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RE: Proposed Variation No. 1 of the Louth County Development Plan, 2021-2027

Dear Thomas,

Meath County Council welcomes the publication of the proposed Variation No. 1 of the Louth County Development Plan, 2021-2027 and the opportunity to engage in the consultation process.

The proposed Variation No. 1 of the Louth County Development Plan, 2021-2027 sets out amendments to the County Development Plan to take account of the publication of Section 28 Guidelines in relation to Housing Supply Targets as well as the incorporation of a Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA) into the Plan.

It is noted that the incorporation of this HNDA into the Plan, leads to required changes to the Housing Strategy for the Louth County Development Plan, 2021-2027 as well as amendments to the Core Strategy Table. Meath County Council have particularly noted that these changes will affect the “Housing Allocation 2021-2027” for Drogheda.

Having reviewed the documentation included in the proposed variation, Meath County Council welcome the publication of these documents and support the approach that Louth County Council are taking. Both local authorities continue to engage on the proposed Joint Plan for Drogheda and Meath County Council look forward to engaging further on the proposed Joint Plan.

Should any alterations to the proposed Variation No. 1 be required, particularly in relation to the settlement of Drogheda, Meath County Council would welcome engagement on such matters and will assist Louth County Council wherever possible.

Meath County Council look forward to continuing to work in partnership with Louth County Council and EMRA to achieve the continued sustainable growth of our region and wish you all the very best in concluding your proposed variation to the Development Plan through the remaining statutory planning process.

Yours Sincerely,

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