



LOUTH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2027

APPENDIX 1

Development Plan Mandatory Requirements

Section 10 (2) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) includes a number of objectives which are to be included within a development plan. The list below is a summary of the required items contained in the legislation:

- a) The zoning of land.
- b) The provision of infrastructure, including:
 - (i) transport, energy, communication facilities;
 - (ii) water supplies and wastewater services;
 - (iii) waste recovery and disposal facilities;
 - (iv) any ancillary facilities/ services.
- c) The conservation and protection of the environment, in particular, archaeological and natural heritage and the conservation/ protection of European sites.
 - (ca) The management of features of the landscape pursuant to Article 10 of the Habitats Directive;
 - (cb) The promotion of compliance with environmental standards and objectives established
 - (i) for surface water;
 - (ii) for groundwater.
- d) The integration of the planning and sustainable development of the area with the social, community and cultural requirements of the area and its population;
- e) The preservation of the character of the landscape including the preservation of views and prospects and the amenities of places and features of natural beauty or interest;
- f) The protection of structures, or parts of structures, which are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest;
- g) The preservation of the character of architectural conservation areas (ACAs);
- h) The development and renewal of areas in need of regeneration to prevent:
 - (i) adverse effects on existing amenities as a result of ruinous or neglected conditions of any land;
 - (ii) urban blight and decay;
 - (iii) anti-social behaviour; or
 - (iv) shortage of habitable houses or land suitable for residential use or mixture of residential and other uses.

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- i) The provision of accommodation for travellers and use of areas for that purpose;
- j) The preservation, improvement and extension of amenities and recreational amenities;
- k) The control of establishments under the EU Major Accidents Directive:
 - (i) Siting of new establishments;
 - (ii) Modification of existing establishments;
 - (iii) Development in the vicinity of such establishments for reducing risk, or limiting consequences of a major accident.
- l) The provision of services for the community including, schools, crèches and other education and childcare facilities;
- m) The protection of the linguistic and cultural heritage of any Gaeltacht within the area;
- n) The promotion of sustainable settlement and transportation strategies in urban and rural areas including the promotion of measures to:
 - (i) reduce energy demand;
 - (ii) reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
 - (iii) address adaptation to climate change;having regard to location, layout and design of new development.
- o) The preservation of public rights of way which shall be identified on at least one map and listed within the Plan;
- p) To provide a framework for the identification, assessment, protection, management and planning of landscapes having regard to the European Landscape Convention 2000.

Please Note: the above list provides summary information only and does not purport to be a legal interpretation. For full details, please refer to Section 10 and the first schedule of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).