

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

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Attachments:Heritage comments on the ~1.xlsx (15 KB)

Some comments on the draft CDP.

It is a huge and impressive piece of work. There is a lot of repetition, with the same thing being said in different chapters. I found it quite varied in tone though. Some parts are very environmentally conscious, while others are extremely growth-orientated.

We CANNOT conserve biodiversity and maintain a stable climate while constantly encouraging growth. Growth in the population, the economy, the number of vehicles, roads, factories and agricultural output all have increased impacts upon and make increased demands of our environment. We need to aim for, at most, a steady-state population and economy or, ideally, gradual contractions of both, back to sustainable levels.

We need to leave lots of areas of land alone, to not use them for economic activity and to give them back to nature. Only when we have enough nature will we achieve sustainability.

Best wishes,

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Section	Comment
8.1	I suggest that we remove 'built' from the Introduction, as it now has a chapter of its own
8.2	Might mention the essential role of biodiversity in supporting all life on earth. The comment about one seventh is misleading as this is almost all on rivers and coasts. Our biodiversity is already eroded. We must restore it.
8.2.1	Add a reference to the new draft national heritage plan: 'Heritage Ireland 2030'
NBG 1	The Draft Louth Heritage and Biodiversity Plans will be adopted in 2021 (2021 - 2026)
NBG 2	The Draft Louth Heritage and Biodiversity Plans will be adopted in 2021 (2021 - 2026)
8.2.2	You need to add a reference to the EU's new Biodiversity Strategy for 2030
8.2.3	Change to "European (Natura 2000) Sites in County Louth" You need an introduction to 'Appropriate Assessment'. This section confuses me.
Table 8.1	Add the word 'River' before the word 'Blackwater'
Table 8.2	Change spelling to 'Stabannan-Braganstown', which is the NPWS name for the site
NBG 3	Support
NBG 4	Support
NBG 5	Support
NBG 6	Support (to "ensure that a screening...")
NBG 7	Support Consideration should be given to mapping all European sites in other counties that fall within 15km of Louth's borders. This would help ensure that these sites are taken into account in screenings for Appropriate Assessments

<https://www.eea.europa.eu/policy-documents/eu-biodiversity-strategy-for-2030-1>