

Appendix 18

Statement Outlining Compliance
with Ministerial Guidelines

Under section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2010, Meath County Council is required to append a statement to the Development Plan to include information which demonstrated:-

1. How the Council has implemented the policies and objectives of the Minister contained in the Guidelines when considering their application to the area or part of the area of the Development Plan.
2. Alternatively, if the Council has formed the opinion that is not possible, because of

the nature and characteristics of the area or part of the area of the Development Plan, to implement certain policies and objectives of the Minister contained in the guidelines, the statement shall give the reasons for the forming of the opinion and why the policies and objectives of the Minister have not been so implemented.

The required statement pertaining to the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 is set out below. The Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 is referred to hereunder as 'the Plan'.

No.	Section 28 Guidelines	Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019
1.	Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland – Guidance for Planning Authorities (2009)	<p>The preparation of the Plan has had regard to this guidance document.</p> <p>Appropriate Assessment was initiated and the output reports are included within Volume 4 of this Meath County Development Plan. The process of Appropriate Assessment was carried out throughout the review period of the Plan.</p> <p>Mitigation policies have been included in the Plan where identified as part of the Appropriate Assessment Process.</p>

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2.	Architectural Heritage Protection - Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2011	<p>Chapter 9 Cultural and Natural Assets of the Plan addresses architectural and archaeological protection and conservation.</p> <p>Policies and objectives contained within this plan have had regard to various legislative provisions and policy guidance documents, including the Planning & Development Acts 2000–2011, Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2011 and the Ministerial Recommendations made on foot of the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage for County Meath.</p> <p>The Plan provides a list of the Record of Protected Structures in Volume 2 Appendix 8. The list of Architectural Conservation Areas is provided in Volume 2 Appendix 9.</p> <p>This chapter also includes policies and objectives relating to protected structures under Section 9.6.10, Architectural Conservation Areas under Section 9.6.12, Industrial Heritage under Section 9.6.11, Designed Landscapes, Historic Parks, Gardens and Demesnes under Section 9.6.13, vernacular architecture under Section 9.6.14.</p>
3.	Childcare Facilities (2001)	<p>Chapter 5 Social Strategy and Chapter 11 Development Management Standards and Guidelines address the issue of Childcare Facilities. Section 5.8 of Chapter 5 refers to childcare facilities and includes policies which have regard to the recommendations and requirements of the Childcare Facilities: Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2001.</p> <p>Section 11.3 of Chapter 11 sets out the locations where childcare facilities will normally be facilitated and advises that planning applications will be considered having regard to compliance with the Child Care (Pre-School Services) (No.2) Regulations 2006 and the Child Care (Pre-School Services) (No.2) Amendment Regulations 2006.</p>
4.	Sustainable Urban Housing - Design Standards for New Apartments (2007)	<p>Chapter 11 Development Management Standards and Guidelines states that all apartment developments should comply with the Guidelines. Section 11.2.2.3 specifies that design statements for apartment developments are required to include details of compliance with the standards set out in the Guidelines, including space standards for each unit and the quantity of space provided in each unit.</p>

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5.	Development Management Guidelines (2007)	Chapter 11 Development Management Standards and Guidelines refers to Environmental Impact Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and the Development Contribution Scheme in accordance with the Guidelines.
6.	Development Plan – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2007)	The Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities have informed the preparation of this Development Plan. The Core Strategy (Chapter 2) and Settlement Strategy (Chapter 3) identify a detailed settlement hierarchy for the County. Sections 3.3, 2.3.2 and 2.3.4 of the Plan refer to the Guidelines. The Development Plan also sets out the planning framework for the future development of each of the towns/villages/ settlements and rural areas which is informed by National and Regional Planning Policy.
7.	Quarries and Ancillary Activities (2004)	Chapter 10 of the Plan sets out the policies and objectives for the extractive industry. Section 10.12 therein refers to the Guidelines. Chapter 11 Development Management Standards and Guidelines includes section 11.14 which states the issues to be addressed in development proposals for quarries.
8.	Provision of Schools and the Planning System (2008)	Chapter 5 Social Strategy has had regard to the Guidelines, in particular Sections 5.7 Education Facilities. Section 5.7.4 specifies the role of Meath County Council in education and refers to ‘the Provision of Schools and the Planning System, A Code of Practice for Planning Authorities (2008)’. Policies contained within section 5.7, in particular SOC POL 18, SOC POL 19 and SOC POL 20 have had regard to the Guidelines. The Development Management Standards and Guidelines set out in chapter 11 refer to the Guidelines and also specify that the technical guidance document TGD-027 and TGD-025 will also be considered for post primary schools and primary schools respectively (section 11.4).

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9.	Retail Planning Guidelines (2005) Draft Guidelines for Planning Authorities – Retail Planning (November 2011) Guidelines for Planning Authorities – Retail Planning (April 2012)	Chapter 4 Economic Development sets out the retail policies and objectives of the Plan. Section 4.5.1 acknowledges that the Retail Planning Guidelines (2012) were adopted by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in April 2012 and replace the previous Retail Planning Guidelines (2005). The Meath County Retail Strategy (2013-2019) contained within Appendix 5 of the Adopted Plan was amended as part of the Review process, in accordance with the Guidelines (2012). The policies in chapter 4 and the retail hierarchy set out in Table 2.6 in Chapter 2 Core Strategy also had regard to the Retail Strategy for The Greater Dublin Area (2008).
10.	Guidance on Spatial Planning & National Roads (2012)	Chapter 6 Transportation references the Guidance on Spatial Planning & National Roads 2012, in particular Section 6.10.1 and TRANS POL 28 and TRAN SP 15. The Draft Plan acknowledges the publication of the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines in Section 6.10.5 and endorses the key messages contained therein. In particular, Section 6.10.6 and TRAN POL 39 address section 2.7 of the Guidance in relation to identifying appropriate strategic land uses at specified urban centres that would benefit from high quality access such as proximity to junctions through the Town Development Plan/ Local Area Plan process. Section 6.10.7 and 6.10.8 address access onto National Roads in Exceptional Circumstances and Developments of National and Regional Strategic Importance and include policies TRAN POL 40, TRAN OBJ 23.
11.	Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Guidelines (2004)	The preparation of the Plan had regard to this guidance document. Strategic Environmental Assessment was initiated and the output reports are included within Volume 4 of this Meath County Development Plan. Strategic Environmental Assessment was carried out as an iterative process throughout the review period of the Plan.
12.	Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines (2005)	Chapter 10, section 10.2 sets out the Rural Settlement Strategy. It identifies Rural Area Types in section 10.3 and includes policies and objectives for rural housing. Section 10.2 refers to the Guidelines. The Meath Rural Design Guide contained within Appendix 15, sets out guidance to potential applicants on the design and siting of houses in rural areas.

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13.	Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (2009)	Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Chapter 3 Settlement Strategy, Chapter 6 Transportation and Chapter 11 Development Management Guidelines and Standards have had regard to the Guidelines. Sections 2.3.3, Section 3.3 and TRAN SP6 refer to the Guidelines. The land use zoning objectives also refer to the Guidelines.
14.	The Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009)	<p>A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) has been carried out for County Meath having regard to The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2009. The SFRA is contained within Volume 2 Appendix 6 of the Plan.</p> <p>Policies and objectives in relation to flood risk management are included in the Plan in Chapter 7 Water, Drainage & Environmental Services Specific policies WS POL 29, WS 30, WS POL 32 and WS POL 35 address the Guidelines.</p>
15.	Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities – Design Guidelines (2007)	The Housing Strategy was prepared to inform the policies contained within Chapter 3 Settlement Strategy. Reference is made to Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities in the Housing Strategy as contained within Appendix 4 of the Plan. It also refers to the Housing Policy Statement (June, 2011), which sets out the vision for the future of the housing sector in Ireland. It represents a framework for legislative and policy initiatives to respond to and address emerging conditions in the housing sector.
16.	Wind Energy Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2006)	Chapter 8 Energy and Communications has had regard to the Wind Energy Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2006. It includes policies and objectives for wind energy; in particular EC POL 20 encourages the development of wind energy in accordance with the Guidelines. Section 11.15.2 Wind Energy contained within the Development Management Standards and Guidelines indicates that the siting of wind energy projects will be assessed having regard to their compliance with the Guidelines.
17.	Architectural Heritage Protection for Places of Worship	There are a number of places of worship recorded for protection in the Record of Protected Structures. These are identified in Appendix 8 and policy guidance for same is provided in Chapter 9.

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18.	Telecommunications and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities July 1996	Chapter 8 Energy and Communications has had regard to the Guidelines. EC POL 33 makes reference to the Guidelines and also to Circular Letter 07/12. Section 11.12 of the Development Management Guidelines and Standards has also had regard to the Guidelines.
19.	Section 261A of Planning & Development Act 2000 Guidelines January 2012	Chapter 10 Rural Development, Section 10.12 refers to the assessment of all Quarries in County Meath, undertaken in accordance with Section 261A of the Planning & Development Acts 2000–2011 as informed by the Guidelines. RD Pol 21 requires that projects associated with the extractive industry carry out screening for Appropriate Assessment. Development Assessment Criteria for the Extractive industry are referenced at Section 11.14.
20.	Redevelopment of Certain Lands in the Dublin Area Primarily for Affordable Housing	The Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government removed the Affordable Housing Initiative designation from lands in Gormonston, County Meath, to which these Guidelines applied, in late 2009.