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Subject: Variation (No. 1) to the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030

Ref No: CPU/243(Var.1)

7th August 2026

By e-mail

To: Minister James Browne TD,
Office of the Planning Regulator,
Northern & Western Regional Assembly
Prescribed Authorities and Environmental Authorities'

Re: Variation (No. 1) to the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030

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At the Special plenary meeting of the 27th of July 2026, the Elected Members of Donegal County Council resolved to make Variation (No. 1) to the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030 having completed the relevant Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment Processes.

In summary, Variation (No. 1) includes:

- New Area Plans for An Clochán Liath, Ballyshannon, Bridgend, Carndonagh, Donegal Town, and Killybegs and associated Local Transport Plans.
- Amendments to the Buncrana Area Plan, the Letterkenny Plan, and the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Area Plan.
- Amendments to Settlement Frameworks for Laghy, Ardara, Creeslough, Dunfanaghy, Culdaff, Gleneely, Manorcunningham, and Newtowncunningham, a new Clachan for Drumoghill, and various other policy changes.

Please now find below a sharefile link providing a copy of the Variation documentation including the main text document, associated Local Transport Plans, and land use zoning maps, in accordance S.58(18)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (As Amended).

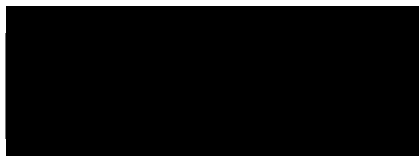
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Separately on the 31st of July the Planning Authority notified the OPR that in making the Variation the Members decided not to comply with certain recommendations made by the OPR including a statement of the reasons for doing so, in accordance with S.58(17)(d) of said Act.

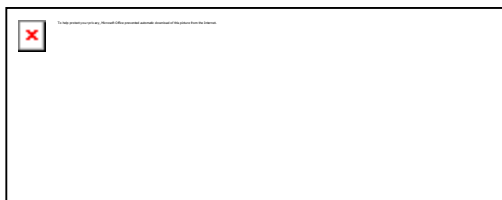
The Council has also published a statutory notice regarding the making of the Variation in accordance with S.58(18)(a) of the Act.

The above documentation will be published on the Council's website www.donegaldevplan.ie shortly and a copy of the Development Plan as Varied will be published on said website and at Council Offices and Libraries within 5 weeks of the making of the Variation in accordance with S.58(18)(b) of said Act.

Mise le meas,



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