.

### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.



Submission Number	Name and Address
212	Eve Hickey, 7 Glenmore, College Road, Galway

**Summary**

This submission outlines support for the proposal for the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area. While it is understood that new service areas need to be planning and built to go with the motorways, it is considered important that planning is done properly and most important with integrity. It is submitted that areas must be preserved for conservation of flora and fauna and for the respect of the Irish culture.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
213	Markus Petz, Tampere, Finland

**Summary**

The submission is in support of the proposed LCA. The LCA is regarded as a good proposal in broad scope. It is considered to be a means to protect cultural heritage. Reference is made to Sea Henge in the UK where there was a move to relocate cultural artefacts. This is not considered to be the best solution and it is stated that Tara should be remained in situ.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
214	Brendan English, Terry & O' Flanagan Consulting Engineers, Architectural and Planning Consultants on behalf of Tara Stud, Tara, Co. Meath.

**Summary**

The submission states that proposals by Meath County Council to protect important components of the landscape are welcomed, there are significant concerns about aspects of the draft plans, including lack of consultation with landowners and resultant impact upon property rights; excessive extent of the proposed Landscape Conservation Area, disproportionate removal of exempted development rights, particularly relating to agriculture and farming and likely impact future development

It is requested that MCC should consider the removal of the automatic de-exemptions and at the very least affected parties should be afforded the opportunity to seek a declaration under Section 5. MCC should reconsider the extent of the proposed LCA and that the proposals if adopted in either their current or an amended form should explicitly state that there is a presumption that proposed development will not impact upon those components of the landscape worthy of protection unless the contrary is shown.

**Manager's Response**

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#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>215</b>	<b>Niall Hanlon</b>

#### **Summary**

Submission expresses support of the proposed LCA.

#### **Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>216</b>	<b>Quitin Greally, Lismullen</b>

#### **Summary**

Submission expresses opposition to the Draft LCA. If the plans are implemented it will be virtually impossible for people to get one off rural housing for local needs, according to the submission writer. Without doubt the local community will be destroyed. Local GAA will fall into decline and local trades will suffer in all parishes in the affected area. The public consultation process and the boundary are both criticised. Farmers in the area will find it almost impossible to extend to a livestock shed if the proposal goes ahead, according to this submission.

#### **Manager's Response**

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The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
217	Paul Gogarty, Reader Services, James Joyce Library, University College Dublin, Dublin 4

### Summary

The submission expresses support for the LCA proposal. It is stated that national treasures need to be protected, that they are too important to lose.

### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
218	Professor Gabriel Cooney MRIA, Professor of Celtic Archaeology, Head of School, UCD School of Archaeology

### Summary

The submission writer is a member of the Heritage Council and the County Meath Heritage Forum. The submission commends Meath County Council (in partnership with the Heritage Council and the DoEHLG) for following through on the commitment of the Meath County Development Plan. The Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area is regarded as an important initiative in planning at a landscape level and is in line with the approach of the European Landscape Convention. MCC are especially commended for the concern with the active engagement and partnership with the local community and wide range of stakeholders which has been the critical, central feature in the preparation of the draft LCA. Reference is made to more than 60 stakeholder consultation and project meetings. It is submitted that the concept of a landscape conservation is founded on the recognition that landscapes are about change, but that change has to be managed to ensure that the qualities and character of the landscape are sustained for future generations. The LCA is considered to be an important and positive development in planning for the future and the sustainable development of the landscape.

### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
219	Ailish Sherlock, Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath

#### Summary

The submission refers to property at Garlow Cross. The concept of the LCA is supported however the inclusion of the aforementioned property in the LCA is considered to be excessive. It is submitted that the proposed LCA boundaries should be revisited. The submission outlines a need for further public consultation and that such consultation should be carried out by ensuring meaningful engagement with the local communities affected. It is indicated that if this would be possible then perhaps the dissatisfaction with the Planning Authority's handling of this process could be addressed.

#### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

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#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
220	Declan and Irene Browne, Ross Tara

#### Summary

Reference is made to lands (8 acres) in the ownership of Declan and Irene Brown at Ross, Tara. It is stated that they would like their children to have the opportunity to reside on this land for future generations. The need for proper suitable planning in regard to one off housing not to blight the landscape is understood. The proposed draft area is regarded as quite vast and extends to less sensitive areas, in the opinion of the submission writers.

#### Manager's Response

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of the project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
221	Emer O Carroll, 108 Applewood hts, Greystones, Co. Wicklow

**Summary**

The submission expresses support for the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area. It is considered necessary to place planning restrictions on and around the Hill of Tara and parts of the M3 motorway, to prevent inappropriate development, to conserve this internationally important site and to create and internationally recognised area of sustainable tourism.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
222	Sorcha O'Shea

**Summary**

The submission expresses support of the LCA.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
223	Pauline Clarke, Lismullin, Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission objects strongly to the LCA. Reference is made to a henge which was discovered at Lismullen by archaeologists that was said to be of great importance, however a motorway was placed directly over it. It is submitted that the people in the area who have always looked after this landscape should be allowed to continue to live their lives there. It is also stated that children should be allowed to live in the area when they are older and raise their families there. It is claimed that Tara has been here for thousands of years and remains a beautiful place today because locals have always loved and respected it. The 'large area' proposed for inclusion in the LCA is strongly criticised. It is submitted that the plan could ruin the area for the next generation as all the young people will have move away.

**Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community and this is recognised in the Draft LCA. The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
224	Carl Bekaert, Neerhofweg 12 bus 1, B-2222 Wiekevorst, Belgium

**Summary**

The submission expresses support for the LCA.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
225	Alex Vierhout

**Summary**

The submission expresses support for the LCA.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
226	Tommy Farnan

**Summary**

The submission is from a local resident of the Skryne area. It outlines his opposition to the Plan in its entirety. He currently resides on the Hill of Skryne and has recently submitted an application for planning permission on a site adjacent to the family home. He expresses concern that the draft plan will affect his application.

**Manager's Response**

Any current planning application before Meath County Council will be assessed in accordance with the rural housing policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
227	Greg Timony, Harolds Cross, Dublin 6W

**Summary**

The submission expresses support of the LCA. It is hoped that the councillors will support this in the interests of preserving national heritage.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
228	John Walsh

**Summary**

The submission expresses support for the LCA.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
229	Liam Carolan, Kilmessan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission is critical of the public consultation process. It is submitted that country life in the region has been dealt another blow, particularly the farming community. It is stated that to sterilize this region would serve no good purpose whatsoever.

**Manager's Response**

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The use of sterilisation of lands as a development management tool has been superceded by the DOE Guidelines for Sustainable Rural Housing, 2005.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
230	Fionnuala McGowan, University College Dublin

**Summary**

The submission welcomes and endorses the Draft Landscape Conservation Area Proposal. It states that it will be of great benefit to the rich heritage of the area and also to local residents and communities, as well to the county as a whole in selling Meath as a prime heritage destination for tourism.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
231	Dara Swan, Roseberry House, Oberstown, Tara, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission strongly disagrees with the proposal on the following grounds: The area is too large and not practical; Lack of notification- only received in June; Destroy the local area for social networking; Lack of sustainable development to maintain rural community. eg schools, GAA clubs etc; Separating families with restrictive planning; Lack of consultation of exemption.

**Manager's Response**

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The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of the project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
232	Jane Donnelly

**Summary**

The submission objects to the draft Landscape Conservation Area. The submission writer's father farms at Ringlestown within the plan area and subsequently she feels it would be very difficult to acquire planning permission there.

**Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
233	David Lawlor, 15 Brendan Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4

**Summary**

The submission broadly welcomes and endorses the Draft LCA for Tara Skryne. It will stated that it will be a great benefit, not only to the rich heritage of the Tara-Skryne area, but also to the local residents and local communities, and to the county as a whole in selling Meath - "Ireland's Heritage Capital" – as a prime heritage destination.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.



Submission Number	Name and Address
234	Pauline Donnelly

**Summary**

This submission is from a resident in the area. The proposed restrictions are considered to be severe. It is stated the concerns of the people living in the area should be considered.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
235	Adrian Stone, City Publications, The Coal Exchange, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff, CF10 5ED

**Summary**

The submission expresses support of the Tara Skryne LCA.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
236	Keith, Timtom and Thomas James, UK

**Summary**

The submission expresses support of the Tara Skryne LCA.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
237	James O'Neill O'Brien, O'Brien Clan Foundation

**Summary**

The submission expresses unqualified support of the LCA.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
238	Sylvia O'Brien, Riverstown, Kilmessan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission writer strongly disagrees with the Draft LCA proposal. It is stated that she has lived in the area for 35 years and is now concerned that her sisters and herself will not be able to build a home on the land that they, their father and grand-father grew up on.

**Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
239	Amal El-Mohtar, 15 Broad Street, Penyrn, Cornwall, TR10 8JL, UK

**Summary**

The submission expresses support for the LCA. It is stated that the Hill of Tara has huge historical, cultural and spiritual significance, and should be protected.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
240	Gabriele Ackman

**Summary**

The submission expresses support of the Tara Skryne LCA

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
241	Valerie Curtis, Riverstown, Kilmessan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission is made by a resident of Riverstown. The submission objects to the proposed LCA.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
242	Margot McNelis, Rock Road, Walterstown, Navan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission objects the proposed plan. While it is important to protect Tara the size of the area proposed is considered by the writer of this submission to be too big. It is stated that if the plan goes ahead her children will have difficulty planning a home in the area where they grew up and that there will only be old people living there.

**Manager's Response**

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The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
243	Stephen Chambers, 14 O'Connell Street, Kilkee, Co Clare

**Summary**

The submission expresses support for the proposed LCA.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
244	David Johnston, Lisburn

**Summary**

The submission expresses support of the proposed LCA and opposes 'cultural barbarism'.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
245	Thomas Byrne TD, 2 Duleek Court, Main Street, Duleek, County Meath

**Summary**

The submission states that the majority of persons in the area affected by the LCA are opposed to the proposal. It notes that while the preservation of a landscape is important, the preservation of a community is even more important. It is submitted that if Council the council does not proceed with the LCA it must proceed to delete its obligation/objective in the County Development Plan and the County Heritage Plan to create a Tara Skryne LCA. The submission questions that purpose of the Explanatory Document from a planning point of view. It is claimed that it should be deleted in its entirety as it would have no legal status and would seek to achieve more than is allowed under law. The submission states there is already protection for the area in the Development Plan. It is claimed that the major of residents in the area knew little about the proposed LCA until Mr. Byrne TD leafleted the part of the LCA which is his constituency and a public meeting was called by his Oireachtas colleague. It is also claimed that those who received a registered letter, received it at a very late stage. It is stated that a number of residents in the area were refused admission into the public consultation workshops. It is submitted that blanket planning restrictions on one-off housing, similar to those in operation around the Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site will not be accepted by the population of this area if the area is ever declared

a World Heritage Site. It is accepted that the LCA does not in itself envisage this, but considers that there is scope to introduce such restrictions by stealth.

### **Manager's Response**

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The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

The explanatory document was prepared to assist the general public in understanding the process as it provides useful background information regarding the area generally and the Draft LCA project.

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
246	<b>Sean Boyle and Associates on behalf of Mr. John (Jack) Smith, Kilmessan, Navan</b>

### **Summary**

Mr Smith is a native of Kilmessan and notes that the boundary of the LCA map includes his land and proposed new dwelling. It is outlined that he has no objection to the LCA and considers it is important to protect the Tara area, in particular the Hill of Tara and its views. However, he cannot understand why the area extends into Kilmessan. It is stated that Kilmessan has its own Plan which has a number of Planning and Conservation Designations and therefore there is no reason for the LCA boundary to extend that far. It is suggested that that Plan boundary be revised and moved back to at least the River Skane.

### **Manager's Response**

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>247</b>	<b>Paul and Ann Marie Quinn</b>

**Summary**

Submission welcomes the opportunity to participate in the public consultation of the Draft LCA. The submission writers consider that if the plan will give people several significant obstacles who live in the area and try to manage an income off the lands. It is stated that the negative economic impact from the conservation plan will severely impact their part time farm and plant hire business. It is claimed that the area will become even more expensive given the necessary ground preparation that will be required under the new proposed plan, as well as the levies that are presently in operation. It is submitted that this unsustainable plan is trying to make a monument out of their lands.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>248</b>	<b>Liam Boyce, Iarnrod Eireann, Connolly Station, Dublin 1</b>

**Summary**

The submission outlines that work has begun on the preparation of a Railway order for the Proposed Railway from Dunboyne to Navan and the current alignment will be included within the planned draft LCA between Kilmessan and the Boyne River. A map accompanies the submission which indicates potential over bridges located within the planned LCA. It is indicated that these bridges will require approaches which could extend up to a couple of hundred metres either side of the Railway. It is stated that it is desirable that these over bridges and any potential culverts for the planned railway are accommodated within the planned LCA. Iarnrod Eireann would welcome the opportunity for further discussion with Meath County Council on this planned LCA.

**Manager's Response**

The content of this submission is noted. The support of Meath County Council for the re-opening of the Navan- Dublin Railline is outlined in the CDP 2007-2013. MCC will facilitate further discussion with Iarnrod Eireann on the Draft LCA.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
249	Dearbhal Hogan, Skryne Road, Garlow Cross, Navan

#### Summary

The submission objects to the proposed LCA. The LCA is regarded as unacceptable on the following grounds: Whilst acknowledging the need for the protection of beauty and the importance of the Hill of Tara, there is no logic in imposing restrictions in so wide a buffer zone; As the landscape is already violated by the M3 motorway this appears futile; At Garlow cross there is no visibility of the Hills of Skryne or Tara. The submission writer is critical of the public consultation process.

#### Manager's Response

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#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
250	Lauren Stonebanks, 2/2, EH7 5TH, Uk

#### Summary

The submission expresses support of the proposed LCA. It is stated the area it is too pretty to destroy.

#### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
251	Derek Byrne, Aero Aid Limited, Castletown Farm, Castle Town, Garlow Cross, Tara, Co. Meath

#### Summary

The submission is in relation to requesting recognition/acknowledgment be given to his business and other businesses currently within the proposed buffer zone. Furthermore, ensure that the LCA will not be prejudicial to the development potential of his business and its expansion in the future. Current businesses within the buffer zone are definitive "stakeholders" in this plan. Tara Waste Water Treatment plant and the proposed Dowdstown water abstraction plant are/will be good examples of how development can occur and still be sensitive and sympathetic to its surroundings. Manicured landscapes such as Royal Tara Golf Club and the local driving range also successfully into the landscape. Businesses in the area, although not all are tourism based,

they do provide employment in the area and do merit consideration to be allowed to develop sustainably in the future

#### **Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of the project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape.

With specific reference to business uses in the area, the Economic Development Strategies of the CDP and the draft RPGs will be of relevance in the assessment of any future planning applications of this type.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>252</b>	<b>Brendan Duffin</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission expresses wholehearted support for the proposed draft LCA. The submission requests that the project should include the reinstatement of the bones taken from the mounds in the path of the M3 as well as opening up access to the monuments of the Tara valley and beyond by the creation of tourist/walking/horse riding trails in consultation and agreement with the relevant landowners. It is stated that heritage stations, contained within proposals for 'The Meath Master plan' should also be built urgently.

#### **Manager's Response**

Detailed examination of tourism initiatives will form part of the action plan phase of the project. The issue of reinstatement of bones is not within the remit of the LCA.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>253</b>	<b>Stephen Carey</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission expresses support for the conservation of national heritage. It is put forward that it should not be destroyed by building roads on or near very special sites. It is submitted that they should be planned around and should not go against the wishes of the people who cherish history.

#### **Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
254	Cora O'Brien

**Summary**

Blank email.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
255	David Hogan, Skryne Road, Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission expresses opposition to the proposed Landscape Conservation Area on the following grounds: the blanket buffer zone is too big of an area; the planning restrictions particularly are far too severe and are not practical for the residents to carry out every day tasks in a normal fashion; the people of Skryne were not adequately informed about the proposal as the plans were being drawn up and therefore had an inadequate say on the future of the area; the task of protecting the Hill of Tara and its natural beauty can be carried out through current planning legislation within Meath County Council

The submission acknowledges that a lot of effort has been put into this project and that it is important to protect the Hill of Tara's natural beauty however, it is considered that this task can be carried out through current planning legislation within Meath County Council.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
256	Cllr Seamus O'Neill

**Summary**

The submission objects to the proposed LCA on the following grounds: some of the residents in the area say they have not been contacted and there was no consultation; the Hill of Tara is already preserved; farmers express concerns as they feel they will not be able to expand if they wish to; should a farmer want to sell his land, this plan has scared everyone so much that people



will not want to buy it; business's may like to expand and they might be limited; the area concerned is too vast.

### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

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### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
257	Pat Lenehan

### Summary

The submission is made by a landowner adjacent to the proposed designated LCA. The submission writer claims that he has not been properly consulted on the process to date. It is considered that appropriate legislation is currently in place with regard to planning and environmental issues. It is submitted that until the exact details of what this process could mean is adequately discussed and agreed with landowners, no final decision should be made.

### Manager's Response

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### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
258	Brenda and JJ Lenehan

### Summary

The submission is made by farmers in the area. They consider that they are a very important stakeholder for the area. They feel that the consultation process had not been adequate with a

variety important stakeholder group i.e. farmers. The submission states that appropriate legislation is currently in place with regard to planning and environmental control. It is submitted that the countryside is managed and looked after by farmers as part of their farming enterprises and that they must be able to develop their enterprises and live in the areas where they farm. The submission requires an agreement that proper consideration for the needs of 'real' local people in terms of future planning for business and domestic facilities will be satisfactorily catered for.

### Manager's Response

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### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
259	Thomas Hamill, Ballinter, Navan, Co. Meath,

### Summary

This submission is made by a resident of the area. The submission writer welcomes the plan. The submission is accompanied by a series of maps. It is requested that the conservation area would be extended to the entire Discovery Programme Study Zone as shown on appendix 1. Failing acceptance of this the following is suggested: To include in the northern side of the proposed area Oldtown, Corballis, Gillstown, Clonardan and Monsktown. To include Tullykane and Swainstown to the south west, and Bective Crossroads to the west.

### Manager's Response

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### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
260	John Duignan, Bellinter and Bonfield, Navan Co. Meath

### Summary

The submission objects to the inclusion of their land in the LCA. The submission requests that a member of Meath County Council would discuss how the proposed plan would effect their farm and development in the area.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
261	Suzanne Duffy, Riverstown

**Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of their land in the LCA. The submission requests that a member of Meath County Council would discuss how the proposed plan would effect their farm and development in the area.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
262	Anne Curtis, Ringlestown

**Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of their land in the LCA. The submission requests that a member of Meath County Council would discuss how the proposed plan would effect their farm and development in the area.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
263	Tommy and Joan Murphy, Arlonstown Lodge, Dunsany, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission objects to the proposed Conservation Plan for the area as it is considered to be nonsense.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
264	Patrick Murtagh, Lismullen, Garlow Cross

**Summary**

The submission is made by a resident of Garlow Cross who has lived in the area for 40 years. The submission states that while he likes the idea of the area being a conservation area, he fears for the future consequences. He considers that there wasn't much concern for the area when the M3 motorway was being built and that now the local people are going to be penalised. It is submitted that there are many problems both in the country and the world at the moment that should be sorted out before a serious decision like this can be taken.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
265	Martin and Catherine Hanley, Colvinstown, Tara, County Meath

**Summary**

The submission objects to the proposed LCA on the following grounds: the area designated to LCA seems to be confusing in the seemingly random way it has been drawn up; the size of the area proposed is excessive. If the LCA goes ahead it will no longer be possible to get planning permission which is unfair to future generations of the many local families involved.

**Manager's Response**

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
266	Denis Farrell, "Woodview", Oberstown, Tara, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission welcomes the proposed designation of the area. The submission is made by a resident of Skryne who has lived in the area for the last twenty eight years. It states that it understood that the plan will not at this moment in time affect the Rural Housing Policy. The landscape is regarded as a living landscape for the community and has evolved over the years and should continue to do so whilst respecting the unique characteristics which it exhibits. It is stated that he hopes the LCA will not effect his chances of being granted planning permission in the future and that inappropriate development would be ruled out in terms of non compliance with the Development Plan policies and objectives.

**Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving and therefore the objective of the project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
267	Albert and Lilian Cherry, The Lodge, Lismullen, Navan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission strongly objects to the curtilage of the proposed Tara/Skryne valley. It welcomes the opportunity for Tara to become a World Heritage Site but states that their family and the future of their children must be considered.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
268	PJ Clarke, Lismullin, Garlow Cross, Navan

**Summary**

The submission states that he was informed by the locals that his land is included in the proposed area. He questions how this came about and how it will effect his ability to raise a family and earn a living. He agrees with some of the objectives of the draft plan, but queries some of the observations. It is stated that there is a living vibrant community farming and living in the area, and these places are part of the landscape and life of the Tara/ Skryne area. The submission questions how the plan would impact the farm in the coming years in developing and expanding if desired. It also questions how the plan would effect their three children as he would like to think that children in the area would be able to work and live locally.

**Manager's Response**

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The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development polices and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the LCA .

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
269	Kevin Keaveny, Dunlough, Robinstown, Navan, Co. Meath

#### Summary

The submission objects to the his land at Bective being included in the LCA as he has plans for one of his children to start farming his land as it contains a valuable unit of 125 acres. The landowner has no objection to his 70 acres of land around Bective Abbey to be included in this plan but objects to 14 acres being included. It is stated that he has applied for planning permission for a house on this land in the past. A map is submitted in support of this submission.

#### Manager's Response

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#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
270	Ronan Pierse, Tara Hall, Dunsany, Co. Meath

#### Summary

The submission objects to the inclusion of his land in the LCA. He requests that a member of Meath County Council discusses the proposed plan with him and how it will effect his farm and development in the area.

#### Manager's Response

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#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
271	Frank and Margaret Naughton, Ross Dangan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission objects to the proposed LCA. Present restrictions are considered to be rigid enough. Reference is made to an application which they made and was refused by the council in late 1990's/2000.

**Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
272	James and John Naughton, The Deers Leap, Ross, Dunsany, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission objects to the proposed Tara Skryne LCA.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
273	Liam Donohoe, Castletown, Tara

**Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of his land at Castletown Tara in the LCA. He requests that a member of Meath County Council discusses the proposed plan with him and how it will effect his farm and development in the area.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.



Submission Number	Name and Address
274	Patrick Allen, Yellow Walls, Garlow Cross

**Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of his land in the LCA. He requests that a member of Meath County Council discusses the proposed plan with him and how it will effect his farm and development in the area.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
275	Celia Daly, Phillipotstown

**Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of her land in the LCA. she requests that a member of Meath County Council discusses the proposed plan with him and how it will effect his farm and development in the area.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
276	John Daly, Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath

#### Summary

The submission expresses concern in relation to the consultation process which was carried out as part of the LCA. It is considered that MCC's planning process is adequate to deal with any situation which may arise. It is submitted that the local needs of the people who live in the area must be looked after, as these people and their ancestors have kept the landscape prior to Meath County Council.

#### Manager's Response

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#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
277	James Hamill, Ross Tara

#### Summary

The submission objects to the inclusion of his land in the LCA. He requests that a member of Meath County Council discusses the proposed plan with him and how it will effect his farm and development in the area.

#### Manager's Response

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No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
278	Michael O Keefe, Secretary of Walterstown G.F.C, Oldtown, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath

#### Summary

The submission makes reference to the consultation process carried out and the fact that Waterstown GFC was not consulted at any stage. It is stated that the club is not happy with the implications of the LCA and how it will affect the club in the future. It is submitted that the local needs of the people who live in the area and have done a good job looking after its landscape should be listened to. The planning process which is already in place is considered to be more than adequate to deal with any situation which may arise.

#### Manager's Response

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#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
279	Jim Harlin, Assey, Kilmessan

#### Summary

The submission objects to the inclusion of his land in the LCA. He requests that a member of Meath County Council discusses the proposed plan with him and how it will effect his farm and development in the area.

#### Manager's Response

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#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
280	Brian Harlin, Assey, Kilmessan

**Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of his land in the LCA. He requests that a member of Meath County Council discusses the proposed plan with him and how it will effect his farm and development in the area.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
281	Patrick Reilly, Bective

**Summary**

The submission states that as locals they have no objection to the preservation of Tara Skryne but are at a loss to understand why the area is extended to include their place of residence. They do not consider that their area has direct connection with Tara/Skryne and therefore should not be included within the Conservation Area. It is considered the proposal may have permanent implications for future generations in respect of planning and development and all householders should be properly informed.

**Manager's Response**

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The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
282	John Harlin, Assey, Kilmessan

**Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of his land in the LCA. He requests that a member of Meath County Council discusses the proposed plan with him and how it will effect his farm and development in the area.

**Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
283	Ronan Harlin, Assey Kilmessan

**Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of his land in the LCA. He requests that a member of Meath County Council discusses the proposed plan with him and how it will effect his farm and development in the area.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
284	George H Briscoe, Craystown

**Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of his land in the LCA. He requests that a member of Meath County Council discusses the proposed plan with him and how it will effect his farm and development in the area.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
285	Gerry and Nuala Tobin, Branstown, Tara

**Summary**

The submission objects to the LCA proposal. It is considered that the area to be designated is ambiguous and random in the way it was drawn up and excessive in scale. It is stated that as the parents of four adult children they should be allowed planning permission for at least one of them to construct a dwelling and they are concerned that this that this will no longer be a possibility.

**Manager's Response**

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The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
286	Liam and Lucy McLoughlin, Mooretown House, Riverstown, Kilmessan

**Summary**

Submission expresses opposition to the propose conservation plan. It is submitted that they bought a 24 acre farm beside Royal Tara 3 years ago primarily with the intension of building two houses for their sons and they are now concerned that given the proximity to Tara this will not happen.

**Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
287	Patrick Dunne, Ross Cross, Skryne

**Summary**

The submission opposes the Landscape Conservation Area. He considers that his rights as a native, employer, householder and landowner are threatened by the plan. He requests that the elected representatives vote against this proposal. He considers that the proposal will take the life out of what is a vibrant living community.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
288	Paul and Angela Dunne, Ross Cross, Skryne

**Summary**

The submission opposes the Landscape Conservation Area. They consider that their rights as natives, employers, householders and landowners are threatened by the plan. They requests that the elected representatives vote against this proposal. They consider that the proposal will take the life out of what is a vibrant living community.

**Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of the project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
289	Ray Reynolds, Gillstown, Garlow Cross, Navan

**Summary**

The submission objects to 'a ban on planning and development in the Tara Skryne valley.' It is considered that the proposal will adversely effect the carrying on of his business and prevent him giving sites to his two daughters.

**Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
290	MacCabe Durney Barnes on behalf of the Columban Fathers, St. Columban's, Dalgan Park, Navan

**Summary**

The Columban Fathers object to the inclusion of their lands in the proposed Landscape Conservation Area for the following reasons: they do not lie between Tara and Skryne and do not have a significant visual relationship with either location; they do not impact on the designated views identified in the Meath CDP; they are located to the north of the M3; they are not a significant landscape character nor located in an area that forms part of the Tara/Skryne area. The designation would pose an unnecessary burden on them in carrying out their normal agricultural activities and possibly prohibit the development of their educational, social, religious and pastoral mission. It is considered that the Development Plan exercises sufficient control over the lands in terms of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Manager's Response**

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Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted



development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
291	Mary Wright, Ringlestown, Kilmessan

### Summary

The submission objects to the inclusion of her land in the LCA. A meeting is requested with a member of Meath County Council to discuss the proposed plan and how it will effect her farm and development in the area.

### Manager's Response

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### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
292	Paul Rafter, Tara

### Summary

The submission objects to the inclusion of his land in the LCA. A meeting is requested with a member of Meath County Council to discuss the proposed plan and how it will effect his farm and development in the area.

### Manager's Response

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
293	Geraldine Rafter, Tara

**Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of her land in the LCA. A meeting is requested with a member of Meath County Council to discuss the proposed plan and how it will effect the development in the area.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
294	Paul and Grainne Rafter, Tara

**Summary**

The submission objects to the proposed plan. The proposal is considered to be ill-conceived and an unwarranted interference with their property rights. It is indicated that they did not object to the M3, knowing that it was a badly needed piece of infrastructure.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
295	Paul Wright, Tara Road, Odder

**Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of his land in the LCA. A meeting is requested with a member of Meath County Council to discuss the proposed plan and how it will effect his farm and development in the area.

**Manager's Response**

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#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
296	Regina Wright, Tara Road, Odder

#### **Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of her land in the LCA. A meeting is requested with a member of Meath County Council to discuss the proposed plan and how it will effect her farm and development in the area.

#### **Manager's Response**

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#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
297	Mary Ann Pierse, Tara Hall, Dunsany

#### **Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of her land in the LCA. A meeting is requested with a member of Meath County Council to discuss the proposed plan and how it will effect her farm and development in the area.

#### **Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

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#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>298</b>	<b>Liam Barry, Decoy, Garlow Cross</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission objects to the Landscape Conservation Area. It is stated that that he did not receive any notification of the public meetings in Skryne, Navan and Tara.

#### **Manager's Response**

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#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>299</b>	<b>Ephrem Swan, Bakers Meadow, Skryne</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission objects to the Landscape Conservation Area. Concern is expressed with regard to the impact of this plan on his livelihood and family. Concern is also expressed in relation to the 'lack of information given re: de-exempted development' and implications it will have on future development.

#### **Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of the project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not

constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>300</b>	<b>Damien Murphy, Barronstown, Skryne</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission objects to the proposal as it is considered that not enough information was given to the community on how the plan will effect them in years to come.

#### **Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of the project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>301</b>	<b>Matt Bissett, Oberstown, Tara</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission objects to the proposed LCA. It is considered that the plan will have wide ranging affects on the local community. It is also submitted that there was not enough consultation with the local community

#### **Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>302</b>	<b>Susan Murray, Barronstown</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission objects to the draft LCA on the basis that not enough information was given to the community as to how they will be effected in the future.

#### **Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders,

meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>303</b>	<b>Michael and Maíre Mulvaney</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission objects to the proposed project. The extent of the area included is considered extreme. The submission queries the role of the p of Environment in handling applications for local needs. It is submitted that both hills were thriving villages in the early 1900s. It is claimed that the new proposal will prohibit descendants of the present generation from being able to reside in their own locality.

#### **Manager's Response**

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The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form. The role of the Department of Environment in respect of planning applications is that of a prescribed body in the Planning and Development Act which entitles the Department to comment on planning applications.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>304</b>	<b>The Magniar Family, Skryne, Tara</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission objects to the inclusion of their lands in the LCA. A meeting is requested with a member of Meath County Council to discuss the proposed plan and how it will effect their farm and the development of the area.

#### **Manager's Response**

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at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
305	James and Rosemary Byrne, Alexandereid, Navan (members of the Meath Archaeological and Historical Society)

### Summary

The submission broadly welcomes and endorses the Draft LCA for Tara Skryne. It is considered that it will be a great benefit, not only to the rich heritage of the Tara-Skryne area, but also to the local residents and local communities, and to the county as a whole in selling Meath - "Ireland's Heritage Capital" – as a prime heritage destination.

### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
306	Paul Blake, Kilmessan Village, Kilmessan

### Summary

The submission requests that his lands are excluded from the Landscape Conservation Area. He expresses dissatisfaction with regard to the timeframe for submissions and notification of this plan from MCC.

### Manager's Response

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### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
307	Caroline Sheridan, Reteine, Robinstown, Navan

### Summary

The submission requests that her lands be removed from the proposed LCA as it her intention to reapply for planning permission in the near future. It is stated that she not receive any notification from Meath County Council.

### Manager's Response

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at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)).

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>308</b>	<b>John McCormack, Ringlestown, Kilmessan</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission objects to the Draft Landscape Conservation Area on the following grounds: lack of consultation with the local community on the full impact of these measures; The future restrictions will have a negative impact on the value and enjoyment of property; The boundary is arbitrary and excludes Swainstown Hill which is definitely part of the Tara landscape.

#### **Manager's Response**

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The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>309</b>	<b>Patrick Dunne, Ross Filling Station, Tara</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission objects to the Draft Landscape Conservation Area on the following grounds: lack of consultation with the local community on the full impact of these measures; the future restrictions will inhibit any future commercial development that will be necessary to sustain my business in the future and maintain current employment levels; the negative impact on businesses within the area has not been assessed given the considerable extra costs that will be associated with planning compliance in the future.

#### **Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For



ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of the project is to positively manage change in the area guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in this area.

### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>310</b>	<b>Derek and Kay Carroll, Castletown, Garlow Cross</b>

### **Summary**

The submission states that the land area is too large and should be reduced considerably. Additional car parking spaces to cater for increasing number of visitors to the Hill of Tara is requested. Submission requests that the Tara Slí na Slainte route is extended to include more historical sites and landmarks around the hill. Submission states that a historical and photographic museum would be a great asset to the Hill and that a local history group should be formed on the Hill.

### **Manager's Response**

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A number of matters raised in this submission merit further examination as part of phase II of the project ie the Action Plan.

### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>311</b>	<b>Cathal and Julie Swan, Skryne, Tara</b>

### **Summary**

The submission objects to the proposed Landscape Conservation Area and expresses dissatisfaction with the public consultation process. The submission writes are concerned about the future of Skryne and for their family and requests that a representative from Meath County Council should meet with the people of Skryne to discuss how this would affect them in the future.

**Manager's Response**

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
312	Fintan Murphy, Skryne, Tara

**Summary**

The submission expresses dissatisfaction with the public consultation process and requests a meeting with a representative of MCC and other local landowners to discuss how the proposal would affect their business and community as a whole. The submission states that as a farmer in the area he is in favour of protecting the Hill of Tara but not the proposed boundary as it will have devastating effects on the community in years to come.

**Manager's Response**

The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of the project is to positively manage change in the area guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

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**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
313	Damien and Deirdre McAleer, Old Road, Dunsany

**Summary**

The submission objects to Tara Skryne LCA. It is stated that Dunsany/Kilmessan has little to do with Tara/Skryne as is not visible from either. It has its own schools, church and sporting clubs. It is considered that Meath County Council has enough power over planning and environmental regulations in the area and there is no need for a conservation area.

**Manager's Response**

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#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
314	Francis Steen, Castle Odder, Tara

#### Summary

The submission objects to the proposed Landscape Conservation Area and states that the restrictions on exempted developments represents an unfair burden on people who live and work in the area as there are not entitled to reliefs afforded by exemptions to persons outside the proposed area. Having lived and worked all his life in the area he contends that Meath County Council have succeeded in achieving equitable balance between the needs of an expanding population and the preservation of the rural character.

#### Manager's Response

Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
315	Robert Dier, 3 Kennedy Crescent, Proudstown Road, Navan

#### Summary

The submission commends the document as a realistic blueprint and firm foundation to not only safeguard our national heritage and also stimulate many opportunities for growth in our cultural tourism industry. The proposals are welcomed and he strongly recommends that it be adopted as a futuristic starting point in protecting the historic environment and culture.

#### Manager's Response & Recommendation

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
316	Andrew Tobin, Monkton, Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath

#### Summary

This submission is objecting to part of his landholding being included in the LCA. On a map attached to the submission, it shows the distance between the land owned and Tara. It is submitted that it would be unfair to restrict family from building homes or farm buildings on there

own land. There is concern that the conditions attached to future planning applications would severely limit their options with regard to house style and location and may incur added expense. It is requested that the land is excluded from the proposed LCA.

### Manager's Response

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The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development polices and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in this area.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
317	Mary Wallace TD, Constituency Office, Fairyhouse Road, Ratoath, Co. Meath

### Summary

The submission is critical of the public consultation process undertaken. It is stated that various clubs in the area expressed concern that they have be mentioned as bodies that have been consulted but did not receive invitations or notification of meetings. De-exempted development is highlighted as an area of substantial concern. It is stated that local residents were refused entry to consultation meetings arranged by Meath County Council. The future sustainability of the area was highlighted as another concern at the meeting. These concerns relate to planning applications being referred to the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government and effective sterilisation of the area. It was concluded that most of the people at the meeting want Meath County Council to abandon its proposal and the members of Meath County Council to vote against the proposal.

### Manager's Response

Our landscapes are places where people live and work, the objective of the project is not to prevent development or change but rather to manage it in a manner which compliments the character and values of the landscape and creates vibrant communities.

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report. Details of the various clubs in the area who receive invitations/ notification of meetings are outlined in this section of the report. Representatives of the community were invited to attend the boundary workshop to input the views of the wider community rather than individual land owners.

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape. The

role of the Department of Environment in respect of planning applications is that of a prescribed body in the Planning and Development Act which entitles the Department to comment on planning applications.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>318</b>	<b>John Curtis, Riverstown</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission objects to his land being included in the LCA. A meeting with a member of Meath County Council is requested to discuss the proposed conservation plan and how it would effect their farm and development in the area.

#### **Manager's Response**

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#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>319</b>	<b>Mary Wallace TD on behalf of The Dardis Family, Oberstown, Skryne, Tara, Co. Meath</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission is critical of the public consultation process and of the invitees to the boundary workshop. If this proposal is accepted, it is claimed that the restrictions on new builds will force the children of the area away from the parishes into towns or other countries. This will result in clubs such as football, bowling, golf and soccer clubs becoming extinct in the area.

#### **Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For

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The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development polices and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>320</b>	<b>Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Reynolds Family, Cardiffstown Kilmessan</b>

#### **Summary**

Submission states that they have lands and a farm in the area and their children are interested in building homes there. Any improvement to Tara is welcomed and it is considered that well planned buildings should enhance the area.

#### **Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>321</b>	<b>Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Michael Malin, Belper, Dunsany, Co. Meath</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission objects to the Tara Skryne Conservation Plan and changes to exempted development. The submission states that there is complete local opposition to the changes to exempted development. The writer is critical of the public consultation process. It is stated that there was no consultation with the communities of Dunsany Kilmessan and the outer areas.

His land is not considered to be near Tara or Skryne and cannot be seen from either location. It is put forward that future generations are entitled to remain in the area and that in the current economic climate Meath County Council would be better served spending their time and money in trying to bring employment to the area. It is considered to be a bit late to try and protect the Tara Skryne area when the largest motorway in the country cuts right through the Tara Skryne

Valley. It is also considered that Meath County Council have enough control over Planning and Environmental regulations to keep development in check.

### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

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In stage 2 of Phase III of this project MCC, in partnership with the Heritage Council and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, intends to set up a partnership arrangement between the local community, state agencies and relevant research institutions. This will provide a structure to develop and implement an Action Plan for the LCA. The aim of the plan is to develop initiatives that focus on:

- Maximising the socioeconomic benefits & cultural tourism opportunities for the LCA;
- Interpreting & communicating the significance and values of the landscape to a wider audience;
- Examining future management options for the area in particular the state owned lands at the Hill of Tara,
- Establishing working relationships with local schools, sporting organisations, community groups and academic & research institutions to deliver future educational initiatives, research programmes and to use these relationships to agree the future landscape management of this area in an inclusive.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
322	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of the Edel Clinch, Garlow Cross

### Summary

The submission strongly objects to the proposed LCA. It is stated that she intends to apply for planning permission and was shocked to discover what MCC were proposing. Concern is expressed in relation to the time available for local people to consider the proposal and make their views heard. It is stated that her site is approx. 4 m from the Hill of Tara and there is no view of either of the hills from this location. Submission questions how the boundary was drawn up. Concern is expressed in relation to the future of the whole locality of the entire Tara Skryne Area.

### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For

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The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
323	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Patrick and Kathleen McEniff

### Summary

The submission strongly objects to the proposed LCA. Submission states that public consultation was inadequate. It is considered that the area covered in this conservation area is far too large and not practical and completely unnecessary. The submission questions why Tullykane Quarry just up the road from his house is not included when his house is. It is considered that MCC should focus on improving Tara as an international tourist attraction.

The submission is concerned on the impact the designation will have on rural community and ability their family to continue to live in the area and reference is made to Newgrange in this regard. Submission states that residents in this area take great pride in their surroundings and do not need to be told what they can and cannot do with their land. The submission questions whether Meath County Council or the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will compensate him for this.

### Manager's Response

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development polices and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in this area.

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The role of the Department of Environment in respect of planning applications is that of a prescribed body in the Planning and Development Act which entitles the Department to comment on planning applications.



In stage 2 of Phase III of this project MCC, in partnership with the Heritage Council and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, intends to set up a partnership arrangement between the local community, state agencies and relevant research institutions. This will provide a structure to develop and implement an Action Plan for the LCA. The aim of the plan is to develop initiatives that focus on:

- Maximising the socioeconomic benefits & cultural tourism opportunities for the LCA;
- Interpreting & communicating the significance and values of the landscape to a wider audience;
- Examining future management options for the area in particular the state owned lands at the Hill of Tara,
- Establishing working relationships with local schools, sporting organisations, community groups and academic & research institutions to deliver future educational initiatives, research programmes and to use these relationships to agree the future landscape management of this area in an inclusive.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>324</b>	<b>Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Dr Conor Irwin, Ratoath Dental Centre, The Well Road, Ratoath, Co. Meath</b>

#### **Summary**

Please refer to Submission No 36.

#### **Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to Submission No 36.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>325</b>	<b>Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Quntan &amp; Annemarie Durkan, Cardiffstown Lane, Riverstown, Co. Meath</b>

#### **Summary**

Please refer to Submission No 33.

#### **Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to Submission No 33.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>326</b>	<b>Tom Cooney, Corporate Affairs, Irish Aviation Authority, The Times Building, D'Olier Street, Dublin 2</b>

#### **Summary**

The submission states that the Authority has no observations on the proposed plan.

#### **Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
327	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of the Mulvaney Family, Ross, Tara, Co. Meath

**Summary**

Please refer to Submission No 26.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to Submission No 26.

Submission Number	Name and Address
328	Mary and George Begley, Collierstown, Tara

**Summary**

The submission expresses thanks to the Local Authority for facilitating them with a meeting in the Planning Office. Reference is made to their proposal to replace their existing roadside hedge. It is stated that the NRA are building a path in the area near Ross's Cross and Skryne school as part of the conditions for the M3 motorway. It is also stated that there will be a gap in the path for several hundred yards up to the footpath from Oberstown Cross to the Church/Hall car park. The gap is on a bend in the road and in terms of road safety and practicality it is essential that Meath County Council plan to build the missing section of the footpath.

**Manager's Response**

The issues raised are outside the remit of the Draft LCA. Permeability through the area is an issue which will be explored as part of the action plan.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
329	Jean Cullen, Eoghan Cullen and Paddy Mulvany

**Summary**

The submission objects to the proposed LCA. It questions how the Planning Office will handle a possible application from family members wanting to reside in the locality and how the Department of the Environment will view applications for local needs. It is stated that both hills were once thriving villages and that it has been the locals that have looked after the Hill of Tara in the last number of years. It is considered that the new proposal will prohibit descendants of the present generations from being able to reside in their own locality.

**Manager's Response**

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form. The role of the Department of Environment in respect of planning applications is that of a prescribed body in the Planning and Development Act which entitles the Department to comment on planning applications.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
330	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Josephine Farrell, Ringlestown, Kilmessan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

The submission states that it is the landowner's intention to start up an alternative business on their farm in the future. In the current economic climate it is considered vital that people are able to gain financially from their land. It is hoped that the proposal will not prevent or cause any difficulty in doing this.

**Manager's Response**

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 supports proposals for agri-tourism developments such as farmhouse guest accommodation, equestrian centres, outdoor pursuit centres and other similar activities including small-scale craft activities subject to compliance with development plan policy and normal development criteria in relation to satisfactory access, appropriate location and design and waste management.

With specific reference to business uses in the area, the Economic Development Strategies of the CDP and the draft RPGs will be of relevance in the assessment of any future planning applications of this type.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
331	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Andrew Hennelly, Lismullin, Navan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

Please refer to Submission No 105.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to Submission No 105.

Submission Number	Name and Address
332	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Mary Kevitt Brady and Philip Brady, "Ankrland", Corballis, Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

Please refer to Submission No 102.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to Submission No 102.

Submission Number	Name and Address
333	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Deirdre & Phillip Brady, "Ankrland", Corballis, Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

Please refer to Submission No 70.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to Submission No 70.

Submission Number	Name and Address
334	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Hazel Hughes, Lismullen, Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath

**Summary**

Please refer to Submission No 126.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to Submission No 126.

Submission Number	Name and Address
335	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Tadhg Donnelly

**Summary**

Please refer to Submission No 121.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to Submission No 121.

Submission Number	Name and Address
336	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Gunter Devine

**Summary**

The submission is critical of the public consultation process. The submission claims that families in the area will not be able to get planning permission and will have to move into towns and cities, which will ruin the families heritage. It notes that is already very hard to get permission in the area and that there is no point in making it harder. It is also submitted that there would be extra expenses to locals living inside the boundary looking for planning permission for simple things like hanging a new gate or planting a tree. This is regarded as a huge decision which is left up to 29 councillors, none of which live in the area.

**Manager's Response**

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

Current farming practices will not be affected by the designation if adopted in its current form.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
337	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Tara Greally

**Summary**

Please refer to Submission No 122.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

Please refer to Submission No 122.

Submission Number	Name and Address
338	Karen Kearney

**Summary**

The submission expresses support of the proposed LCA. It is stated that areas of historical importance should be cared for, as these will attract tourists and which will help long term employment.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
339	Linda Larkin, 10450 NE 85 <sup>th</sup> St, Bronson, Florida, 32621, USA

**Summary**

The submission is in support of the proposed LCA.

**Manager's Response & Recommendation**

No change required.

Submission Number	Name and Address
340	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Kathleen Gibbons, Decoy, Garlow Cross, Navan

**Summary**

This submission objects to the proposal of the Tara Skryne Valley LCA. The submission is critical of the public consultation process. The submission queries the criteria for the boundary and the inclusion of Lismullin/Garlow Cross in the proposed boundary. It is considered that a much smaller boundary could be implemented.

The submission notes the exclusion of the Kilsaran Quarry. The submission questions how this proposal will effect her in obtaining planning permission for one off dwellings.

**Manager's Response**

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The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)). The quarry at Tullykane referred to in the submission is an active working quarry with existing development entitlements.

The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the appropriate planning and suitable development polices and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in this area.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
341	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Jessica and Colin Magnier, Skryne, Tara, Co. Meath

### Summary

The submission is from landowners on the M3 motorway who attended the meeting in Maguire's on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The submission is critical of what they consider to be a lack of information regarding the project. The submission considers there to be no logic to the boundary. On public display. Concern about future planning applications for one-off houses/ commercial enterprises is expressed. The submission is critical of MCC and the government's role in what they consider to be awful things built over the years.

### Manager's Response

Since commencement of this project in March 2009, Meath County Council is satisfied that, through a process of active engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, meaningful public consultation has taken place. This public consultation process is ongoing. For ease of reporting, the details of this process, rather than being outlined in each submission response are summarised on Pages 5-8 of this report.

The draft boundary was decided through the public consultation process and reflects the outcomes of the participatory boundary workshop held on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 where participants defined the character of the landscape based on physical, cultural and visual characteristics. The outcomes of the public information events and project stakeholder meetings informed discussions at the boundary workshop. A report on the boundary workshop has been published on the project website ([www.taralandscape.ie](http://www.taralandscape.ie)). Places that are connected historically or culturally are not necessarily inter-visible.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
342	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Derek Icton, Tara Stud

### Summary

This submission wishes to object to the proposed restrictions in the Tara Skryne area and states that as probably the largest employer in the area and owner of Skryne Castle that he was never

directly approached about the project. It is stated that he attended the information evening at Skryne School and that he felt there was little information and debate. It is stated that the plan will retard any growth in the horse and farming community. The submission asks if MCC wishes that the area resemble a theme park whilst over exploiting Tara and ruining its simplicity.

#### **Manager's Response**

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As our landscapes are places where people live and work, the central objective of this project is not prevent development or change but rather to manage change in a manner that compliments the character and values of the landscape and creates vibrant communities. The Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out appropriate planning and sustainable development policies and objectives for the county and will continue to provide the framework against which individual planning applications are assessed in the LCA.

The draft LCA acknowledges that Tara is one of the country's most important cultural assets and its visitor experience is enhanced by its openness and setting.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>343</b>	<b>Mick O'Dowd, Branstown, Tara</b>

#### **Summary**

It is stated that the submission writer grew up in Colvinstown Tara and now resides at Barnstown Tara and that he only became aware of the Draft plan 3 weeks ago. It is submitted that as a home owner and landowner he wants to object to its implementation. The submission writer would like to put on record that it is stated that 'hand picking' representatives of clubs/societies in the area to attend preliminary meetings is not a democratic approach to imposing such a draft on a community.

#### **Manager's Response**

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Representatives of the community were invited to attend the boundary workshop to input the views of the wider community rather than individual land owners.

#### **Recommendation**

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
344	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Michael and Niamh Lynch, Monktown, Skryne, Navan, Co.Meath

#### Summary

The submission expresses their objection to the proposed Landscape Conservation Area and is critical of the public consultation process undertaken. Concern is expressed that their children will find it difficult to get planning permission in the area when they are older if the plan goes ahead. It is stated that planning restrictions may cause the area to be comprised of only elderly people in the future as young people will have to move away and schools and sports clubs will also be affected by a lack of young people in the future

#### Manager's Response

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The Tara Skryne Landscape is a living and working landscape with a vibrant rural community which is detailed in the socio economic profile provided in the explanatory document. It is dynamic and constantly evolving, the objective of the project is to positively manage change guided by the principles of sustainable development and the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

#### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
345	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Niall Bannon, Ringlestown, Kilmessan, Co. Meath

#### Summary

The submissions urges the elected members of Meath County Council to dismiss the proposal. The submission is critical of the public consultation process and of the method of implementation of the plan.

#### Manager's Response

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Representatives of the community were invited to attend the boundary workshop to input the views of the wider community rather than individual land owners.

In stage 2 of Phase III of this project MCC, in partnership with the Heritage Council and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, intends to set up a partnership arrangement between the local community, state agencies and relevant research institutions.



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- Maximising the socioeconomic benefits & cultural tourism opportunities for the LCA;
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- Establishing working relationships with local schools, sporting organisations, community groups and academic & research institutions to deliver future educational initiatives, research programmes and to use these relationships to agree the future landscape management of this area in an inclusive.

### Recommendation

No change recommended.

Submission Number	Name and Address
346	Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Liam Sheridan, Ringlestown, Kilmessan

### Summary

This submission highlights what he considers to be lack of consultation and asks for the criteria for including Ringlestown and excluding Swainstown Quarry and what affect it will have on farming practices. It is submitted that the farm will be devalued as a result of the designation and asks will landowners be compensated for potential loss of earnings. This submission seeks clarification on how rural housing policy will be affected. It is stated that landscape can easily accommodate development as long as there is not environmental damage.

### Manager's Response

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Current farming practices will not be affected if the LCA is adopted in its current form. Section 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 allows a Planning Authority to designate an area as a LCA. The Minister may in turn prescribe that certain developments within the area do not constitute exempted development. The order of the Planning Authority designating the area as an LCA may specify that any development prescribed by the Minister will not be exempted development within this area. The de-exemption proposals contained in the draft LCA will not be activated unless so prescribed by the Minister.

The rural housing policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>347</b>	<b>Mary Wallace TD on behalf of Kay Hughes</b>

**Summary**

Submission details current family circumstances of the writer and highlights the importance of family support living close by and queries how that might be impacted upon by the LCA. It is stated that the people of this community love their heritage and value Skryne and Tara and want them preserved in a sensible fashion

**Manager's Response**

Landscape is about the relation between people and place. The Rural Housing Policy for the area as set out in the current County Development Plan 2007-2013, will remain unchanged if the Landscape Conservation Area is adopted in its current form.

Meath County Council acknowledges that generations of farming families have played an important cultural role in creating and maintaining this landscape.

**Recommendation**

No change recommended.

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>
<b>348</b>	<b>Colm O Conaill, Private Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Energy &amp; Natural Resources, 29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2</b>

**Summary**

The submission is an acknowledgement of receipt of the letter regarding the Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area and to state the correspondence will be brought to the Ministers attention

**Manager's Response and Recommendation**

No change required.

## **SECTION 3**

### **List of persons and organisations who were informed of the publication of the Draft Tara Skryne LCA Designation**

- Minister for Transport
- Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food,
- Minister for Tourism;
- Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government
- Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
- Office of Public Works
- Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Innovation
- Spatial Policy Unit, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government.
- Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources.
- Department of Education and Science
- Office of Public Works
- Central Fisheries Board
- ESB Head Office
- National Heritage Council
- National Roads Authority.
- Development Applications Unit, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government
- National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government
- Health Service Executive
- Department of Arts, Sports & Tourism
- Bord Gais Eireann
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Bus Eireann
- Eastern Regional Fisheries Board
- National Transport Authority
- Bord Failte
- An Taisce
- Offaly County Council

- An Bord Pleanála
- Irish Rail
- Commissioners of Public Works
- Dublin Regional Authority
- Kildare County Council
- Fingal County Council
- Louth County Council
- Department of Finance
- Forfas
- Dublin Airport Authority
- Cavan County Council
- Border Regional Authority
- Westmeath County Council
- Udaras na Gaeltachta
- Teagasc
- Coillte
- Iarnrod Eireann
- Irish Georgian Society
- Irish Aviation Authority
- Local Sports Co-Ordinator Meath County Council
- Community and Enterprise Section, Meath County Council
- Irish Sports Council
- Irish Planning Institute
- Royal Institute of Architects Ireland
- The National Library
- Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland
- Community and Voluntary Steering Group (Meath County Development Board)
- Meath County Enterprise Board

- National Museum
- National Archives
- Comhar – Sustainable Development Council
- National Biodiversity Data Centre
- Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland
- Rural Recreation Section, Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs
- The Discovery Programme
- ICOMOS Ireland (International Council on Monuments and Sites)
- The Royal Irish Academy, Archaeology Committee
- The County Meath Heritage Forum