



**Louth County Council,  
Town Hall,  
Crowe Street,  
Dundalk,  
Co.Louth  
A91 W20C**

14/06/2022

**RE: Proposed Variation No.1 to the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Office of Public Works (OPW), as lead agency for flood risk management in Ireland, welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Variation No.1 to the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027. This submission is made specifically with regards to flood risk and the application of the Guidelines on the Planning System and Flood Risk Management (DECLG/OPW, 2009), hereafter referred to as the 'Guidelines'. Further submissions on the draft Plan may be made by the OPW with regards to the estate portfolio, heritage and other areas of responsibility.

OPW has carried out a review of the documents and note the continued commitment to adhere to the appropriate application of the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines (2009) and Circular PL02/2014.

Should any changes to zoning designations in areas of flood risk be implemented in future, it is important that a flood risk assessment to an appropriate level of detail is carried out and that there is appropriate justification for any decisions made as set out in the Guidelines.

If further information or input is required, please do not hesitate to contact the OPW, [floodplanning@opw.ie](mailto:floodplanning@opw.ie).

Yours sincerely,

**PP Conor Galvin  
Flood Relief and Risk Management – Climate Adaption & Strategic Assessments**