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Ordinary Meeting

21st October 2024 @ 1.30p.m.

Buvinda House, Navan (and online via zoom)

Presiding: An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Sharon Tolan

Councillors Present:

Councillors, Joe Fox, Gillian Toole, Fionnan Blake, Brian Fitzgerald, Caroline O'Reilly, Gerry O'Connor, Joe Bonner, Wayne Harding

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Councillors, Aisling Dempsey, Noel French, Maria Murphy, Linda Nelson Murray, Geraldine Keogan, Wayne Harding, Carol Lennon, Maria White, Mike Bray, Sean Drew, Michael Gallagher, Helen Meyer, Conor Tormey

Apologies:

Councillors, Ronan Moore, Dave Boyne, Pádraig Coffey, Nick Killian, Alan Lawes, Emer Tóibín, Eddie Fennessy, Pádraig Fitzsimons, Yemi Adenuga, Francis Deane, Paddy Meade, Stephen McKee, Sarah Reilly, Peter Caffrey, David Gilroy, Eugene Cassidy, Alan Tobin, Suzanne Jamal, Amanda Smith

Officials in attendance:

Deputy Chief Executive: Dara McGowan

Directors of Service: Fiona Lawless, Barry Lynch, Martin Murray, Fiona Fallon, Pádraig Maguire.

Meetings Administrator: Elaine Daly

Senior Executive Planner: Alan Russell

Apologies: Kieran Kehoe, Chief Executive and Des Foley, Director of Service.

Councillor Aisling Dempsey declared a potential conflict of interest due to her employment and left the meeting.

1 To Consider the Chief Executive's Report on the Draft Maynooth & Environs Joint Local Area Plan 2025 – 2031.

The Deputy Chief Executive, Mr. Dara McGowan, thanked the Elected Members for their attendance and noted that the Elected Members had received details and clarification on the contents of the Chief Executive's Report dated 10th September 2024 and the Addendum to the report dated 15th October 2024, at a workshop on 16th October 2024.

Mr Alan Russell, Senior Executive Planner, provided an overview of the process for preparing a Local Area Plan and the Elected Members' role in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and

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Development Act (as amended). Mr. Russell provided further details of a text correction in relation to Submission No. 400. He also outlined the salient details of the Chief Executive's recommendation.

There were interventions of support from **Councillors Brian Fitzgerald, Gerry O'Connor, Maria Murphy, Joe Fox and Gillian Toole**. The potential for the future development of the County was noted. The importance of the provision of critical infrastructure was also noted including lands for economic development and housing, as well as the inclusion of a road to facilitate cycling and walking initiatives into Maynooth. **Councillor Caroline O'Reilly** noted the importance of providing critical infrastructure such as housing and lands for economic development, however, she expressed concern on the impact of the zoning on the rural community and the lack of schools and social infrastructure to cater for the increased demand.

Councillor Brian Fitzgerald proposed to make the Draft Maynooth & Environs Joint Local Area Plan 2025- 2031, subject to amendments, and to the extent that those amendments constitute a material alteration to the Draft Plan, that the statutory process as provided for under Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) be initiated in respect of such material alterations. The proposal was seconded by **Councillor Gerry O'Connor**.

The Cathaoirleach called a roll call vote, results as follows:

	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
ADENUGA, Yemi				✓
BLAKE, Fionnan	✓			
BONNER, Joseph	✓			
BOYNE, Dave				✓
BRAY, Mike	✓			
CAFFREY, Peter				✓
CASSIDY, Eugene				✓
COFFEY, Padraig				✓
DEANE, Francis				✓
DEMPSEY, Aisling				✓
DREW, Sean	✓			
FENNESSY, Eddie				✓
FITZGERALD, Brian	✓			
FITZSIMONS, Padraig				✓
FOX, Joe	✓			
FRENCH, Noel	✓			
GALLAGHER, Michael	✓			
GILROY, David				✓
HARDING, Wayne	✓			
JAMAL, Suzanne				✓
KEOGAN, Geraldine	✓			
KILLIAN, Nick				✓
LAWES, Alan				✓
LENNON, Carol	✓			



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MC KEE, Stephen				√
MEADE, Paddy				√
MEYER, Helen	√			
MOORE, Ronan				√
MURPHY, Maria	√			
NELSON MURRAY, Linda	√			
O'CONNOR, Gerry	√			
O'REILLY, Caroline		√		
REILLY, Sarah				√
SMITH, Amanda				√
TOBIN, Alan				√
TÓIBÍN, Emer				√
TOLAN, Sharon	√			
TOOLE, Gillian	√			
TORMEY, Conor	√			
WHITE, Maria	√			

Result: For – 19, Against - 1, Abstain – 0, Absent – 20.

On the basis of the results above the Elected Members resolved to make the Draft Maynooth & Environs Joint Local Area Plan 2025- 2031, subject to amendments, and to the extent that those amendments constitute a material alteration to the Draft Plan, that the statutory process as provided for under Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) be initiated in respect of such material alterations.

The meeting concluded at 2.10pm.