

## **NOTICE OF PRE-DRAFT CONSULTATION IN RELATION TO THE PREPARATION OF A LOCAL AREA PLAN FOR MULLINGAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20(1) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 20(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), that Westmeath County Council, being the Planning Authority for the County, intends to prepare a Draft Local Area Plan for Mullingar.

The preparation of the Local Area Plan has up to three stages: A Pre-Draft stage; a Draft Plan stage; and potentially a Material Alterations stage. Presently we are at the 'Pre-Draft' stage, which is followed by the preparation and publication of a Draft Local Area Plan. At all stages the Planning Authority will undertake public consultation and invite your comments.

A Pre-Draft Issues Paper has been prepared to give an overview of the main issues affecting Mullingar and sets out some of the key issues that need to be addressed by the new Plan. The Issues Paper is available for inspection at the following locations:

Online at: <https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie/en>

At the Planning Department, Westmeath County Council, Civic Offices, Mount Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, N91 FH4N during public opening hours.

The Planning Authority hereby invites any interested parties or individuals to make written submissions and observations in advance of the preparation of the Draft Local Area Plan for Mullingar.

Submissions or observations with respect to the Issues Papers or content of the Draft Mullingar Local Area Plan may be made no later than **5.00pm on Thursday 23 November 2023**.

Submissions or observations must include the full name and address of the person(s) making the submission or observation and where relevant, the body or organisation represented.

Submissions or observations should be in **ONE** medium only i.e. online or hard copy and made as follows:-

Online at <https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie/>

or

In writing to: Administrative Officer, Forward Planning, Westmeath County Council, Civic Offices, Mount Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, N91 FH4N.

All observations or submissions received in relation to the Issues Paper will be taken into consideration before the making of Draft Mullingar Local Area Plan.

Please note that observations or submissions will be made public on the Council's website and at the offices of Westmeath County Council and will also form part of the statutory Chief Executive's Report to be presented to the full Council.

The personal information (data) collected during the consultation process (which may include the collection of sensitive personal data) is collected for the purpose of receiving and dealing with submissions and any data collected is subject to Westmeath County Council's privacy statement which can be found at <https://www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/yourcouncil/privacy/privacynotice/>

**This is your opportunity to have a say in the future development of Mullingar.  
We look forward to hearing from you.**