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Review of the Longford County Development Plan Issues Paper 2021 - 2027

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Office of Public Works (OPW) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027 Public Consultation Issues Paper currently in Stage 1 of its preparation.

OPW have carried out a review of the document and note that while there is mention of carrying out a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment as part of the environmental section that there is no emphasis on flood risk within the document, which OPW would expect to be addressed during the development of the Plan, as it is a key consideration.

OPW recommend that a comprehensive section demonstrating how the sustainable development practices and zoning decisions are intended to be carried out within the CDP and that any zoning decision to be made are in full compliance with the 'Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines (2009) and Circular PL 2/2014'.

Yours faithfully,