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Amend CPO 5.14 of the plan as follows:

CPO 5.14	Support the development of a cross sectoral approach to promote Athlone as a key tourism destination in the Midlands, building on Fáilte Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands brand and the forthcoming Shannon Tourism Masterplan <i>Tourism Masterplan for the Shannon Navigation</i> , to develop the recreation and amenity potential of waterways including the River Shannon and Lough Ree and the development of a greenway network including the Galway to Dublin Cycleway.
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Amend the title in Section 5.13.4 of the plan to reflect the classification of Mullingar as a Tier 2 settlement in accordance with the NPF/RSES, as follows:

5.13.4 Mullingar (Tier 2 –Key Town (RSES) and County Town)

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Amend the titles below to reflect the classification of the settlements within the Settlement Hierarchy;

5.13.5 Castlepollard (Tier 23 – Self-Sustaining Growth Town)

5.13.6 Kilbeggan (Tier 23 – Self-Sustaining Growth Town)

5.13.7 Moate (Tier 23 – Self-Sustaining Growth Town)

5.13.8 Kinnegad (Tier 23 – Self-Sustaining Town)

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Insert new CPO after CPO 5.33 as follows:

To zone appropriately sized land banks for enterprise & employment development within the Joint Urban Area Plan for Athlone and the Mullingar Local Area Plan and support the development of FDI/IDA appropriate business premises within the respective plans.

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Insert the definition of Circular Economy under Section 5.13.13 of the plan as follows:

The transition to a low carbon economy, circular economy and society also brings significant opportunities for the financial sector. A circular economy is defined as an industrial system that is restorative or regenerative by intention and design. It replaces the end-of-life concept with restoration, shifts towards the use of renewable energy, eliminates the use of toxic chemicals, which impair reuse and return to the biosphere, and aims for the elimination of waste through the superior design of materials, products, systems and business models.

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Insert new CPO after CPO 5.64 of the plan as follows:

Support the delivery and implementation of Fáilte Ireland Destination Development Plans for Westmeath.