

28th March 2022

Forward Planning Department,
Galway County Council,
Áras an Chontae,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Re: Material Alteration MA 4.18 to Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028

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Once again thank you for your authority's work in preparing the Material Alterations to the draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 (the Mas to the draft Plan).

The Office acknowledges receipt of notification of Material Alteration MA 4.18 on 28th February 2022.

The Office has evaluated and assessed Material Alteration (MA 4.18) to the draft Plan under the provisions of sections 31AM(1) and (2) of the *Planning and Development Act, 2000*, as amended (the Act), and within the context of the Office's earlier recommendations and observations together with the Office's submission made on 4th March 2022.

The Office acknowledges that the planning authority has undertaken the necessary screening for SEA and AA and the conclusions therein.

The Office welcomes MA 4.18, which addresses Recommendation 10 part (iv) of the Office's submission to the draft Plan, and recommends that the plan is made with the proposed material alteration.

As outlined in our submission letter 4th March 2022, following consideration of the chief executive's report prepared for the elected members under section 12 of the



Act your authority is required to notify this Office within five working days of the decision of the planning authority in relation to the Material Alterations to the draft Plan. Where your authority decides not to comply with the recommendations of the Office, or otherwise makes the plan in such a manner as to be inconsistent with the recommendations of the Office, the chief executive must inform the Office accordingly and state the reasons for the decision of the planning authority.

Please feel free to contact the staff of the Office in the context of your authority's responses to the above, which we would be happy to facilitate. Contact can be initiated through plans@opr.ie.

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