

19th October 2017

Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Westmeath County Council

Re: Proposed Amendment Number 1 to the Mullingar Local Area Plan 2014-2020

Dear Cathaoirleach and Members

As you are aware, there is very significant demand for social housing in County Westmeath, in common with many other parts of the country. You will recall that it was proposed at your monthly meeting in June 2016, that a number of sites within the County would be subject to the variation process in order that housing development may be considered thereon. The sites in question are as follows:

1. O'Growney Gardens, Mullingar
2. Ennell Court, Mullingar (2 sites)
3. Delvin Road / Robinstown Road, Mullingar
4. Arcadia (site B), Athlone
5. Water Street, Castlepollard

The statutory process required to be undertaken in accordance with Sections 18 and 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended have been carried out for sites 1, 2 and 3 in Mullingar and my report on the process is attached for your consideration.

The remaining sites in Athlone and Castlepollard require Variations to the County Development Plan and the Athlone Town Plan respectively. Both these processes are near completion and I expect to have those tabled on the January Council agenda for your consideration.

Yours sincerely



Deputy Chief Executive