



30 April, 2021

For the Attention of: Pat Gallagher, Chief Executive

Westmeath County Council

Áras An Chontae
Mount Street,
Mullingar,
N91 FH4N

Re: Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Notice of Intention to Issue a Direction to Westmeath County Council
Westmeath County Development Plan 2021 – 2027

Dear Pat,

I am writing to provide a clarification to the letter issued to you on 29th April last, regarding the Notice of Intention to Issue a Direction relating to the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021 – 2027.

The clarification relates to a procedural matter under the ‘Next Steps – Procedural Requirements’ heading on page 4 of the letter, to fully accord with Section 31(7)(c) of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) as follows:-

The notice must also state that written submissions or observations in respect of the draft direction may be made to the planning authority during the consultation period and that they shall be taken into consideration by **the Office of the Planning Regulator before it makes a recommendation to the me, as Minister, before any final direction on the matter.**

Yours sincerely,



Peter Burke

Peter Burke T.D.

Minister of State for Planning and Local Government

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