**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Notice of the proposal to make the Ballinasloe Draft Local Area Plan 2022-2028**

Notice is hereby given that Galway County Council pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Article 14 A-E of the Planning & Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations, 2004 (as amended), Article 6 of the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) as amended, and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. 477) has prepared a Draft Local Area Plan (LAP), Local Transport Plan (LTP), a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report, an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Stage 2 Natura Impact Report and also a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for Ballinasloe.

The Draft Local Area Plan along with the reports outlined above will be on public display and may be inspected from **Friday 22nd October 2021 to Friday 03rd December 2021 (excluding weekends and public holidays)** at the following locations:

* **Planning Office, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway H91 H6KX** (Monday -Friday 9am-4pm)
* **Ballinasloe Library, Society Street, Ballinasloe** (Tuesday 11.00am – 1.00pm & 2.00pm – 8.00 pm Wednesday-Saturday 11.00am -1.00pm & 2.00pm - 5.00pm)
* **Ballinasloe Area Office, Civic Offices, Ballinasloe H53 A7K7** (Monday-Friday 9.10am-5.00pm

All documents are also available to download from Galway County Council’s website <https://consult.galway.ie/>

Written submissions or observations in respect of the Draft LAP, the SEA Environmental Report, AA Natura Impact Report and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for Ballinasloe made to the Planning Authority during such period will be taken into consideration before the Plan is adopted by Galway County Council. Submissions or observations are also welcome from children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children.

Submissions or observations should be made in writing and addressed to:

‘**Ballinasloe Local Area Plan’**,

Forward Planning Section,

Galway County Council,

Prospect Hill,

Galway,

H91 H6KX

or online by visiting <https://consult.galway.ie/>

or sent by email to forwardplanning@galwaycoco.ie.

**Closing Date for Submissions or Observations is Friday 03rd December 2021** **at 4pm.**

**Late Submissions will not be accepted.**

Please send your submission/observation through **one medium only**, either in writing, or electronically.

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENTS (BY APPOINTMENT)**

Galway County Council invites you to book your appointment to attend one of the public consultation events on the

Ballinasloe Draft Local Area Plan 2022-2028 to take place on

**Tuesday 16th November 2021 10.00 am – 1.00 pm**

**Thursday 18th November 2021 2.00pm – 4.30 pm**

**In the Shearwater Hotel, Marina Point, Townparks, Ballinasloe, H53 F5P9**

**To book an appointment call the Forward Planning Policy Section 091 509 396**

**Public Consultation Webinar**

In addition, a Public Webinar event will take place on

**Wednesday 17th November 2021 6.00pm – 7.00pm**

Webinar Registration Details will be available on <https://consult.galway.ie/>

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