APPENDIX 1

Development Plan Mandatory Requirements

Section 10 (2) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) includes a number of objectives which are to be included within a development plan. The list below is a summary of the required items contained in the legislation:

a) The zoning of land.

b) The provision of infrastructure, including:
   (i) transport, energy, communication facilities;
   (ii) water supplies and wastewater services;
   (iii) waste recovery and disposal facilities;
   (iv) any ancillary facilities/ services.

c) The conservation and protection of the environment, in particular, archaeological and natural heritage and the conservation/ protection of European sites.
   (ca) The management of features of the landscape pursuant to Article 10 of the Habitats Directive;
   (cb) The promotion of compliance with environmental standards and objectives established
      (i) for surface water;
      (ii) for groundwater.

d) The integration of the planning and sustainable development of the area with the social, community and cultural requirements of the area and its population;

e) The preservation of the character of the landscape including the preservation of views and prospects and the amenities of places and features of natural beauty or interest;

f) The protection of structures, or parts of structures, which are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest;

g) The preservation of the character of architectural conservation areas (ACAs);

h) The development and renewal of areas in need of regeneration to prevent:
   (i) adverse effects on existing amenities as a result of ruinous or neglected conditions of any land;
   (ii) urban blight and decay;
   (iii) anti-social behaviour; or
   (iv) shortage of habitable houses or land suitable for residential use or mixture of residential and other uses.

i) The provision of accommodation for travellers and use of areas for that purpose;

j) The preservation, improvement and extension of amenities and recreational amenities;

k) The control of establishments under the EU Major Accidents Directive:
   (i) Siting of new establishments;
   (ii) Modification of existing establishments;
   (iii) Development in the vicinity of such establishments for reducing risk, or limiting consequences of a major accident.

l) The provision of services for the community including, schools, crèches and other education and childcare facilities;

m) The protection of the linguistic and cultural heritage of any Gaeltacht within the area;

n) The promotion of sustainable settlement and transportation strategies in urban and rural areas including the promotion of measures to:
   (i) reduce energy demand;
   (ii) reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
   (iii) address adaptation to climate change;
   having regard to location, layout and design of new development.

o) The preservation of public rights of way which shall be identified on at least one map and listed within the Plan;

p) To provide a framework for the identification, assessment, protection, management and planning of landscapes having regard to the European Landscape Convention 2000.

Please Note: the above list provides summary information only and does not purport to be a legal interpretation. For full details, please refer to Section 10 and the first schedule of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).