



**Additional Material Alteration 4.18  
Draft Galway County Development  
Plan 2022 - 2028**

Amendment No.	4.18
Submission Numbers	Office of Planning Regulator GLW-C10-967
Section / Policy Objective / Policy	<b>RH 15 Backland Development in the open countryside</b>
Proposed Material Amendment	
<p>Amend RH 15 Backland in the Open Countryside as follows:</p> <p>In all areas subject to the other provision of Rural Housing policy objectives considerations will be given <b>to an immediate family member on family lands as backland development</b> to family members including nieces and nephews of the land owners and will not be restricted to only one immediate family member on family lands as backland development. Backland development will not be restricted to only where this pattern of development already exists.</p> <p><del>In all areas subject to the other provision of Rural Housing policy objectives considerations will be given.</del></p> <p>This is subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where no alternative lands are available on the family holding;</li> <li>• Where there is an existing/historical pattern of backland/cluster residential development within the rural area;</li> <li>• The proposed development shall not have a negative impact on third parties/neighbouring property owners;</li> <li>• Viable sites with sufficient independent percolation areas will be required in order to meet technical guidelines;</li> <li>• Only one family member shall be accommodated in a backland development;</li> <li>• Access shall in normal circumstances be by means of the existing entrance;</li> <li>• The site must be capable of satisfying all other criteria such as separation distance</li> </ul>	