LOUTH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2027

APPENDIX 17

Implementation of Ministerial Guidelines

Under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) the Council is required to append a statement to the development plan including information which demonstrates how the Council has implemented the policies and objectives of the Ministerial Planning Guidelines. Or if applicable, that the Council has formed the opinion that it is not possible to implement certain policies and objectives of the Minister for stated reasons.

The following table demonstrates how the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 implements pertinent Ministerial Planning Guidelines issued under Section 28 of the Act.

The Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 is referred to hereunder as 'the Plan'.

Section 28 Guidelines	Louth County Development 2021-2027
Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DAHG, 2011)	These Guidelines are referenced in Chapter 9 Built Heritage and Culture, of this Plan.
Childcare Facility Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DHPLG, 2001)	Chapter 4 - Community Facilities, but specifically Section 4.11 and Policy SC 35 – SC 38 and Chapter 13 Development Management Guidelines, have regard to the provisions of these Guidelines (Section 13.12.1).
Design Manual for Urban Roads and Street	Chapter 3 - Housing (Sections 3.13) Chapter 7 Movement (7.3.2) and Chapter 13 Development Management Guidelines have incorporated the provisions of the Guidelines (16.16).
Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DEHLG, 2007)	The Plan has been prepared having regard to the Development Plan Guidelines in particular in relation to both the plan-making process and format of the Plan. In addition, the Plan has had regard to more recent legislative and amendments which have affected the plan preparation process since the publication of the Guidelines in 2007. In particular the requirement for the preparation of Chapter 2 Core Strategy which was introduced by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010.
Development Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DEHLG, 2007)	Chapter 13 of the Plan focuses on Development Management Guidelines which sets out development standards for new developments. The format and content of this Chapter was informed by the Guidelines.
Implementation of SEA Directive (2001/42/EC): Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment, Guidelines for Regional Authorities and Planning Authorities (DEHLG, 2004)	These Guidelines informed the preparation of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Plan. The resulting Environmental Report has been published as a separate document in conjunction with this Plan and is included in Volume 5.

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Landscape and Landscape Assessment- (DELG 2000)	Chapter 8 Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure, Section 8.1.9 and the Louth Landscape Character Assessment 2002 were both prepared in accordance with the Guidelines.
Provision of Schools and the Planning System (DEHLG, 2008)	Chapter 4 Community Facilities (Sections 4.5 & 4.10) & Chapter 13 Development Management Guidelines incorporate the provisions of the Guidelines (13.8.25 & 13.12.3).
Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities – Design Guidelines (2007)	Chapter 3- Housing and Chapter 13 Development Management Guidelines, Section 13.8 both refer specifically to these Guidelines.
Quarries and Ancillary Activities (DEHLG,2004)	Chapter 11 Environment, Natural Resources and the Coast (Section 11.4.2) Policy objective ENV 40 and Chapter 13 Development Management Standards (Section 13.17.1), incorporate the provisions of these Guidelines into the Plan.
Retail Planning Guidelines, Guidelines for Planning Authorities and Retail Design Manual (DECLG, 2012)	Chapter 5 Economy and Employment sets out the Council's Retail Strategy that includes a number of policies and objectives that have been informed by these Guidelines. The Retail Strategy sets out the retail hierarchy for the County in and is included in Appendix 4 of this Plan.
Spatial Planning and National Roads, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DECLG, 2012)	These guidelines informed the formulation of Chapter 7 Movement as referenced in Section 7.3.2.
Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas and Urban Design Manual Best Practice Guide (DEHLG, 2009)	Chapter 3- Housing, (Section 3.11 & 3.13) Policy objectives HOU – 18-25 and Chapter 13 Development Management Guidelines both refer specifically to these Guidelines.
Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines (DEHLG 2005)	The rural housing policy set out in Chapter 3 Housing, Section 3.17 - was framed in accordance with these Guidelines.
Sustainable Urban Housing – Design Standards for New Apartments (DHPLG2018)	The Housing Chapter provides guidance and criteria for apartment developments, with further guidance and standards provided in Chapter 13 Development Management Guidelines, Section 13.8.28. This guidance is in accordance with these Design Standards.
Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines (DELG, 1996), Circular Letter Pl07/12	Chapter 10 Infrastructure and Public Utilities, Section 10.4.2.4 sets out the Council's policies on Telecommunications and was informed by these Guidelines.
The Planning System and Flood Risk Management (DELG, 2009)	A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) was undertaken for the Plan area having regard to the Guidelines and is contained in Volume 5.

Section 28 Guidelines	Louth County Development 2021-2027
Tree Preservation Guidelines (DHPLG)	Chapter 8, Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure and in particular section 8.1.10 have regard to these guidelines.
Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities,2018	Chapter 3 Housing and Chapter 13 Development Management Guidelines, (Section 13.8.6) both refer specifically to these Guidelines.
Wind Energy Development Guidelines 2006 & Interim Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Statutory Plans, Renewable Energy and Climate Change, 2017 (DHPCLG)	Chapter 10 Infrastructure and Public Utilities, Section 10.6 and Chapter 13 Development Management Guidelines, Section 13.18.1 sets out the Council's policies on Wind Energy and was framed by these Guidelines.