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Re: Material Alterations to the Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

Your Ref: n/a

Our Ref: 21/240 [cf.20/252]

Dear Mr. Pentony,

Geological Survey Ireland is the national earth science agency and is a division of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. We provide independent geological information and advice and gather various data for that purpose. Please see our [website](#) for data availability. We recommend using these various data sets, when conducting the EIAR, SEA, planning and scoping processes. Use of our data or maps should be attributed correctly to 'Geological Survey Ireland'.

With reference to your email dated 29 June 2021, concerning the Material Alterations to the Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027, Geological Survey Ireland would like to make the following comments.

Geoheritage

In Chapter 11, We welcome the inclusion of County Geological Sites (CGSs) within Policy Objective ENV 44.

Chapter 11 - Environment, Natural Resources and The Coast			
Alteration No.	Proposed Amendments to Policy Objectives	Policy	Submission No.
165	Insertion of additional text into Policy Objective ENV 44 To ensure that the extraction of stone and mineral materials is carried out in a manner that is sustainable and does not significantly impact on the following areas: - Existing and proposed European Sites; - Other areas of importance for the conservation of flora and fauna; - Areas of significant archaeological potential; - In the vicinity of a recorded monument; - County Geological Site (CGS); - Sensitive Landscapes; - World Heritage Sites; or - Tentative World Heritage Sites.	ENV 44	80

I hope that these comments are of assistance, and if we can be of any further help, please do not hesitate to contact me Clare Glanville, or my colleague Trish Smullen at GSIPlanning@gsi.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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