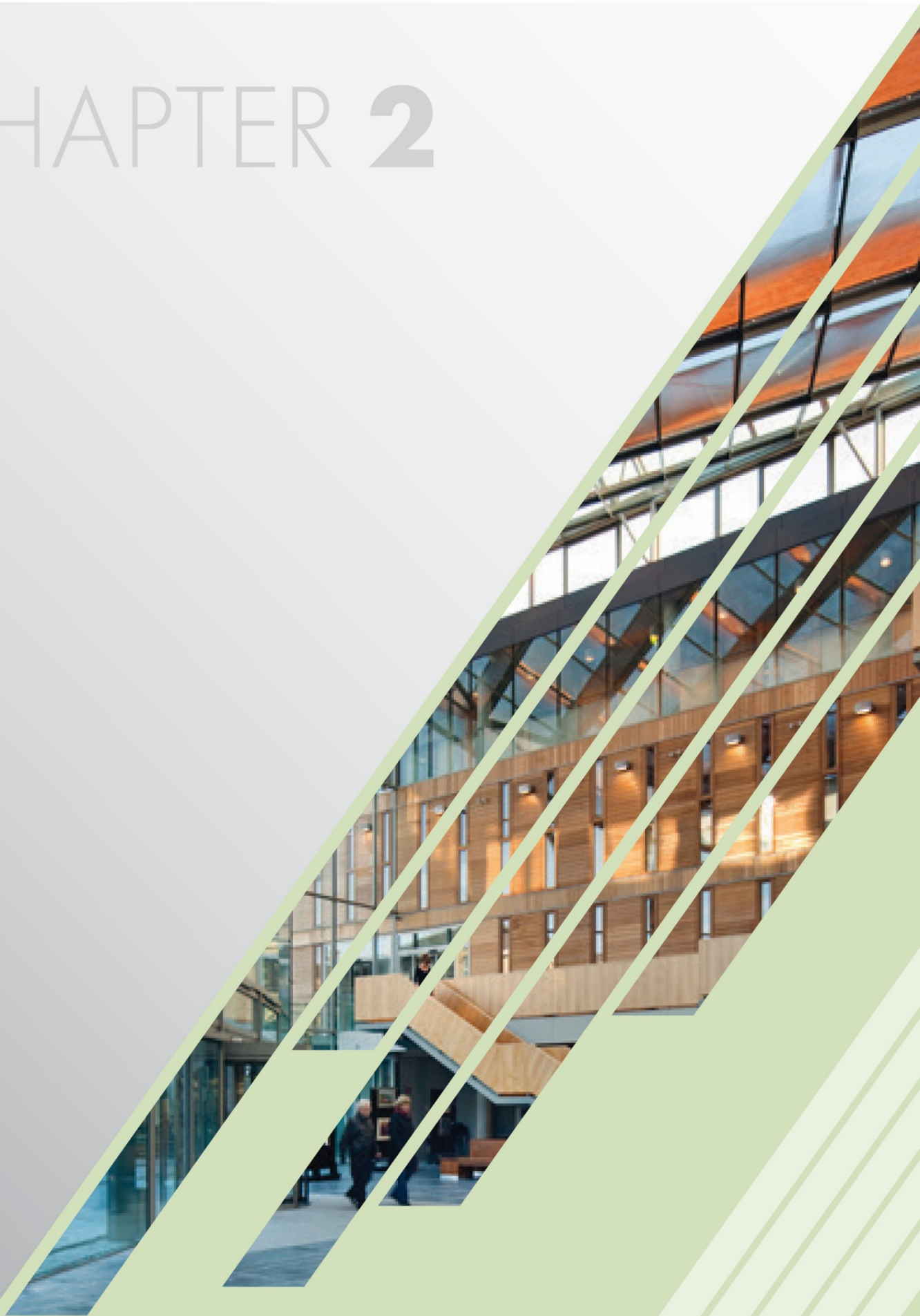


# CHAPTER 2



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2.3	Strategic Development of County Westmeath within a Regional Context (Eastern & Midlands Region)	23

Insert new text under Section 2.3 of the plan as follows:

Westmeath benefits from a strategic national road network reflecting its central location in the country. The N/M4 Dublin to Sligo (including connection via the N5 to Castlebar/Westport) corridor and the N/M6 Dublin to Galway corridor through County Westmeath are included as part of the EU TEN-T Comprehensive Network. In addition, the N51, N52, N55 and N62 national secondary roads, are important road corridors in County Westmeath. Together the EU TEN-T Network and the national roads identified provide important strategic links within and through the county and region, including providing critical international connectivity.

<b>Chapter 2</b>		
<b>Proposed Amendment CH 2.2</b>		
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2.3	Strategic Development of County Westmeath within a Regional Context (Eastern & Midlands Region)	23

Insert new CPO under Section 2.3 of the plan as follows:

Maintain the strategic function, capacity and safety of the national roads network and to ensure that the existing extensive transport networks, which have been greatly enhanced over the last two decades, are maintained to a high level to ensure quality levels of service, safety, accessibility and connectivity to transport user.

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Proposed Amendment CH 2.3		
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2.9	Regional Growth Centre Athlone	35

Insert new text at the end of Section 2.9 of the plan as follows:

Westmeath and Roscommon County Council's have jointly, commissioned the preparation of an Economic Strategy for Athlone, which also includes a Marketing Plan. This Strategy will set out a robust plan to successfully attract local, national and international businesses to the regional centre and will underpin the future Urban Area Plan for Athlone.

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Proposed Amendment CH 2.4		
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2.9 & 2.10	Regional Growth Centre – Athlone Mullingar – Key Town	35, 37

Insert new text in Section 2.9 as follows:

The Athlone UAP will also identify suitable locations to facilitate higher and increased building heights in accordance with CPO 7.28.

Insert new text in Section 2.10 has follows:

The Mullingar LAP will also identify suitable locations to facilitate higher and increased building heights in accordance with CPO 7.28.

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Proposed Amendment CH 2.5		
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2.9 & 2.10	Regional Growth Centre – Athlone	36 & 37

Amend Text in Section 2.9 of the plan as follows:

An Area Based Transport Plan prepared jointly by Westmeath and Roscommon County Councils and which includes strategic road links within and surrounding Athlone shall also be prepared in collaboration with the relevant transport agencies. This shall promote Athlone as a sustainable transport hub, of national and regional importance and will inform the UAP review.

Insert Text at end of Section 2.10 of the plan as follows:

An Area Based Transport Plan prepared by Westmeath County Council and which includes strategic road links within and surrounding Mullingar shall also be prepared in collaboration with the relevant transport agencies. This shall promote Mullingar as a sustainable transport hub, of national and regional importance.

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Proposed Amendment CH 2.6		
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2.10	Key Town – Mullingar	37

Amend CPO 2.4 as follows:

Support the continued growth and sustainable development of Mullingar to act as a growth driver in the region and to fulfil its role as a Key Town in accordance with the principles and policies of the RSES.

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Proposed Amendment CH 2.7		
Section:	Heading	Page No.
2.11	Self-Sustaining Growth Towns	37

Insert new statement before CPO 2.6 as follows:

Policies and objectives specific to each individual settlement are contained within individual Settlement Plans, as outlined within Chapter 8 of the Plan.

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Proposed Amendment CH 2.8		
Section:	Heading	Page No.
2.11	Self-Sustaining Growth Towns	37

Insert new CPO after CPO 2.6 as follows:

Promote consolidation in Self-Sustaining Growth Towns coupled with targeted investment where required to improve local employment, services and sustainable transport options and to become more self-sustaining settlements, in line with settlement specific policy contained within Chapter 8 of the plan.

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Proposed Amendment CH 2.9		
Section:	Heading	Page No.
2.13	Towns and Villages	39

Insert new CPO after CPO 2.8 as follows;

Investigate the feasibility of providing serviced sites at appropriate locations in towns and villages across the county, in consultation with public infrastructure agencies such as Irish Water and local communities.

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Proposed Amendment CH 2.10		
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2.17	Core Strategy Table	51-53

Insert at Section 2.17 of the plan, table and associated text in relation to the area in the development plan already zoned for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses;

Provide clarification as part of the Core Strategy Table in terms of figures for the anticipated housing requirement for each settlement over the plan period together with clarifications of intended zoning categories.

Table 2.9 identifies the area in the development plan already zoned for a mixture of residential and other uses; and includes the size of the area in hectares, and the potential number of housing units that can be accommodated in the area.

Land Use Zoning	Area (Ha)	Housing Yield*
Proposed Residential	8.76	175
Consolidation Site	44.45	444
Mixed Use	7.59	15

**Table 2.9:** Quantum of land zoned for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses in the Westmeath County Development Plan 2014-2020

**Table 2.8: Core Strategy Table**

Settlements	Population 2016	Population 2027	Population Change 2016-2027	Quantity of Land Area Required (Ha)	Land for Residential - In this plan up to 2027 (Ha)	Proposed Residential ** (Ha)	Proposed Residential (Brownfield)	Proposed Residential*** (Infill)	Consolidation Sites (Ha)	Total Equivalent Area Zoned <del>2021-2027</del> Proposed Residential	Housing Yield*
<b>Tier 1 Regional Growth Centre</b>											
Athlone (Ex. Roscommon)	16,612	22,154	5542	UAP		> 30%	> 30%				2590
<b>Tier 2 Key Town</b>											
Mullingar	20,928	26,003	5075	LAP		> 30%	> 30%				1340-2010
<b>Tier 3 Self-Sustaining Growth Towns</b>											
Castlepollard;	1163	1399	236	5.15	5.65	0.61	1.64	4.90	6.63		133-199
Moate;	2763	3325	562	12.26	11.68	5.62	5.22	3.95	12.47		249-374
Kinnegad;	2754	3303	549	11.98	11.26	4.25	3.24	3.92	12.04		241-362
Kilbeggan;	1288	1550	262	5.72	6.47	0	3.22	4.89	7.45		75-149
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>35.11</b>	<b>35.06</b>	<b>10.48</b>	<b>13.32</b>	<b>17.66</b>	<b>38.59</b>	<b>698-1,084</b>	
<b>Tier 4 Self-Sustaining Towns</b>											
Rochfortbridge;	1473	1713	240	5.24	5.42			0	5.42		27-54
Killucan /Rathwire	1370	1593	223	4.87	4.37			3.04	4.98		25-50
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>10.11</b>	<b>9.79</b>			<b>3.04</b>	<b>10.40</b>	<b>52-104</b>	
<b>Tier 5 Towns and Villages</b>											
Clonmellon;	664	759	95	3.45	3.15			1.76	3.50		18-35
Tyrrellspass;	483	552	69	2.51	2.71			0	2.71		14-27
Delvin	740	845	105	3.82	4.76			1.02	4.96		25-50
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>9.78</b>	<b>10.62</b>			<b>2.78</b>	<b>11.17</b>	<b>57-112</b>	
<b>Tier 6 Rural (Serviced)</b>											

Multyfarnham, Ballymore, Ballynacargy, Ballinalack, Milltownpass, Collinstown, Glasson, Castletown-Geoghegan										
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>13.03</b>	<b>12.87</b>			<b>1.07</b>	<b>13.16</b>	
<b>Tier 6 Rural Remainder</b>										
Rural WM	31,131	33,798	2667							

*\* Lands zoned for ‘Mixed Use’, ‘Expanded Settlement’ and ‘Existing Residential’ have, based on previous experience, the capacity to deliver only nominal levels of residential growth over the lifetime of the Plan. In this regard, such lands are expected to provide capacity for a housing yield of c.15 units per year over the 6-year lifetime of the Plan.*

*\*\* Lands relate to the zoning objective ‘Proposed Residential’. Part of residentially zoned lands identified will be absorbed by serviced sites (indicated at Chapter 8 Settlement Plans) at a lower density.*

*\*\*\* Figures for infill and brownfield land within each settlement form part of the overall figures for ‘Land for residential in this plan up to 2027 (Ha)’ and do not provide supplementary land for residential development.*

<b>Chapter 2</b>		
<b>Proposed Amendment CH 2.11</b>		
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2.20	Conclusion	54

Insert new text above section entitled “Implementation & Monitoring” as follows:

The Core Strategy sets out a vision for Westmeath and strategic aims required to deliver an ecosystem services approach. In this regard, the Policy Objectives of the Core Strategy relevant to this vision include CPO 2.12, 2.13 and 2.17.