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Ordinary Meeting

3rd March 2009, Council Chamber

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Liz Mc Cormack, presided.

Members Present:

Councillors Charles Bobbett, Patrick Boshell, Phillip Cantwell, William Carey, Shane Cassells, Eugene Cassidy, Jimmy Cudden, Jenny D'Arcy, Anne Dillon-Gallagher, John V Farrelly, Jimmy Fegan, Brian Fitzgerald, Michael Gallagher, Peter Higgins, Eoin Holmes, Jim Holloway, Tom Kelly, Nick Killian, Noel Leonard, Joseph Bonner, James Mangan, Seamus Murray, Patsy O' Neill, Joe Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Michael Lynch.

Officials in Attendance:

County Manager: Tom Dowling

Head of Finance: Fiona Lawless,

Directors of Service: Kevin Stewart, Tadhg McDonnell, Eugene Cummins, Liam Henry, Michael Killeen, Brendan McGrath

Meetings Administrator Bill Sweeney

Senior Planners: Pat Gallagher, Wendy Bagnall (A)

Senior Executive Officers: Martin Rogers, Larry Whelan,

Administrative Officers: Olive Falsey

Apologies:

Councillors Oliver Brooks, Bryan Reilly

1.0 Resolution under Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001

1.1 Submitted by Councillors Tommy Reilly, Shane Cassells & Jimmy Fegan

“That we the Members of Meath Council pursuant to Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001, hereby require the County Manager to give, within one week of the date of the passing of this motion, to each Meath County Councillor a copy of the RPS Planning and Environment planning report and recommendation dated December 2008 regarding the preferred site for the new North East Regional Hospital in Navan”

Motion was proposed by **Councillor Shane Cassells** and seconded by **Councillor Tommy Reilly**.

Co Manager responded and outlined that he had reservations on releasing the document at the February meeting and has since sought clarification re legal implications. He stressed that it was the objective of Meath Co. Council and Navan Town Council to secure this development. It was agreed that the report would be circulated to the Members.

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Full Ordinary Council Meeting held on 2nd February 2009.



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The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 02 February 2009 were confirmed on the proposition of *Councillor John Farrelly and seconded by Councillor Jenny D'Arcy*.

- 2.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Special Planning Meeting held on 9th February 2009.
Deferred to April Meeting

3.0 Matters arising from the minutes

4.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

The following expressions of sympathy were extended to:

- 4.1 The family of the late Michael Maguire, former employee of Trim town Council
- 4.2 The family of the late Joe Bruton, Dunboyne
- 4.3 Michael Griffin, Planning Department, on the death of his grandmother.
- 4.4 Olivia Quinn, Planning Department, on the death of her mother.
- 4.5 The family of the late Karl Browne, Navan

Congratulations were extended to

- 4.6 Amanda Smyth, Education Officer and Siobhan O' Connor on their recent successes in the eGovernment Awards
- 4.7 The Meath Chronicle and Cusack Hotels on the recent Meath Sports Awards event.
- 4.8 Meath Co. Enterprise Board on the recent Young Entrepreneurs' Conference in Trim

5.0 Correspondence

- 5.1 Correspondence from Minister John Gormley TD in relation to spending limits for Local Election Candidates in June Elections.
- 5.2 Correspondence from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government re 2009 Grant Allocations for the Local Improvements Scheme.



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- 5.3 Correspondence from An Bord Pleanála re Proposal to increase waste acceptance to 400,000 tonnes per annum, and associated works at Knockharley landfill, Knockharley, Co Meath.
- 5.4 Correspondence from 2030 Vision for Greater Dublin Transport re Launch of Public Consultation on Potential Transport Measures.
- 5.5 Correspondence Economic Development Board subcommittee of CDB
Some Members expressed concern that there were not enough Councillors on this Board and that the Chairperson of Meath Tourism should be included. Michael Killeen, Director of Services, agreed to bring the concerns of the Members to the Committee.

6.0 E.U. Correspondence

- 6.1 EU News Bulletin – Issue no. 56 – January 2009
- 6.2 EU Policy Review – Number 1/09 – December 08 / January 09

7.0 Report from Protocol Committee

The meetings Administrator presented the following report:

1. Reminded Members that if and when where the Cathaoirleach is invited to a function that the agreed protocol should be followed to ensure that the office of the first citizen is properly recognised. Members were asked to bring this matter to the attention of groups and bodies with which they are involved.
2. The provision of maps in relation to local elections is not covered by the Local Authorities' copyright licence issued by Ordnance Survey Ireland. Anyone requiring such maps should contact OSI directly.

8.0 Disposal of Land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

9.0 Other Statutory Business

9.1 Planning & Economic Development

Bill Sweeney Meetings Administrator brought to the attention of Members the written advice issued with the agenda in regard to Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001

- 9.1.1 To consider and if thought fit to grant Planning Permission in **material contravention of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013** in respect of Planning Application Reference **DA801428** by **Creative Housing Solutions Ltd (t/a Shomera)** for development at **Rathregan**,



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Batterstown, Co. Meath which seeks to develop an external product show area, light industrial unit, with ancillary office and toilet accommodation at ground floor and first floor level, storage yard, site entrance, proprietary waste water treatment system and percolation area, car parking and to carry out all associated site and ancillary works.

Pat Gallagher Senior Planner made the presentation to the Members.

The proposed development would materially contravene the following policy objective of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013

i) Policy ED POL 20 Page 92 of Vol 1 of the CDP which seeks:

“To permit development proposals for industrial or business enterprises in the countryside only where, the proposed use has locational requirements that can only be accommodated in a rural location and this has been demonstrated

to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, the resultant development is of a size and scale which remains appropriate and which does not negatively impact on the character and amenity of the surrounding area; and the proposal demonstrates that it has taken into account traffic, public health, environmental and amenity considerations and is in accordance with the policies, requirements and guidance contained in this plan. In all instances, it should be demonstrated that the proposal would not generate traffic of a type and amount inappropriate for the character of the access roads or would require improvements which would affect the character of these roads.”

The variation was approved on the proposition of **Councillor Nick Killian and seconded by Councillor Charles Bobbett** (Roll call vote: 22 for, 1 Against, 3 Abstain, 3 absent)

Councillor	Vote
Cllr. Charles Bobbett	For
Cllr. Joseph Bonner	Absent
Cllr. Patrick Boshell	For
Cllr. Oliver Brooks	Absent
Cllr. Phillip Cantwell	For
Cllr. William Carey	For
Cllr. Shane Cassells	For
Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	For
Cllr. Jimmy Cudden	Abstain
Cllr. Jenny Darcy	For
Cllr. Anne Dillon-Gallagher	For
Cllr. John Farrelly	For
Cllr. Jimmy Fegan	For
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Against



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Cllr. Michael Gallagher	Abstain
Cllr. Peter Higgins	For
Cllr. James Holloway	For
Cllr. Owen Holmes	For
Cllr. Tom Kelly	For
Cllr. Nick Killian	For
Cllr. Noel Leonard	For
Cllr. Michael Lynch	For
Cllr. James Mangan	For
Cllr. Liz McCormack	For
Cllr. Seamus Murray	For
Cllr. Patsy O'Neill	For
Cllr. Bryan Reilly	Absent
Cllr. Joe Reilly	Abstain
Cllr. Tommy Reilly	For

- 9.1.2 Following consideration of the Managers report on Material Amendments to the Draft Local Area Plan for the Southern Environs of Drogheda, to resolve to make the Local Area Plan:
- (i) as amended,
 - (ii) or with variation or modification as recommended in the Managers report,
 - (iii) or other than as recommended in the Managers report subject to modifications considered appropriate, (and the variation or modification the members of the authority so decide upon shall be the original variation or modification proposed by them, subject to such amendment of it as they consider appropriate).

In accordance with Section 20 (3) (g) (ii) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended.

Wendy Bagnall made the presentation and informed the Council that the Draft LAP on public display from 20th August – 1st October 08
Amendments to draft LAP were on public display from 15th December 2008 to the 19th January 2009.

44 submissions were received.

The Manager's Report was presented to Elected Members at February 2009 Council meeting and was referred to the Slane Area Committee for consideration. The Slane Area Committee met on 1 occasion to discuss the report.

Submission 1 - Leo & Deirdre Henry



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- Proposal to upgrade the Southgate development to town centre status by way of designating it zoning objective B2 from zoning objective B3 is premature
- Submission raises issues of non compliance with conditions of planning permission for centre.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager's Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher**.

Submission 2 - Tom Tallon

- Objects to the rezoning of Grange Rath Neighbourhood Centre from "B3 Local Neighbourhood Facilities" to "B2 Major Town Centre" on the following grounds:
 - Planning: it is alleged that previous conditions to the grant of permission were ignored by the developer.
 - Environment: further development would lead to environmental degradation.
 - Further development would lead to increase in antisocial behaviour.
 - Traffic congestion

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager's Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Pat Boshell**

Submission 3 - Pat & Ruth Moran

- Submission objects to the rezoning of Grange Rath Neighbourhood Centre from "B3 Local Neighbourhood Facilities" to "B2 Major Town Centre" on the following grounds:
 - Units in existing centre unoccupied – no need for further units.
 - Traffic management: increasing the centre will increase traffic, particularly from non-residents.
 - Environmental Issues: failure to comply with conditions.
 - Breach of Planning Regulations: site clearance, noise, pollution, out of hours working etc.
 - Objectors call on MCC to recall decision.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager's Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

Submission 4 - Ann Fusciardi & Tom Tallon, Colpe Road Residents Assoc.

- Submission objects to the rezoning of Grange Rath Neighbourhood Centre from "B3 Local Neighbourhood Facilities" to "B2 Major Town Centre" on the following grounds:



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- Planning: previous conditions to the grant of permission were ignored by the developer.
- Environment: particular dust, noise, litter and trespass.
- Antisocial behaviour
- Traffic

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager's Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

Submission 5 - Cllr. Gerald Nash Member of Louth & Drogheda Borough Council

- Submission relates to the proposal to upgrade the status of the Southgate Shopping Centre, Colpe, Drogheda, Co Meath from a 'Neighbourhood Centre' to a 'District Centre'. Main issues raised include:
- Southgate shopping centre defined as a neighbourhood centre in the National and Regional Planning Guidelines.
- Proposal fails to take into account present economic climate, downturn in retail activity and the fact that there are already vacant retail units in the area.
- Considered opinion of Louth County Council that there is sufficient retail space available in the immediate Drogheda area to meet demands up to 2012.
- Proposal is premature pending retail strategy for the Drogheda Area.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager's Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

Submission 6 - Michael O Keefe

- Submission relates to the proposal to upgrade the status of the Southgate Shopping Centre.
- further development would increase traffic problems
- unreasonable to expect large volumes of people to be attracted to the area for shopping and compromise living standards of residents in the area
- increase in anti social behaviour.
- Problems with car parking.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager's Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

Submission 7 - Seana McGearty Co-Ordination Unit, DCENR

The Department has no comment to make at this time, this is without prejudice to any comments the eastern Regional Fisheries Board might have.

Manager's Recommendation - No change

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the Slane Area Committee on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.



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Submission 8 - Conor O Donovan, Dublin Transportation Office

- Further information required on the locational criteria applicable to different employment types at motorway interchanges.
- accessibility by public transport to employment locations necessary.
- The potential location of employment-intensive uses proximate to the Duleek and Donore Motorway interchanges requires reconsideration.
- Specific Development Objective (DE13). Function of proposed new minor distributor road needs to be clarified.

Manager's Recommendation - No change

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the Slane Area Committee on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Pat Boshell**.

Submission 9 - Joseph Kirwan

Submission regarding lands at Kiltrough

Manager's Recommendation

The issue raised in this submission is not the subject of an amendment to the draft LAP. - No change recommended.

Slane Area Committee - Noted

Noted on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Jimmy Cudden**.

Submission 10 - Damien Tiernan & Frances Leahy

- allowing a change in the Commercial Centre from the B3 to the B2 zoning status will only serve to significantly increase the negative impact that the entrance to 'Southgate' has had on the residents of the property.
- noise nuisance
- anti-social behaviour

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager's Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Phillip Cantwell**.

Submission 11 - Mark & Sheena Elliot

- Proposed change to B2 zoning at Southgate centre will negatively affect residents' local community and quality of life
- No traffic or environmental impact analyses are offered to support the proposed change.
- Further development, regardless of which zoning classification is in place, will only exacerbate an already unacceptable situation.
- Mitigation measures proposed in submission.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager's Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor John V. Farrelly**.



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Submission 12 - John & Una Garvey

- Proposed B2 zoning change at Southgate will negatively affect resident's local community and quality of life.
- No traffic or environmental impact analyses are offered to support the proposed change.
- Further development, regardless of which zoning classification is in place, will only exacerbate an already unacceptable situation.
- Mitigation measures proposed.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

Submission 13 - Fiona Gilligan

The upgrade of the status of the Southgate Shopping Centre will:

- Decimate existing town centre in Drogheda
- Traffic problems.
- Residents were promised a neighbourhood centre serving the local community not a major new town centre.
- Existing units are unoccupied so don't see the need for further development.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager's Recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Submission 14 - Patricia Rooney Drogheda & District Chamber of Commerce

- Issue raised: Southgate B3 to B2 rezoning
- serves neither the business nor the residential communities of Drogheda & District.
- Drogheda Borough Council has made more than adequate provision for District Centres within its own town boundaries.
- The current constructed facilities at Colpe are only partially occupied.
- strikes a wholly inappropriate imbalance in the structure and design of Drogheda and its hinterland.
- contrary to the best interests of the locality its residents and its businesses.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager's Recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Submission 15 - Mark Geddes on behalf of L. Scully

- lands adjoining the R152 east of Duleek,
- seeks the incorporation of the subject lands within the Drogheda Environs LAP area.
- seeks the zoning of the site to accommodate light industrial and industrial office type employment development.



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Manager's Recommendation - No change

Slane Area Committee - Defer to full Council for consideration.

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

Submission 16 - Brendan Brady on behalf of Bronagh Rooney & Evelyn Rooney

- Southgate B3 to B2 rezoning.
- No coherent planning reasons have been made with regard to this change
- undermine neighbourhood facilities in other locations.
- overall thrust of LAP would shift from Bryanstown lands to Colpe Cross Area.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager's Recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Submission 17 - The concerned Residents of East Meath

Submission takes issue with the concerns and objections raised by the NRA regarding the proposed distributor road at Bryanstown.

Manager's Recommendation - The issue raised in this submission was not the subject of an amendment to the Draft LAP. No change recommended.

Slane Area Committee - Noted

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Jimmy Cudden** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

Submission 18 - Mary P. Burke Friends of The Aquifer Ltd.

- Indaver incinerator
- Takes issue with the approval process for the incinerator and the inaction by Meath County Council to stop the incinerator at this location.

Manager's Recommendation - The proposal for the incinerator at Platin lie outside the remit of this Local Area Plan. No change recommended.

Slane Area Committee - Noted

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Submission 19 -Ronan Yore

- Southgate centre rezoning will unbalance LAP area
- No justification provided for decision
- Community against proposal

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager's Recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Submission 20 - Cllr. Michael O Dowd



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- Objects to the rezoning of Grange Rath Neighbourhood Centre from “B3 Local Neighbourhood Facilities” to “B2 Major Town Centre”
 - Residents in the area are extremely concerned that such a zoning will make it easier to facilitate a planning application for night clubs and take aways in a mainly residential area.
 - It is noted by the residents that the promised Leisure Centre has not materialised.
- Manager’s Recommendation** - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.
Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager’s Recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

Submission 21 - Val & Evelyn Gough

- Objects to the rezoning of Grange Rath Neighbourhood Centre from “B3 Local Neighbourhood Facilities” to “B2 Major Town Centre” on the following grounds:
 - Environmental impact
 - Anti-social behavior
 - Traffic

Manager’s Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager’s Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon –Gallagher**.

Submission 22 - David Murphy

- Objects to change of Southgate from B3 to B2 zoning.
- Proximity to existing dwellings.
- Traffic Congestion in the area.
- High rise buildings (larger than 3 floors)
- Noise Pollution
- Impact of entrances on privacy of residents.

Manager’s Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager’s Recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Phillip Cantwell**.

Submission 23 - Drogheda Borough Council

Issue raised:

- change of Southgate from B3 to B2 zoning
- Considered inappropriate having regard to the level of facilities already at Colpe Cross.
- Infers creation of second town centre in Drogheda.
- No evidence of under provision of facilities.
- Current size sufficient to cater for catchment population.

Manager’s Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager’s Recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Phillip Cantwell**.



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Submission 24 - National Roads Authority

- LAP is premature pending the completion of study proposed under Objective ED OBJ 1 of CDP
- regard to amendments to Section 5.9, that regard should be had to NRAs “*Policy statement on Development management and Access to national Roads*”.
- Takes issue with rezoning of lands previously identified for park and Ride (E3) to significant additional retail warehousing located to the rear of Donore Retail Park.

Manager’s Recommendation - No change

Slane Area Committee - Noted

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Phillip Cantwell**.

Submission 25 - Pat Mc Loughlin

- Wishes to object to proposed change of zoning at Grange Rath on the grounds that it is contrary to good planning.

Manager’s Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Managers Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon –Gallagher**.

Submission 26 - Gerry & Jacqui Cusack

- Takes issue with the wording and reasons given in the amendments report for the proposed zoning change.
- No facts or analysis has been provided that the proposed change in zoning will be beneficial.
- Relevant impacts on the community have not been considered.
- Remedial actions proposed.

Manager’s Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager’s Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor John V. Farrelly**.

Submission 27 - Lisa Doran on behalf of Mount Granville Ltd

- Relates to lands at Duleek rd interchange
- minor addition/ amendment sought to Objective ED3:-*The Planning Authority shall within 2 months of the completion of the Motorway Interchange Strategy commence procedures, by way of Variation to the South Drogheda Environs Local Area Plan, to zone these lands accordingly. These procedures shall be fully implemented and completed within 6 months of the publication of the Motorway Interchange Strategy ”.*

Manager’s Recommendation - No change

Slane Area Committee - Defer to full Council for consideration

Councillor Ann Dillon –Gallagher proposed alternative wording. Planning Officials advised the following;

- I. The lands concerned were not within the boundaries of the South Drogheda LAP.



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- II. Progressing this matter is predicated upon a positive outcome for these lands in the Motorway Interchange Study(MIS).
- III. Time constraints may be an issue particularly in relation to the proposed completion time.

"The Planning Authority shall within 2 months of the completion of the Motorway Interchange Strategy commence procedures, by way of Variation to the South Drogheda Environs Local Area Plan, to zone these lands accordingly. These procedures shall be fully implemented and completed within 6 months of the publication of the Motorway Interchange Strategy".

Submission 28 - Mark Geddes on behalf of Doyle Developments Ltd, Messrs Oliver McAvinia & Tom Burke

- The submission sets out that there is no rationale for the disposition and location of the major area of public open space indicated in western part of the Draft LAP's Bryanstown- Beymore Urban Framework Plan Area.

Manager's Recommendation - Issue not the subject of an amendment, no change recommended.

Slane Area Committee - Noted

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

Submission 29 - Stephen Ward on behalf of Boyne Grove Fruit Farms Ltd, Murphy Group, & Shannon Homes (Drogheda) Ltd

- Seeks the inclusion of a new specific objective, DE13 to Section 5.15 of the Plan to read as follows: *"The actual alignment of the Mill Road/ Marsh Road and the minor distributor link to McBride station to be determined as part of the Framework Plan process."*

Manager's Recommendation - No change

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the Slane Area Committee on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Submission 30 - John O 'Beirne

- Southgate B3 to B2 rezoning issue
- inconsistencies between the proposed amendment and Sections 6.6.2 of the Draft LAP.
- any further development on site would be over-bearing and dominant given the out of town setting of the site.
- existing public transport is limited and further traffic would lead to increase in already existing congestion.
- Building work would cause major disturbance.
- Ministerial Guidelines state that all new development criteria need to be efficient, equitable and sustainable. This is not the case with the proposed amendment.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Managers Recommendation.



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Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

Submission 31 - Kieran Campbell

- RMP ME021-011 Colpe West Enclosure and Cemetery –residential zoning covers part of the archaeological site.
- RMP ME020-006 Stagrennan Church and Graveyard – zoning of church and graveyard has been changed from A5 to H1 in the proposed amendments, re-zoning is strictly confined to the boundaries of the graveyard and not to the overall setting of this ancient site.
- Propose that change of zoning of the Colpe Cross/South Gate neighbourhood centre from B3 to B2 is inappropriate as the area is not ‘town centre’ but a largely residential area.

Manager’s Recommendation - Points 1 & 2 No change

Point 3 - That the lands revert to B3 zoning

Slane Area Committee - Accepted points 1 & 2

Point 3 - did not accept Manager’s recommendation

Points 1 & 2 Agreed as recommended by the Slane Area Committee on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Point 3 Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

Submission 32 - Shirley Kearney Dept of Education & Science

- Re-confirmation that the views of the Department of Education have been taken into account when making recommendations on future provision of school sites in the plan area as per submission to the draft LAP for the Southern Environs of Drogheda.

Manager’s Recommendation - No change

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager’s Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the Slane Area Committee on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Submission 33 - Aisling & Michael Banahan

- The height, size and mass of current shopping centre is obtrusive and blocks sunlight to residential estate.
- The current constructed facilities at Colpe Cross are only partially occupied.
- Out of character to have commercial development of such as scale in a residential housing estate.

Manager’s Recommendation - Revert to B3 land use zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did Not Accept Manager’s Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.



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Submission 34 - Deputy Thomas Byrne

- Seeks that reference to fixed line broadband be added.
- Seeks an amendment to B2 zoning at Colpe Cross to add reference to provision of social infrastructure.

Manager's Recommendation Point 1 No change

Point 2 That the lands revert to B3 zoning

Slane Area Committee

Accepted point 1 - Point 2 did not accept Managers recommendation

Point 1 Agreed as recommended by the Slane Area Committee on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Point 2 Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Submission 35 - Valerie Lewis

- The height, size and mass of current shopping centre is too big and out of character with the area.
- The small residential roads around the estate could not accommodate the proposals and would represent a major health and safety problem and there would be a loss of privacy to residents.
- The downturn in the economy has left other existing shopping centres in Drogheda with many vacant units.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Managers Recommendation.

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Submission 36 - Patrick O Sullivan DoEHLG

Comprehensive Submission

Issues raised:

- Population

Quantum of zoned lands and necessity to comply with table 6 of CDP

- Water services

Review/take up of development growth

- Development in Mill Rd/Marsh Rd area

Text in CDP does not indicate equality

- Appropriate Assessment
- Southgate Centre zoning change

Strong reservations expressed

Manager's Recommendation - No change, see comments below of Slane Area Committee

Slane Area Committee – Considered DoEHLG submission and Managers Report and unanimously agreed below listed wording; change recommended as follows:

6.7.5 Phasing of Future Development

In order to provide for the successful and timely delivery of all necessary community, social and services infrastructure, it is a requirement of this LAP that the proposed Framework Plan for Bryanstown needs to contain a stringent and comprehensive phasing arrangement for the simultaneous delivery of residential units and all associated services. This phasing arrangement shall be compliant with Table 6 of the



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County Development Plan and shall form an integral part of the implementation of the Framework Plan.

6.7.6 Phasing of Future Development

In order to provide for the successful and timely delivery of all necessary community, social and services infrastructure, it is a requirement of this LAP that the proposed Framework Plan for Mill Rd/ Marsh Rd needs to contain a stringent and comprehensive phasing arrangement for the simultaneous delivery of residential units and all associated services. This phasing arrangement shall be compliant with Table 6 of the County Development Plan and shall form an integral part of the implementation of the Framework Plan.

Agreed as recommended by the Slane Area Committee on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Submission 37 - Ann Fusciardi

- Southgate Centre issue
- access to the CR330 (Colpe Road) from the Shopping Centre, in close proximity the NI roundabout and main Grange Rath access is currently very heavily used despite the extremely low occupancy of this neighborhood shopping centre.
- An increase in commercial occupancy would create a more hazardous traffic situation.
- contradicts objective of CDP 'to support the development of Drogheda through the promotion of only local type retail uses in the environs area'.
- Rezoning of this area to 'town status' will create more hazardous traffic situations.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Managers Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Tom Kelly**.

Submission 38 -Robert McLoughlin GVA Planning on behalf of Tesco Ireland Ltd

1. Retail park zoned B5 should be B4 retail warehousing in line with CDP
2. B4 zoning will prohibit development of petrol filling station

Manager's Recommendation

Point 1 Minor typographical error to be corrected.

Point 2 No change recommended.

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the Slane Area Committee on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Submission 39 - Tadhg O' Mahony, SEA Section, Environmental Protection Agency

Submission raises a number of issues as follows:

- Implementation of amendments/impacts on Environment.
- Projects during implementation of plan may need EIA.
- Preparation of SEA statement.

Manager's Recommendation - No change recommended.

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's Recommendation



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Agreed as recommended by the Slane Area Committee on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Submission 40 - Alan Whelan Tiros Resources Ltd

- Dwelling has been zoned as E2 (employment) and requests that this is changed to A1 (residential) to ensure consistency with the actual use of the land.

Manager's Recommendation - This is a mapping error. The site which forms part of this submission should now be zoned A1 to reflect the residential use of the land.

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the Slane Area Committee on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Pat Boshell**.

Submission 41 - Martina Hannigan

- Southgate Centre issue
- Rezoning of this area to a district centre will create more hazardous traffic situations. It will have a negative impact on the entire residential area.
- Adequate facilities within the current neighbourhood centre to serve the local community.
- Development would have a negative impact on the primary shopping centre of Drogheda town.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Manager's Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon -Gallagher**.

Submission 42 - Andrew Bacon

- Southgate Centre issue
- Proposal is unnecessary and unwelcome and would lead to a further decrease in the quality of life experienced by the residents of Grange Rath.
- The amendment will change the character of the neighbourhood from a quiet, peaceful, family orientated suburban area to a noisy, congested, urban shopping district.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Managers Recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Jim Holloway**.

Submission 43 - Phillip & Mairead Scanlon

- Southgate centre issue
- Proposal is unnecessary and unwelcome and there are more than sufficient retail units within close proximity of Grange Rath.
- The amendment will change the character of the neighbourhood and will raise issues in relation to security as it may invite vandalism.

Manager's Recommendation - That the lands revert to B3 zoning.

Slane Area Committee - Did not Accept Managers Recommendation.



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Agreed as recommended by the County Manager on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon –Gallagher**.

Submission 44 - J. Murphy Developments Ltd.

Submission concerns an area of land, 4.2 acre field, immediately to the west adjacent to Five Oaks Village, Bryanstown which it is felt has been included in error in the Local Area Plan. Planning permission was granted on these lands for 59 units in May 2008 under Reg Ref SA/70675. Requests that these lands were removed from the LAP.

Manager's Recommendation - Correct Mapping error.

Slane Area Committee - Accepted Manager's recommendation

Agreed as recommended by the Slane Area Committee on the proposal of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Pat Boshell**.

Wendy Moffett outlined the next steps i.e.

To resolve to make the Local Area Plan:

- as amended,
- or with variation or modification as recommended in the Managers report,
- or other than as recommended in the Managers report subject to modifications considered appropriate, (and the variation or modification the members of the authority so decide upon shall be the original variation or modification proposed by them, subject to such amendment of it as they consider appropriate).

In accordance with Section 20 (3) (g) (ii) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended.

The Local Area Plan for the Southern Environs of Drogheda was adopted on the proposition of **Councillor Tom Kelly** and seconded by **Councillor Ann Dillon - Gallagher**.

9.2 **Housing, Social Community & Cultural**

9.2.1 Having received the Manager's report at the February 2009 Council Meeting, to now resolve to adopt in accordance with Section 7 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998 the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2009-2013 (Report to follow)

Larry Whelan, SEO Housing Department made the presentation. Members expressed concern regarding the standard of Halting Sites and debated the pros & cons of a transient site.

Adopted on the proposition of Councillor Noel Leonard and seconded by Councillor Jenny D'Arcy.

It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders for the meeting to continue until 7.00p.m. – proposed by **Councillor John V. Farrelly** and seconded by **Councillor James Mangan**.

9.2.2 To consider recommendations for the Professional Artist Development Fund 2009 (recommendations attached).



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Approved on the proposition of Councillor Jim Holloway and seconded by Councillor Willie Carey.

9.2.3 To consider recommendations for the Festival Grant Scheme 2009 (recommendations attached).

Approved on the proposition of Councillor Jim Holloway and seconded by Councillor Jenny D'Arcy.

9.2.4 To consider recommendations for Tyrone Guthrie Centre Award 2009 (recommendations attached).

Approved on the proposition of Councillor Jenny D'Arcy and seconded by Councillor Jim Holloway.

9.2.5 To nominate Members of Meath County Council to sit on the County Arts Forum and oversee the development and implementation of the new Arts Development Plan 2009 – 2013. A draft terms of reference is also attached.

The following were nominated on the proposition of *Councillor Noel Leonard* and seconded by *Councillor James Mangan*:
Councillor Liz McCormack, Cathaoirleach, Councillor Eoin Holmes, Councillor Nick Killian, and Councillor Jim Holloway.

9.3 Finance

9.3.1 To receive Statutory Audit Report and audited Annual Financial Statement of the Accounts of Meath County Council for the Financial Year ended 31st December 2007.

Noted on the proposition of Councillor Ann Dillon- Gallagher and seconded by Councillor Michael Lynch.

10.0 Notice of Questions

10.1 Submitted by Councillor Shane Cassells

“Can the manager outline the strategy of this council in respect of the delivery of park and ride facilities in the main commuting areas of the county”

The following response was issued.

- **It is the policy of Meath County Council to encourage diversity in the modes of transport including park and ride. The Meath County Development Plan in its transportation policy supports this concept.**
- **The improvements in the level of service of the public transport system and in the road network (where the quality bus corridors have been a priority) are resulting in increased demand for these facilities.**
- **The Council is leading the coordination of providing these facilities on a countywide basis in conjunction with Dublin Transportation Office, Department of Transport, Quality Bus Network Project Office and other agencies. Partnership approaches are also been explored with the private sector.**
- **Funding approval and implementation of such facilities are dependant on certain criteria and in particular a sustainable business plan.**



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- Sites currently provided or planned include a number of sites in Navan, Trim, Kells, Ratoath, Enfield, Laytown and Pace (in conjunction with rail line provision).
- The DTO is promoting further investment in this area and Meath County Council is currently concentrating efforts on identification and design of further park and ride facilities.

10.2 Submitted by Councillor Brian Fitzgerald

“To ask the Co Manager the total development levies paid to Meath County Council for the year 2008”

The total amount of development levies received by the Planning Authority in 2008 was €17,180,147.

10.3 Submitted by Councillor Jim Holloway

“In the context of Meath County Council’s Housing Budget for 2009, what is the current situation in relation to the proposed Remedial Works Scheme with particular reference to Townparks Estate Navan, in respect of Funding, Contract & Commencement of Works?”

The following response was issued:

In September 2008 the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government invited Local Authorities to submit on a prioritised basis Remedial Works projects for consideration.

Such projects to be carried out on a co-funding basis and with Exchequer funding being provided in different bands depending on the volume of applications, the quality of individual projects and available Internal Capital Receipts within individual housing authorities.

In response to this request Meath County Council submitted the projects for consideration:

1. Alverno Court Laytown –pilot scheme with the overall Alverno Estate
2. Ashbrook Estate Navan –part of the Clogherboy Housing Estate Commons Road.
3. St Brigids Villas & St. Ultans Terrace Navan
4. 30 Selected Houses in Navan

In early February the Department confirmed that in light of limited funding for Remedial Works Programmes and following the use of defined criteria for evaluating the merits of individual submissions they are only favorably disposed towards the Alverno Court project and that the other projects do not meet the evaluation criteria to merit funding at this stage.

The progression of the Alverno project is however contingent on certain details of design, costing and phasing being reviewed and agreed with the Department.

In respect of the Townparks’ Remedial works project in Navan, the Department have confirmed that as this project was at such an advanced stage it does not fall within the terms of the aforementioned invitation extended to Local Authorities in September 2008.



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The following is the situation in relation to this project:

- ❖ Project subject of extensive Consultation with local residents over a long period of time and resulting in agreement being reached on the extent and nature of the works in late 2006.
- ❖ In February 2007, the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government confirmed that a Budget Cost in the sum of €13,952,176 had been determined for the project.
- ❖ In March 2007 the Part 8 Planning process in respect of the project was approved by the elected Members of Meath County Council.
- ❖ In Sept 2007, a notice was published seeking expressions of interest from competent Contractors with the closing date being 9th Oct 2007.
- ❖ Arising out of this, 6 Candidates were shortlisted and issued with contract documents.
- ❖ Closing date return contracts January 2009 and most advantageous tender is now being considered and has been requested to clarify a number of items.
- ❖ It is expected that the Tender report will issue to the Department by the end of this week –it should be noted that the tender prices are significantly lower than the aforementioned cost plan.
- ❖ Subject to Department approval of the Tender report and confirmation of funding availability it is expected work will commence in Summer 2009.

11.0 Notice of Motion

11.1 Submitted by the Trim Electoral Area Members

“Meath County Council take steps to take De Granville Housing Estate in charge and to release the monies held so that the final works may be completed in the estate”

11.2 Submitted by the Trim Electoral Area Members

“Meath County Council take Hamilton Place Estate, Trim in charge”

Motions 11.1 & 11.2 were deferred until May meeting on the proposition of Councillor Peter Higgins and seconded by Councillor Jimmy Fegan.

11.3 Submitted by Slane Electoral Area Members

The Slane Area Members call on the support of the Members of Meath County Council in seeking funding from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to alleviate the growing housing crises in County Meath in light of the increase in numbers on the Council's housing list.

Motion was deferred to April meeting on the proposition of Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher and seconded by Councillor Tom Kelly.

11.4 Submitted by Councillor Shane Cassells



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“That this Authority conduct an immediate recosting of phase 1 of Meath County Council’s proposed park in Abbeylands Navan, which has been sanctioned for Government funding, and that it engages with the senior officials in the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism in an effort to deliver it successfully”.

Proposed by Councillor Shane Cassells and seconded by Councillor Tommy Reilly. Agreed that Eugene Cummins would consider the matter and report back to Navan Area members.

12.0 Schedule of Manager’s Orders

- 12.1 Schedule of Manager’s Orders - Infrastructure
- 12.2 Schedule of Manager’s Orders - Environment
- 12.3 Schedule of Manager’s Orders – Housing Construction
- 12.4 Schedule of Manager’s Orders – Community & Enterprise

Manager’s Orders were noted.

13.0 Presentations from Other Bodies

- 13.1 To receive presentation on the Fingal East Meath Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (FEM FRAMS)” (HalcrowBarry)

AnnMarie Conibar made a presentation to the meeting outlining the principal aims of the study and clarified a number of matters for Councillors.

14.0 Any Other Business

Michael Killeen, Director of Services advised the meeting that it was highly unlikely that the Community Grant Scheme would be launched in 2009. This was a consequence of the reduction in levies as advised earlier in the meeting.

Signed: _____
An Cathaoirleach

Date: _____