






Draft Westmeath County **Development Plan** **2021 - 2027**

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APPENDIX 5 - LIST OF PROTECTED VIEWS AND AMENITY AREAS

Viewpoint Number	Picture of View	Viewpoint Name	Location and Description of View	Significance
1		View over Lough Ree from parking/picnic area on the N 55 Road between Ballykeeran and Glasson.	This is a panoramic view of Lough Ree and the surrounding landscape from the car parking areas on the N55 Road between Ballykeeran and Glasson.	Regional
2		Views of Lough Ree from Coosan waterfront from pier, slipway and forest walk trail.	The focus of this view is Lough Ree to the north. Hare Island is an important feature of this view.	Local




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3		Views of Lough Ree from Carnakill pier and Portlick Forest Walk from pier and forest walking trail.	The focus of this view is Lough Ree to the southwest. The lough's islands and wooded shores from the background and are an important feature of the view.	Local
4		View of Lough Ree from Portlick Scout Campsite from short stretch of road along lake shore.	The focus of this view is Lough Ree to the west. The lough's islands and wooded shores form the background and are an important feature of the view.	Local
5		View of Lough Ree from small pier at lake shore.	The focus of this view is Lough Ree to the west. The south end of Inchmore and the north spit of Whinning are important features of the view.	Local




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6		View of Lough Ree and reed beds from road and pier from local road and pier. This view should be considered to begin from the local road after it turns off to Lough Ree House (607024,753549) and ends at the water edge	The focus of this view is Lough Ree to the north and the shallow, reed filled water immediately adjacent. The far hilly bank and Inchbofin are important features of the view.	Local
7		View of Lough Ree from Lough Ree House marina from picnic area and marina.	The focus of this view is Lough Ree to the north. The Saint's Island to the north and the round tower and church in the fields behind are also important features of the view.	Local
8		Panoramic views over countryside to the north off Ballymore-Mullingar Road from Local road L-5342.	<p>This is a panoramic view of the landscape around Ballymore to the West and North and captures small glimpses of Lough Sewdy.</p> <p>From the local road L-5342. This view should be considered to begin from the point where the road begins to descend (622956,749272), ending when it enters Ballymore</p>	Local

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9		Panoramic views from Knockastia Hill, Coolatoor from the local road that rings the Knockastia Hill.	This is a series of views from the roads which circle Knockastia Hill. The roads are at a higher elevation than the surrounding landscape. There are many points where there are low hedges that provide panoramic views of the surrounding landscape from the road.	Local
10		View of the south-east face of Kilbeggan Distillery from bridge over the River Brosna on Regional road R-446.	The focus of this view is the east face of Kilbeggan Distillery and the river below it.	County
11		View of Old Mill outside Kilbeggan from the intersection of the Local road L-524 with the Regional road R-389.	The focus of this view is the north face of the Old Mill beside the river.	Local

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12		View of Long Hill Esker from south of the R-446 Regional Road.	The focus of this view is the wooded hill of Long Hill Esker to the NE. This view should be considered to being at junction of local road and R446 at Derrylusk (636839,636839) and end at the base of Long Hill Esker (636839,736084)	County
13		Panoramic views from Garrane Hill on the Regional road R-446.	This is a panoramic view of the surrounding landscape from the highest point on the R-446 road when looking down the roads to the NE and SW.	County
14		Views of Sculpture along the M6.	<p>The foreground focus of this view is the roadside sculpture by the motorway. Another important feature is the flatness of the open landscape off to the southwest (mostly bog) which allows for a distant horizon view that draw attention to dramatic skies. Croghan Hill can be seen in the distance on a clear day and is an important feature of the view.</p> <p>This view should be considered to begin at 653385,744319 where the roadside trees stop, and end at 648377,740294 where a patch of forestry cuts off the view along the M6.</p>	County




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15		View of Lough Ennell from Lilliput Pitch and Putt from pier at lake shore.	The focus of this view is Lough Ennell to the northeast. The lough's wooded shores form the background and are an important feature of the view.	Local
16		Views of Lough Ennell along coast beside Lough Ennell Caravan Park From picnic walkway by lake shore.	The focus of this view is Lough Ennell to the west. The lough's wooded shores form the background and are an important feature of the view.	Local
17		View of Lough Ennell from Belvedere House gardens from picnic walkway by lake shore.	The focus of this view is Lough Ennell to the north. The lough's wooded shores form the background and are an important feature of the view.	County




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18		View of Lough Ennell from carpark from the parking area by lake shore.	The focus of this view is Lough Ennell to the south. The lough's islands and wooded shores form the background and are an important feature of the view.	County
19		Scenic route through forest and woodlands from Butler's Bridge/Kilpatrick Bridge, Local road L-1137. View from the bridge on the local road L-1137 and end at the shore of Lough Ennell.	This is a scenic route through a forest trail. The trail is edged by mature trees and follows a stream which enters Lough Ennell. At the end of the trail (though not surfaced) is a wide clear view of Lough Ennell from the shore. From a scenic trail. This view should be considered to begin at the bridge on the local road L-1137 and end at the shore of Lough Ennell.	Local
20		Panoramic view from Hill of Laragh from the local road L-5905 as it curves around the highpoint at Laragy Hill.	This is a panoramic view of the surrounding landscape. Low stone walls, hedges and sparse trees provide clear views.	Local




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21		View of Lough Owel by Pitch and Putt from picnic walkway by lake shore.	The focus of this view is Lough Owel to the north. The lough's wooded shores form the background and are an important feature of the view.	Local
22		View of Lough Owel from Mullingar Sailing Club from lake shore and parking area.	The focus of this view is Lough Owel to the northwest. The lough's wooded shores form the background and are an important feature of the view.	Local
23		View of Lough Owel from Local road L-5818.	The focus of this view are glimpses of Lough Owel set among low hills.	Local


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24		Panoramic view of countryside from Local road L-5821.	This is a panoramic view at the turn on the road. It looks out NW over extensive areas of bogland with distant views of Lough Derravaragh.	Local
25		View from Lough Derravaragh Caravan Park from piers and park along lake shore.	The focus of this view is Lough Derravaragh to the north and northwest. The lough's wooded shores form the background and are an important feature of the view.	Local
26		View from pier along south Lough Derravaragh from parking area and pier.	The focus of this view is Lough Derravaragh to the northeast. The lough's wooded hilly shores form the background and are an important feature of the view.	Local



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27		Panoramic view of countryside from Regional road R-395 at Coole from point on regional road R-395.	This is a panoramic view of the landscape to the west of Coole, much of which is bogland.	Local
28		Scenic drive through State Forest on Kinturk Avenue from where the local road comes off the R-394 (645782,769467) to where the forestry ends (643745,769487).	<p>This is a scenic route through forestry. Large areas of woodland hug the road, periodically giving way to large open fields.</p> <p>This view should be considered to begin from where the local road comes off the R-394 (645782,769467) to where the forestry ends (643745,769487).</p>	Local
29		View of Lough Glore and surrounding landscape from Regional road R-195 near Mooretown Crossroads at the L-1633.	<p>The focus of this view is Lough Glore and its surrounding landscape. From the highest point on the road, the view stretches far with the Hill of Mael, which is clearly visible on a clear day.</p> <p>This view should be considered to begin at the L-1633 crossroad (649383,771029) and end at the point 650332,771931 from the regional road R-195.</p>	Local

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30		View from Lough Lene Parking and Picnic area from the parking area, boat slip and park area.	The focus of this view is Lough Lene. To the northwest, much of the lough's wooded hilly shores form the background and are an important feature of the view.	County
31		View of Lough Bane from local road L-1633.	<p>The focus of this view is Lough Bane to the northwest. Unobstructed views across the field gently sloping into the lough is an important feature of the view.</p> <p>From the local road L-1633. This view should be considered to begin after the hill at 655446,770593 and end at the county boundary.</p>	Local
32		View of the Hill of Mael and Mullaghmeen from the R-394 Regional Road.	<p>The focus of this view is the Hill of Mael and Mullaghmeen to the northeast. It should be noted that there are stretches of the road which have no clear line of sight due to the tall vegetation at the side of bogs.</p> <p>From the regional road R-394. This view should be considered to begin at the point 645915,773036 and end at just outside Finnea (640808,781097).</p>	Local

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33		<p>Views of the Hill of Mael and Mullaghmeen from Local road L-1759 which runs through the intervening valley.</p>	<p>The focus of this view is the Hill of Mael and Mullaghmeen on either side of the road. It should be noted that there are stretches of the road which have no clear line of sight due to tall road-side vegetation.</p> <p>From the local road L-1759. This view should be considered to begin after the L-1759 leaves the L-1771 (644612,780070) and end at the Ballymanus crossroads (647462,776023).</p>	Local
34		<p>Views of Lough Sheelin from local road L-1771 at Ballynascarry.</p>	<p>The focus of this view is Lough Sheelin in the distance. At the top of the road there has distant views of Lough Sheelin and its surrounding landscape.</p> <p>From the local road L-1771. This view should be considered to begin at point 644714,779956 where the road begins to fall and end at point 644400,780176 as the road turns down west.</p>	Local

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35		Views of Lough Sheelin from Local road L-1771 near Mullaghmeen.	<p>The focus of this view is Lough Sheelin in the distance. The road is at a high elevation and provides panoramic views over Lough Sheelin and much of the surrounding landscape.</p> <p>From the local road L-1771. This view should be considered to begin at point 645585,779884 and end at point the county boundary (647201,780251)</p>	Local
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