

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2004-2011
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT WESTMEATH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2027

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 12(1)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), that Westmeath County Council, being the Planning Authority for the County of Westmeath, has prepared, in accordance with the provisions of the above Act, a Draft Westmeath County Development Plan for the County of Westmeath.

The Draft Plan is accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report, prepared in accordance with the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004–2011, an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report, prepared in accordance with Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment in accordance with The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines 2009.

Public Display:

The Draft Westmeath County Development Plan (including the SEA Environmental Report, AA Natura Impact Report, SFRA, Maps and accompanying documentation) will be on display at the locations listed hereunder from 28 February 2020 until 5 May 2020 inclusive (excluding public holidays) during normal opening hours:

Westmeath County Council Offices

- Áras an Chontae, Mullingar
- Athlone Civic Centre, Athlone
- Civic Offices, Castlepollard

Westmeath Libraries (please check locally for opening hours)

- Westmeath County Library, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar
- Aidan Heavy Library, Athlone Civic Centre
- Castlepollard Library, Castlepollard

The Draft Plan may also be viewed via the **Council's Public Consultation Portal** <https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie/> and online at <http://www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/planning/preparationofthewestmeathcdp2021-2027/>

Copies of the Draft Plan are available for purchase from the Planning Department, Áras an Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar. For further information please phone 044 933 2165.

Public Information Sessions:

A number of 'Public Information Drop-In Sessions' will be held during the consultation period, to which all members of the public and other interested groups are invited, as follows:

Location	Date	Time
Mullingar Library, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar	Tuesday 3 March 2020	3.00-7.00pm
Castlepollard Civic Offices, Castlepollard	Wednesday 4 March 2020	3.00-7.00pm
Moate Library, Moate	Thursday 5 March 2020	3.00-7.00pm
Aidan Heavy Library, Civic Centre, Athlone	Tuesday 10 March 2020	3.00-7.00pm

Submissions/Observations

Written submissions must be made in writing no later than **5.00pm on Tuesday 5 May 2020**.

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

Submissions should be in **ONE** medium only i.e. online or hard copy.

Submissions/Observations may be 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 during the above time period will be taken into consideration before the making of the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027.

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 details including the names of those making submissions may be shared with relevant Council Departments or their agents involved in the making of the Development Plan and may form part of reports linked to the making of the Development Plan.

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 <http://www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/yourcouncil/privacy/privacynotice/>