



20th February 2019

Denis Malone,
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County Hall,
John Street,
Kilkenny.

Re: Proposed Material Alterations to Draft Callan Local Area Plan 2019 – 2025

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I am directed by the Minister for Housing and Urban Development to refer to your recent letter in relation to the above and set out hereunder observations on behalf of the Minister.

The proposed material alterations for Callan Local Area Plan 2019 – 2025 contain amendments to the written text and maps. The proposed text amendments mainly concern additions in relation to appropriate assessment, transport, community, heritage and the Arts, and infrastructure. The Department notes these amendments.

There are six proposed amendments to the Zoning Map. Four of these appear minor in nature and two of the proposed map amendments (MA2 and MA4) are more substantial. MA2 proposes to zone additional land for Industrial purposes to the south of Callan and MA4 extends land for New Residential development to the north of the town. While the Department on a fundamental level does not oppose these amendments it would be beneficial to include the capacity of these additional zonings within the relevant sections, namely Section 5.0 and 4.2 respectively, demonstrating compliance to the core strategy and the draft Plan policies and objectives.



The officials of the Department are available to discuss any matters and in the first instance, you are advised to contact M/S. Laura Courtney, Planning Adviser on 01-8882203.

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Niall Cussen

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