



Consultation on Proposed Amendments

to the
Draft
Sligo County
Development
Plan
2024-2030

7 June to 5 July 2024

Proposed Amendments to the Draft Sligo County Development Plan 2024–2030

The Draft Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030 (CDP), which was prepared under Section 11 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), was placed on public display for a period of ten weeks, from 13 October to 22 December 2023.

The Chief Executive's Report on the outcome of public consultation was submitted to the elected members of Sligo County Council on 22 March 2024.

At their special meetings on 15 and 22 April 2024, the Members considered the Draft Plan and the Chief Executive's Report, and resolved to propose a number of amendments, which, if made, would represent material alterations of the Draft Plan.

Sligo County Council is now making the proposed amendments available for public inspection for a period of four weeks. **The Proposed Amendments will be on public display from 7 June to 5 July 2024.** During this period, the public is invited to make written submissions or observations on the Proposed Amendments.

All consultation documents can be downloaded from the Council's consultation portal at consult.sligococo.ie

Printed copies of the Proposed Amendments document, Draft CDP and all associated documents are also available for inspection or purchase at the Planning Office of Sligo County Council in the City Hall (Quay Street, Sligo). They can also be inspected in the County Library, Council's Area Offices and library branches in Ballymote, Enniscrone and Tobercurry.

A report with recommendations on all valid submissions or observations received will be prepared and presented to the elected Council members for their consideration.

Submissions should be made through the Council's consultation portal at consult.sligococo.ie

Although NOT recommended, written submissions, headed "Proposed Amendments to the Draft Sligo CDP 2024-2030", may be e-mailed to cdp@sligococo.ie

or posted to:

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The following 29 PAZ (Proposed Amendments to Zoning) maps are included
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Ballinafad PAZ	Coolaney PAZ	Ransboro PAZ
Ballintogher PAZ	Curry PAZ	Rathcormac PAZ
Ballygawley PAZ	Dromore West PAZ	Sligo Town PAZ 1 of 4
Ballymote PAZ	Easky PAZ	Sligo Town PAZ 2 of 4
Ballysadare PAZ	Enniscrone PAZ 1 of 3	Sligo Town PAZ 3 of 4
Banada PAZ	Enniscrone PAZ 2 of 3	Sligo Town PAZ 4 of 4
Bunnanaddan PAZ	Enniscrone PAZ 3 of 3	Strandhill PAZ
Carney PAZ	Gorteen PAZ	Tobercurry PAZ
Castlebaldwin PAZ	Grange PAZ	Tourlestrane PAZ
Cliffony PAZ	Monasteraden PAZ	

Section 1

Introduction

1.1 Consultation on the Draft Development Plan

The Draft Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030 (CDP) was subject to public consultation from 13 October to 22 December 2023. The documentation included:

- Volume 1 – Core Strategy
- Volume 2 – Urban Development
- Volume 3 – General Policies
- Volume 4 – Village Plans
- Housing Strategy
- Local Transport Plan
- Wine Street Car Park Masterplan
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Report
- Natura Impact Report (Appropriate Assessment/AA)
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)

The Draft Plan and accompanying documents were published on the Council's Consultation Portal consult.sligococo.ie, where they continue to be available.

Printed copies of the documentation were sent to all County Library branches and Council Area Offices. The public consultation was extensively advertised on social media, in addition to the newspaper notices.

During the 10-week consultation period, six public meetings were held in Sligo Town (two meetings), Ballymote, Enniscrone, Tobercurry and Carney. Planners present at these meetings answered questions, clarified issues and advised the attendees how to make valid submissions on the Draft Plan.

A total of **211 valid submissions** were received by 22 December 2023, the consultation deadline. All submissions were published on the Council's consultation website and remain available to read or download from <https://consult.sligococo.ie/en/node/883/submissions>

1.2 Second Chief Executive's Report

Section 12(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires the Chief Executive of a Planning Authority to prepare a report on submissions received in relation to the Draft Development Plan and submit it to the elected members for their consideration. This report was submitted on 22 March 2024.

As required by the **current legislation**, the Chief Executive's Report:

- a. listed the entities or persons who made submissions or observations;
- b. provided a summary of the following:
 - the “recommendations, submission and observations” made by the Office of the Planning Regulator;
 - the submissions and observations made by any other person.
- c. gave the response of the Chief Executive to the issues raised, taking account of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of the local authorities in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or of any Minister of the Government

In accordance with the *Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022)*, the submission of the **Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR)** was presented at the start of the Report.

After responding to the OPR's submission, the Chief Executive's Report also provided summaries of issues raised and recommendations received from **the Minister** (for Housing, Local Government and Heritage) and the Northern and Western **Regional Assembly (NWRA)**, outlining the manner in which these should be addressed in the development plan.

All other submissions were summarised and addressed in a clear and succinct manner, to facilitate consideration by the elected members of Sligo County Council.

1.3 The role of the elected members

Deciding whether to propose amendments to the Draft Plan is a function reserved for the elected members of Sligo County Council. Following the receipt of the Chief Executive's Report, the Members had up to 12 weeks to make a decision regarding the Draft Plan.

On foot of the submissions received, and on review of the content of the Draft Plan, the Chief Executive recommended some minor modifications, but also a number of material (i.e. significant) alterations. It was the Members' role to decide whether these or other material alterations should be made to the Draft Plan.

At their special meetings of 15 and 22 April 2024, the Members of Sligo County Council considered the Draft CDP and the Second Chief Executive's Report, and resolved to make a number of amendments to the Draft Development Plan.

1.4 Proposed Amendments to the Draft CDP

The Planning Authority considered that most of the proposed amendments, if made, would be material alterations of the Draft CDP. In accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Sligo County Council is now making the proposed amendments available for public inspection for a period of four weeks.

The proposed amendments will be on public display **from Friday, 7 June, to Friday, 5 July 2024** (both dates included). During this period, the public is invited to make written submissions or observations in relation to the proposed amendments.

All submissions received during this final public consultation stage will be summarised in the Third Chief Executive's Report, which will outline the Chief Executive's opinion on whether to accept the suggestions made in any particular submission relating to any of the proposed amendments. The Third Chief Executive's Report will include a recommendation on each of the proposed amendments. Such recommendation would be to adopt, to omit or to modify the respective proposed amendment.

After considering the proposed amendments and the Chief Executive's recommendations, the Members will then finally adopt the Development Plan subject to all, any or none of the proposed amendments, with or without minor modifications to the amendments, as they consider appropriate. The new CDP 2024-2030 will become operational six weeks after its adoption.

1.5 Structure of the Proposed Amendments document

The proposed amendments consist of changes to the text of the Draft CDP (narrative, policies, objectives, tables, appendices), modifications to zoning maps, alterations of the Draft Local Transport Plan and changes to the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Report.

They are presented in nine sections and two appendices, as follows:

Section 2 – Proposed Amendments to **Volume 1 Core Strategy** (PA-1 to PA-35)

Section 3 – Proposed Amendments to **Volume 2 Urban Development** (PA-36 to PA-68)

Section 4 – Proposed Amendments to **Volume 3 General Policies** (PA-69 to PA-192)

Section 5 – Proposed Amendments to **Volume 4 Village Plans** (PA-193 to PA-205)

Section 6 – Proposed Amendments to **Zoning – description and maps** (PAZ-1 to PAZ-85);

Section 7 – Proposed Amendments relating to Flood Zones (P-FZ-01)

Section 8 – Proposed Amendments to **Draft CDP Appendices: Infrastructure Assessment** (PA-A.2-01) and **Buildings of Note** (PA-B-01)

Section 9 – Proposed Amendments to the **Draft Local Transport Plan** (PA-LTP-1 to PA-LTP-4)

Section 10 – Proposed Amendments to the **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment** (PA-SFRA-1 to PA-SFRA-10)

Appendix 1 – **Revised and Additional Tables** resulting from the Proposed Amendments

Appendix 2 – **Town and Village Maps** showing the Proposed Amendments to Zoning

Proposed Amendments to text

Where additions to the text are proposed, they are shown in blue.

Where deletions from the text are proposed, they are shown in red.

Proposed Amendments to Zoning

There are 29 maps showing the Proposed Amendments to Zoning in 24 settlements, in alphabetical order. Four maps relate to Sligo Town and three maps relate to Enniscrone.

The sites subject to proposed zoning changes are outlined in black and marked with the respective proposed amendment code in the format PAZ-01, PAZ-02, ... up to PAZ-85.

The colour of the marked sites corresponds to the proposed new/amended zoning, not to the initial draft zoning. Where a Council resolution explicitly proposed an amendment to the development limit (red line) of a settlement, the proposed development limit is represented by a dashed red line.

1.6 Environmental assessments

Pursuant to Section 12(7)(aa) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Planning Authority has determined that strategic environmental assessment and appropriate assessment are required in respect of some of the proposed material alterations of the Draft CDP. A notice was issued in this regard on 7 May 2024, indicating that a period of up to 6 weeks was required for facilitating the assessments. The Planning Authority's SEA and AA screening determinations were published on the Council's website.

The Proposed Amendments have now been assessed for potential environmental effects by specialist consultants CAAS. For details, please refer to the separate **Addenda** to the previously published environmental reports, which accompany the Proposed Amendments during public consultation.

The Proposed Amendments document should be read in conjunction with these Addenda.

1.7 Making submissions or observations on the Proposed Amendments

The public is invited to comment **on the Proposed Amendments only**.

Submissions relating to any Draft Plan elements which are not proposed to be altered will not be taken into consideration.

It is important to specify the code(s) – in “PA-XY” or “PAZ-0X” format or as the case may be – of the Proposed Amendment(s) to which a submission refers. This will facilitate the identification of the issue(s) and the preparation of an appropriate response in the final Chief Executive's report.

Written submissions or observations may be made in writing from **9 am on Friday, 7 June, to 4 pm on Friday, 5 July 2024**, through the Council's Consultation Portal at **consult.sligococo.ie**.

Although NOT recommended, submissions headed “Proposed Amendments to the Draft Sligo CDP 2024-2030” may be e-mailed to cdp@sligococo.ie or posted to:

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All submissions will be redacted, if necessary (to comply with GDPR), and made available for public viewing on the Council's Consultation Portal.

Submissions will be accepted until **4 pm on Friday, 5 July 2024**. Late submissions will not be taken into consideration.

Sligo County Council must adhere to the statutory process set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). A summary of this process is provided below. Stages that have been completed are indicated in *blue italics* and stages that directly involve the elected members are indicated in *green type*.

Development Plan process

1. *Give notice of Development Plan review to the public and the prescribed bodies (30 July 2021)*
2. *Pre-draft consultation (30 July to 24 September 2021)*
3. *First Chief Executive's Report on submissions and observations submitted to members (22 December 2021)*
4. *Members direct the Chief Executive to prepare the Draft CDP 2023-2029 (7 March 2022)*
5. *Preparation of Proposed Draft Plan*
6. *Consideration of Proposed Draft Plan by members (September-October 2023)*
7. *Members accept the Proposed Draft Plan (2 October 2023)*
8. *Give notice of publication of the Draft Plan to the public and the prescribed bodies (10-12 October 2023)*
9. *Draft Plan on public display for over 10 weeks (13 October to 22 December 2023)*
10. *Second Chief Executive's Report on submissions and observations submitted to members (22 March 2024)*
11. *Members proposed amendments to the Draft Plan at special meetings on 15 and 22 April 2024*
12. *As some of the proposed amendments would represent material alterations of the Draft Plan, a notice was published indicating that additional time (up to 3 June 2024) was required for carrying out SEA and AA of the proposed amendments*
13. **Put the proposed amendments on public display and invite submissions (minimum four weeks, from 7 June to 5 July 2024) – we are HERE**
14. *Third Chief Executive's Report on submissions and observations submitted to members*
15. *Members make the Plan with or without the proposed amendments*
16. *Publish notice that the new Plan is made*
17. *The new CDP becomes operational six weeks after its adoption*