



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

Draft Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028

Section 12 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2020 Notice of the Preparation of the Draft Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022 - 2028

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 12(1)(b) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2020 that Waterford City and County Council has prepared a Draft City and County Development Plan. The Draft Plan is accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Report prepared in accordance with the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004, an Appropriate Assessment, pursuant to Article 6(3) and Article 4 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

The Draft City and County Development Plan, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Report, the Appropriate Assessment Report and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, will be on PUBLIC DISPLAY and available for public inspection from **18th June to 30th August 2021** (both dates inclusive) at the following locations during normal opening hours:

- Customer Care Desk, Waterford City & County Council, Baileys New Street, Waterford City;
- Customer Care Desk, Waterford City & County Council, Civic Offices, Dungarvan; and,
- Waterford City & County Council Branch Libraries.

Resulting from the Covid 19 public health restrictions currently in place it may not be feasible to access the Draft Development Plan content on demand at the above locations and as such engagement with a dedicated online consultation portal consult.waterfordcouncil.ie is strongly recommended.

Observations or submissions regarding the Draft Development Plan and/or Environmental Report and/or Appropriate Assessment are invited from members of the public and other interested parties. You can make an observation or submission via the following options **only**;

- Online by registering on <https://consult.waterfordcouncil.ie> where you can then make a submission on the draft chapters, topics and map sheets. You can also submit drawings of any areas relating to your submission on an interactive development plan map, **or**
- In Writing marked "Draft City and County Development Plan" to the Planning Department, Waterford City and County Council, Menapia Building, The Mall, Waterford City.

Observations or submissions must include the full name and address of the person(s) making the submission and where relevant, the body or organisation represented.

Only written submissions or observations with respect to the Draft made to the planning authority within the stated period will be taken into consideration before the making of the plan. Submissions or observations in respect of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) report, Appropriate Assessment (AA) report and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) may also be made to the Planning Authority within the period specified and will be taken into consideration. All submissions and observations must be received before **5pm on 30th August 2021. Late submissions will not be accepted.**

Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are invited to make submissions or observations.

Please note that all submissions will be made available for public viewing on the Council's consultation website during the plan-making period. Waterford City and County Council will treat all personal data you may give as confidential. We will retain your data for no longer than is necessary for the purpose of this City and County Development Plan and in accordance with Waterford City and County Council's Retention Policy and the relevant Data Protection legislation.

Public Consultation Events:

While Waterford City & County Council wishes to ensure that the draft Development Plan will be informed by public engagement, as a result of Covid 19, new ways of communicating fully with the public and interest parties are required. To this end it is intended to hold a number of public webinars throughout the public consultation period, full details of which will be posted on the consultation portal consult.waterfordcouncil.ie and in local press in the coming weeks. Registration for these events will be required. Individuals, groups, organisations or representatives will be invited to discuss any element or issues stemming from the Waterford City and County Draft Development Plan 2022 - 2028.

In the interim members of the public are requested to engage with the consultation portal and associated online content which are specifically designed to facilitate the easy making of submissions. In the interest of public health at this time we would ask that people interact in the first instance with the online content on our consultation portal however where individuals are unable to access the content online they may contact the Planning Department via email to planning@waterfordcouncil.ie or by phone to 0761 102562 to make an appointment to view the relevant documents.

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