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Special Meeting

23rd May, 2016 Council Chamber

Presiding:

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Brian Fitzgerald

Councillors Present:

Councillors, Joe Bonner, Sinéad Burke, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Enda Flynn, Wayne Forde, Joe Fox, Noel French, David Gilroy, Jim Holloway, Tom Kelly, Sharon Keogan, Nick Killian, Caroline Lynch, Ronan McKenna, Paddy Meade, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Claire O' Driscoll, Maria O' Kane, Damien O' Reilly, Joe Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Alan Tobin, Gillian Toole.

Apologies: Councillors, Seán Drew, Eimear Ferguson, Michael Gallagher, Trevor Golden, Johnny Guirke, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Stephen McKee, Darren O' Rourke, Bryan Reilly, Seán Smith, Sharon Tolan.

Officials in attendance:

Chief Executive: Jackie Maguire

Directors of Service: Kevin Stewart, Des Foley, Barry Lynch

Meetings' Administrator: Olive Falsey

- 1 To consider the proposed variation and the Chief Executive's report on submissions received in respect of material alterations to variation No 3 of the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 and if thought fit to resolve to make the variation with or without further modification or refuse to make the variation, pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2015.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Brian Fitzgerald opened the meeting and explained the agenda item that was being put before the Council for consideration.

He called on Kevin Stewart, Director of Services, who provided a summary of the process to date and noted that the Council had received a number of submissions on the Variation which were considered at the February meeting of the full Council. Following the consideration at the February meeting, some material changes went on public display, the period of which ended on the 19th April. It was noted that, as a result of the public display of the material amendments, further submissions were received including a submission from the DoECLG, TII and NTA with regard to the to live work community at Dunboyne North.



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Changes to the proposed policy on the live/work community at North Dunboyne were not the subject of the proposed material amendments. It was decided to seek legal advice to confirm what can be considered at this stage of the process. The legal advice sets out that, at this stage of the process, the Council can only consider the Chief Executive's Report on material amendments. The Council cannot revisit what was decided at an earlier stage in the process. Changes of a minor nature can only be made, as there can be no further consultation at this point in the process.

Wendy Bagnal, Senior Executive Planner, made the presentation and informed that 9 submissions were received following the display of the material amendments as follows:

Department of Environment, Community and Local Government – No 1008

- 'Live work 'community at Dunboyne North (Pace)
- Planned growth of Dunboyne
- Importance of working with the owners of lands in the area.

Chief Executive's Response:

- The proposed 'live work 'community at Dunboyne North is not the subject of the material alterations.
- The Legal Advice obtained by the Council states that it is not open to the Elected Members to consider this submission.

National Transport Authority– No 1009

- 'live work 'community at Dunboyne North;
- phasing objectives as contained in the current plan;
- use of developer led master plans';
- amending car parking requirements;
- zoning of lands at Clonee/Portan;
- Text of the plan referring to white land.



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Chief Executive's Response:

- The proposed 'live work 'community at Dunboyne North is not the subject of the material alterations;
- Variation accords with Section 7.1.2 of the NTA Transport Strategy for the GDA which refers to integrating land use and transport.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland –No 1004

- Live work 'community at Dunboyne North (Pace);
- Critical importance of attracting investment and employment opportunities to County Meath;
- Zoning of lands at Clonee/Portan;
- Spot objective for FDI relating to the Clonee/Portan lands.

Chief Executive's Response:

- The proposed 'live work 'community at Dunboyne North is not the subject of the material alterations;
- Variation accords with Section 7.1.2 of the NTA Transport Strategy for the GDA which refers to integrating land use and transport.

AN TAISCE– No 1002

- Submission refers to Maynooth Environs, specifically the Carton lands

Chief Executive's Response:

Above matter not the subject of Amendments.

EPA– No 1003

- Ensure that zoning/development proposals remain consistent with RPGs and the RSES's;

Chief Executive's Response:

No change required

Department of Education and Skills- No 1007

- Requests that provision should be made for a primary school site of approximately 0.77 hectares in Dunboyne

Chief Executive's Response:

Above matter not the subject of amendments



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Fiona O'Brien – No 1001

- Submission objects to the proposal to turn Stamullen into a moderate town

Chief Executive's Response:

No change required

Hugh Mc Ginn, Brady Hughes Consulting – No 1005

- Seeking amended wording of revisions to text on white land objective

Chief Executive's Response:

No change required

Deputy Thomas Byrne– No 1006

- The submission questions the legal status of the proposed material alterations

Chief Executive's Response:

- No change required

It was noted that further modification of a material alteration may be made where:

- it is minor in nature only with no likely significant impacts on environment or effect a European site;
- shall not be made where it increases in the area of land zoned for any purpose.

Following the presentation, Councillors had an opportunity for comment. While the majority of Councillors welcomed the Variation, there were concerns noted with regard to the proposals for Stamullen.

The Chief Executive summarised and noted that the Variation was aimed at incorporating the Council's Economic Strategy into the County Development Plan.

The Councillors unanimously resolved to make the variation without further modification on the proposal of **Councillor Paddy Meade** and seconded by **Councillor Joe Fox**.

This concluded the business of the meeting.