**Draft Ballinasloe Local Area Plan 2022 – 2028**

**Proposed Material Alterations**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), that Galway County Council has prepared Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Ballinasloe Local Area Plan 2022 – 2028.

In accordance with Section 20(3)(f) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Galway County Council has screened the proposed Material Alterations and has determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and an Appropriate Assessment are not required with respect to the proposed material alterations of the draft local area plan. These assessments have been carried out with respect to the proposed material alterations and SEA Screening Report, SEA Screening Determination and SEA Environmental Report pursuant to the SEA Directive and Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004-2011, an AA Screening and an AA Screening Determination pursuant to the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) will also be published with the proposed material alterations and will be available for inspection.

A copy of the proposed Material Alterations and associated SEA and AA documents, including Screening Determinations, will be on public display and may be inspected from **Wednesday 09th March 2022 to 4.00pm Thursday 07th April 2022** inclusive during normal opening hours at the following locations:

* <https://consult.galway.ie/>
* **Planning Office, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX** (Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm)
* **Ballinasloe Library, Society Street, Ballinasloe** (Wednesday- Saturday 11am-1pm and 2pm-5pm)
* **Ballinasloe Area Office, Civic Offices, Ballinasloe, H53 A7K7** (Monday – Friday 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm)

Written Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Ballinasloe Local Area Plan and associated SEA and AA documents, which include information on the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the proposed material alterations, may be made within the above period and **before 4.00pm on Thursday 07th April 2022.** Written submissions or observations should be clearly marked ‘***Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Ballinasloe Local Area Plan 2022 – 2028’*** and must be submitted either:

**Online**

Online by visiting <https://consult.galway.ie/>

**By Email**

Sent by email to [forwardplanning@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:forwardplanning@galwaycoco.ie)

**In Writing**

in writing and addressed to:

**‘Ballinasloe Local Area Plan’** Forward Planning Section, Galway County Council, Prospect Hill, Galway.

**The closing date for Submissions/Observations is Thursday 07th April 2022 at 4.00pm.**

**Late Submissions will not be accepted**

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

**In respect of making a submission or observation please note the following:**

Children or groups and associations representing the interests of children are entitled to make submissions or observations regarding policy objectives to deliver an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area of the LAP.

Galway County Council is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act (as amended). Please be advised that all submissions received will be published online in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act.

You should ensure that no vexatious, libellous or confidential information, including confidential information relating to a third party (in respect of which the third party has not, expressly, or impliedly in the circumstances, consented to its disclosure) is included in your submission. The Planning Authority reserves the right to redact any submission or part thereof that does not comply with this requirement. Please be advised that the submission will be published in full.

Galway County Council is subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act (as amended) and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). In order to assist us in complying with Data Protection and GDPR please include your name and contact details (and where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc., which you represent), on a separate sheet to the content of your submission/ observation. This processing of your personal data is lawful under Article 6 (1)(e) of the GDPR regulations. The Council’s Data Protection Policy is available on the Council website.

Please note that in accordance with Section 19 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2018 all valid submissions received by the Council shall be published on the Galway County Council website within 10 working days of its receipt by the Council. The planning process is an open and public process and therefore your submission (in part or in total) will be available to view online at <https://consult.galway.ie/>. All observations or submissions received during the above time period will be taken into consideration before the making of the Ballinasloe Local Area Plan 2022-2028.

Hard copies of the Material Alterations and associated documentation are available for purchase from the Planning Department.

**Lobbying**

Lobbying is an essential part of the democratic process. It enables or facilitates citizens and organisations to make their views on public policy and public services such as land use zoning known to politicians and public servants (designated Public Officials). If you are involved in lobbying, you may need to:

* Register on the Register of Lobbying website which is maintained by Standards Commission [www.lobbying.ie](http://www.lobbying.ie)
* Provide information to the Standards Commission about your lobbying activities three times a year.
* Please visit [www.lobbying.ie](http://www.lobbying.ie/) for more information.

The personal information (data) collected during the consultation process (which may include the collection of sensitive personal data) is collected for the purpose of receiving and dealing with submissions and any data collected  is subject to Galway County Council’s privacy statement which can be found at <http://www.galway.ie/en/services/yourcouncil/privacystatement/>