



8th January 2024

Central Planning Unit,
Donegal County Council,
County House,
Lifford,
Co. Donegal,
F93 Y622.

**Re: Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 in
respect of the Deletion of Letterkenny Specific Policy Content**

A chara,

Thank you for your authority's work in preparing the Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 in respect of the deletion of Letterkenny specific policy content (the proposed Variation).

The Office of the Planning Regulator (the Office) wishes to acknowledge the timely progression of the proposed Variation on foot of the Office's submission to the draft Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan 2023-2029 (LAP). In that submission the Office highlighted that practical and legal uncertainty would arise regarding the applicable policy framework following the adoption of the LAP due to the presence of inconsistent specific policies and objectives for Letterkenny in the extant Donegal County Development Plan 2018-2024 (Development Plan). In this regard, Recommendation 1 of the Office's submission to the draft LAP required the planning authority to ensure that the policy framework that will apply to future development in Letterkenny is both clear and consistent with the requirements under the *Planning and Development Act 2000*, as amended.


The Office therefore welcomes the proposed Variation which seeks to omit the specific policies and objectives relating to Letterkenny in the Development Plan.

The Office's evaluation and assessment of the proposed Variation concludes that no recommendations or observations are warranted. The Office looks forward to continued

positive engagement with your authority regarding the implementation of the Development Plan.

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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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "AM O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Anne Marie O'Connor

Deputy Regulator and Director of Plans Evaluations
