



# **First Manager's Report** on pre-draft submissions and observations in relation to CDP review



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# 1. Commencing the review of Sligo County Development Plan (CDP)

A development plan is a document that sets out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of an area. The legal basis for the process of making a development plan is set out in the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended).

In accordance with current legislation, not later than four years after the making of a development plan, a planning authority must give notice of its intention to review its existing development plan and to prepare a new development plan for its area.

Four years after adopting the CDP 2005-2011 (April 2005), Sligo County Council commenced the review of its Development Plan. This is a two-year process that will result in the preparation and adoption of a new CDP for the period 2011 to 2017.

The planning legislation allocates a substantial amount of time to public consultation, a minimum of 22 weeks divided between three stages – pre-draft consultation, consultation on the draft plan and consultation on proposed amendments to the draft plan.

## 1.1 Pre-draft consultation

The CDP review commenced formally on Friday, 17 April 2009, with the publication of statutory notices, on 14 and 15 April 2009, in local newspapers and the County Council's website.

As part of the pre-draft public consultation on the review of SEDP and the preparation of a new Plan, the public was invited to make written submissions during a period of eight weeks, between 17 April 2007 and 12 June 2009.

To assist those who wanted to participate in public consultation, the Development Planning Unit prepared a 20-page *Guide to the Review of Sligo County Development Plan*. Numerous copies of this Guide were distributed free of charge. The *Guide* continues to be available for viewing and download from the County Council's website at [www.sligococo.ie/sedp](http://www.sligococo.ie/sedp)

In total, 64 submissions were received, including an early submission and an internal submission. There were 17 submissions from individuals, 6 from prescribed bodies, 11 from community groups, 21 from non-profit organisations, 8 from private companies and one from the County Council's Department for Community and Enterprise.

## 1.2 First Manager's Report

In accordance with planning legislation, the Manager's Report must:

- a. list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations
- b. summarise the issues raised in submissions
- c. give the response of the Manager to the issues raised, taking account of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of the local authorities in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or of any Minister of the Government
- d. state the manager's recommendations on the policies to be included in the draft development plan.

The submissions received as part of the pre-draft consultation on the SEDP raise numerous issues of a complex nature, such as the importance of the Gateway City of Sligo for the county and the region, the provision of community, cultural and recreational facilities, the infrastructural requirements for wind energy production and transmission, the protection of sensitive landscapes, nature conservation areas, architectural and archaeological heritage etc.

A number of submissions refer to the “proposed Western Bypass” and indicate that there is a degree of confusion in relation to the areas covered by the Sligo and Environs Development Plan and the County Development Plan.

A significant number of individuals, organisations and private companies have invested time and effort in making observations and proposals for the next SEDP. Many have engaged specialist consultants to prepare the submissions.

Given the variety and complexity of the issues raised, it appeared necessary to address each submission individually and prepare considered responses and recommendations. The report does not address submissions that were received after the closing date of public consultation.

The First Manager’s Report (this report) is being submitted to the elected members of Sligo County Councils for consideration.

Having considered the First Manager’s Report, the members will then direct the Manager to prepare the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

### 1.3 Structure of this Report

**Section 2** of this report presents detailed opinions and recommendations made on individual submissions relating to the Sligo County Development Plan

**Section 3** lists the persons and organisations that made submissions and observations in relation to the review of the CDP.

The **Appendix** includes lists of state bodies, infrastructure and service providers, community groups and other types of organisations notified of the review and invited to make pre-draft submissions in relation to the CDP.

### 1.4 What happens next

Following the submission of this Manager’s Report, the members have up to 10 weeks to issue their directions to the Manager regarding the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. This will enable the Draft CDP 2011-2017 to be prepared and put on statutory display in March 2010.

It is important to note that this is just the first of several stages at which the members are required to make an input into the preparation of the Plan. Sligo County Council must adhere to the statutory procedure set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and adopt a new County Development Plan by March 2011.

A summary of the process is provided on the next page. Stages that have already been completed are indicated in italics and stages that directly involve the elected members are indicated by bold type.

## Development Plan Process

1. *Give notice of Plan review to the public, prescribed bodies etc.*
2. *Pre-draft consultation*
3. *First Manager's Report on submissions and observations submitted to members*
4. **Members direct the Manager to prepare of the Draft CDP 2011-2017**
5. Preparation of Proposed Draft Plan
6. **Consideration of Proposed Draft Plan by members**
7. **Members may accept or modify the Proposed Draft Plan**
8. Give notice of publication of the Draft Plan to the public and the prescribed bodies
9. Put Draft Plan on public display and invite submissions
10. Second Manager's Report on submissions and observations submitted to members
11. **Members may wish to amend the Draft Plan or accept the Manager's recommendations and make the Plan without further amendments**
12. If the proposed amendments are a material alteration of the Draft Plan, publish notice
13. Put the proposed amendments on public display and invite submissions
14. Third Manager's Report on submissions and observations submitted to members
15. **Members make the Plan by 10 March 2011, with or without the proposed amendments**
16. Publish notice that the new Plan is made
17. The new CDP becomes operational four weeks after its adoption





## 2. Manager's response to submissions

**Submission no. 1**

17 April 2009

Liam Smyth, Planning and Environment Manager  
on behalf of Irish Concrete Federation (ICF)

### **Issue no. 1**

Without any particular reference to Sligo, the submission outlines the wider strategic issues that relate to the aggregates and concrete industry and states that a detailed submission will be made on the specific contents of the draft CDP in due course.

### **Issue no. 2**

The submission refers to various development management matters relating to planning application for aggregate extraction operations.

### **Issue no. 3**

The ICF believes that local authorities should engage Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) to investigate and map possible aggregate/raw material resources, in order to ensure their protection and appropriate zoning. The submission suggests the inclusion in all County Development Plans of a lengthy policy statement (text included in submission) regarding the aggregates industry.

### **Issue no. 4**

The submission includes an ICF publication entitled "The A-Rated Energy-Efficient Concrete Home".

### **Issue no. 5**

The submission includes an ICF publication entitled "environmental code, second edition – October 2005".

### **Opinion**

1. The strategic issues raised are noted and will be taken into consideration in the drafting of policies and objectives regarding mineral extraction.
2. Dealing with planning applications for aggregate extraction is an operational matter, which does not require a policy or objective in the County Development Plan.
3. The suggested policy statement is similar to that already included in section 5.7 of the SCDP 2005-2011 and will be considered when reviewing this section of the CDP.
4. Noted. Energy ratings are a matter concerned with Building Regulations and are therefore not relevant to the preparation of the CDP.
5. It is noted that section 5.7 of the current SCDP seeks to ensure that the industry follows "an environmental code of practice". The submitted publication will be considered in drafting policies and objectives regarding mineral extraction.

### **Recommendation**

The relevant recommendations of this submission, as outlined under points 1, 3 and 5 above, should be considered in the drafting of policies and objectives regarding mineral extraction.

## **Submission no. 2**

23 April 2009

Eugene Gavin, Gavin Engineering  
on behalf of Peter and Teresa Gilleece

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission relates to a portion of land (stated to be 5.615 ha) located along the Strandhill Road, approximately midway between Sligo City and Strandhill. The submission requests that the land is “considered for residential zoning” and outlines future proposals to extend the existing public sewer from Sligo to this location.

### **Opinion**

It is the policy of the planning authority (section 3.4.1 of the current CDP 2005-2011) to promote the development of existing settlements in the Sligo Sub-Region and to establish a system of green belt areas or “buffer zones” around the settlements, so as to restrict urban and village sprawl and the possible merging of distinctive settlements. This policy is consistent with regional and national planning policies.

It is considered that the requested residential zoning would conflict with this policy as it would contribute to further sprawl in this rural area, which is not associated with any settlement. Notwithstanding the contentions of the submission regarding the future provision of sewerage infrastructure, it is not considered appropriate to pursue the servicing of such areas at this stage.

Furthermore, the lands are located between a designated Scenic Route (R292 Strandhill – Sligo) and the coastline, which is designated as a Visually Vulnerable Area. The lands are also located close to Knocknarea Mountain, which is designated as Sensitive Rural Landscape. It is considered that residential development at this location would detract from the rural, scenic character and visual amenities of the area.

### **Recommendation**

The lands subject of this submission should not be zoned for residential uses, or any other form of development, in the Draft CDP 20011-2017.

## **Submission no. 3**

27 April 2009

Sharon Boles, Manager  
on behalf of Sligo County Childcare Committee (SCCC)

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission consists of two documents; The Sligo County Childcare Committee Strategic Plan and The Sligo County Childcare Committee Strategic Mapping Exercise. The Strategic Plan outlines national policy in relation to the provision of childcare and also outlines the specific objectives in relation to the development of childcare services as set out in the current County Development Plan.

The submission “Aim 4” of The SCCC Strategic Plan is the following: “*Support a co-ordinated approach to delivery of childcare*”. A measurable output of this is identified as having evidence of co-ordinated planning for childcare in the Development Plan and the committee should consult with Sligo County Council in this regard.

## **Opinion**

The planning authority favours a co-ordinated approach in the review of the County Development Plan and welcomes inputs from the relevant organisations. Consideration should be given to the inclusion of measurable objectives in relation to childcare facilities in the CDP 2011-2017.

## **Recommendation**

In the CDP 2011-2017, ensure that the policies and objectives relating to childcare provision reflect the relevant aims of the SCCC Strategic Plan.

## **Submission no. 4**

29 April 2009

Erika McMenamin, Secretary  
on behalf of Sligo Triathlon Club

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission outlines that the All-Ireland Metal Man Triathlon was held for 10 years in Rosses Point prior to 1992 and that 2009 sees the re-launch of the event. The submission outlines the popularity of the event in the 1990s and how Sligo Triathlon Club is hoping to re-establish this support and raise participant numbers.

## **Opinion**

While the Development Plan is a strategic policy document which is not itself enabled to fund projects, the importance of such events to Sligo and the local economy is recognised in section 5.6 of the current CDP 2005-2011.

## **Recommendation**

Consider the inclusion of a reference to the triathlon and appropriate wording for such recreational tourism/sporting events in the draft CDP 2011-2017.

## **Submission no. 5**

30 April 2009

Joe Greaney  
on behalf of WESTBIC

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission outlines the interest of WESTBIC in the area of growing innovative small-medium enterprises and supporting that process through incubation services and other measures.

## **Opinion**

The planning authority supports the development of such enterprises and section 5.4.1 of the current CDP contains various objectives in this regard.

## **Recommendation**

Policies and objectives regarding the promotion and support of small-medium enterprises should be retained and reviewed in the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

## Submission no. 6

8 May 2009

Deborah Meghen, Manager – Transmission Projects  
on behalf of EirGrid

The submission is accompanied by the strategy document *GRID 25 - A Strategy for the Development of Ireland's Electricity Grid for a Sustainable and Competitive Future*.

### Issue no. 1

EirGrid requests that the CDP support the provision for new high-voltage electrical infrastructure, including high-voltage transformer stations and new overhead transmission power lines. The following text is proposed for incorporation into the CDP:

*“The development of secure and reliable electricity transmission infrastructure is recognised as a key factor for supporting economic development and attracting investment to the area. It is the policy of the Planning Authority to support the infrastructural renewal and development of electricity networks in the region including the overhead lines necessary to provide the required networks.”*

### Issue no. 2

EirGrid lists the projects in County Sligo included in the Draft Transmission Development Plan 2008-2012:

- Srananagh 220 kV and 110 kV project – ongoing. The project involves construction of a new Srananagh 220 kV station, east of Sligo town, connected to the 220 kV network by 55 km of overhead line from Flagford, near Carrick-on-Shannon, this extending the 220 kV network into the north-west. A number of 110 kV lines connected into the new station make Srananagh a new hub for power flows into the north-west. To date, approximately 70% of the 220 kV and 95% of the 110 kV lines have been completed.
- Cathaleen's Fall-Corderry 110 kV Project. This line looped into the new Srananagh station to form the Corderry-Srananagh 110 kV line and Cathaleen's Fall-Srananagh No. 2 110 kV line.
- Flagford-Sligo 110 kV line refurbishment.

It is stated that other projects are likely to arise over the coming years to facilitate electricity demand growth and any major industry locating in the county.

### Issue no. 3

D. Meghen expresses agreement with objectives 8.4.1.1 A and B (objectives for the provision of electricity), in the CDP 2005-2011 and suggests that the objectives be retained in the revised Plan.

### Opinion

**1.** Electricity generation and transmission in Sligo are essential for the development of the County and should be addressed through appropriate policies/ objectives in the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

Consideration should be given to the inclusion of the suggested policy in the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

**2 and 3.** The ongoing projects and the endorsement of existing CDP objectives are noted.

### Recommendation

In the Draft CDP 2011-2017 include appropriate policies/objectives on electricity generation and transmission within the plan area.

**Submission no. 7**

13 May 2009

Bob Roemer (Roemer Furniture and Carpets)

**Issue no. 1**

The submission relates to a portion of land at Drumaskibbole, stating that the land is currently zoned WILT. The submission requests a change to a C3 zoning in order to accommodate plans for a mixed-use development.

**Opinion**

The subject lands are located within the area of covered by Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2004-2010/Draft Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016. Any rezoning request should have been made in the context of the preparation of the Draft SEDP 2010-2016.

The lands are outside the jurisdiction of the County Development Plan and therefore this submission cannot be considered during the CDP review process.

**Recommendation**

No action is required. This zoning request cannot be considered in the preparation of the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

**Submission no. 8**

20 May 2009

Jackie Warnock, Manager  
on behalf of the Benwiskin Centre

**Issue no. 1**

The submission consists of a detailed report on The Benwiskin Centre, which offers self-catering accommodation and is also the local community centre. The report is a profile and a needs assessment of the centre in a thesis-style layout. A short history of the Ballintrillick Environmental Group (BEG) is also attached.

**Opinion**

The importance of the Benwiskin Centre is noted. The new CDP should include appropriate policies and objectives supporting rural community centres and local tourism initiatives.

**Recommendation**

In the Draft CDP 2011-2017, include appropriate policies and objectives supporting rural community centres and local tourism initiatives.

**Submission no. 9**

25 May 2009

Dr. Mirian McHugh, Chairperson  
on behalf of the North-West Hospice

**Issue no. 1**

The submission requests that the following text be included as point E in Section 4.3.6.1 Health Care Objectives of the CDP:

*“Support the extension and improvement of Residential Hospice Care Services and the continuing expansion of Home Care Services throughout the County and Region.”*

**Opinion**

The suggestion is noted and agreed. The new CDP should include refined policies and objectives in relation to health, hospice and residential care provision in County Sligo.

**Recommendation**

The draft CDP 2011-2017 should include appropriate policies and objectives supporting to the provision and improvement of health, hospice and residential care services throughout the County.

**Submission no. 10**

26 May 2009

Pat Glynn, Honorary Secretary  
on behalf of Strandhill Golf Club Ltd

**Issue no. 1**

The submission requests the County Council to have regard to the value of the amenities provided by the golf course and the adjoining dune system. The Council should ensure that development proposals or zoning do not have a negative impact on the Golf Course or its surroundings, and that policies are in place to protect the area.

**Opinion**

While the CDP is the main planning policy document for the entire county, Strandhill village also has a Local Area Plan (LAP). On 6 July 2009 the life of the Strandhill Local Area Plan was extended from the initial six years (2003-2009) to nine years. The Plan will remain in force until 6 July 2012. There is no change to the zoning or objectives included in the LAP. While the CDP 2011-2017 should not include specific objectives or development proposals for Strandhill, it should endorse the existing LAP, incorporate its Plan limit and make provision for its review in 2012.

**Recommendation**

The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should endorse the existing local area plans, incorporate their Plan limits and make provision for the LAPs' review as appropriate.

**Submission no. 11**

27 May 2009

Vincent Roche, CEO  
on behalf of North Western Regional Fisheries Board

**Issue no. 1**

The NWRFB indicates that water quality and fisheries habitat should be given due protection in the new Development Plan. In particular, riparian zones along salmonid rivers and the spawning and nursery habitat of the Atlantic salmon should be given the highest protection.

**Issue no. 2**

The Plan should contain a clear policy in relation to the siting of septic tanks along lake shores and on sites with poor effluent attenuation capacity, where water quality might be at risk.

**Issue no. 3**

The Development Plan should address the issue of eutrophication through a policy aimed at controlling run-off of nutrients from lands.

**Issue no. 4**

The Plan should be consistent with the draft Water Quality Management Plan for the western region.

**Issue no. 5**

The SEDP must acknowledge the (forthcoming) designation of salmonid rivers (under the EU Habitats Directive) and the consequent planning constraints along the river corridors.

**Issue no. 6**

The NWRFB supports the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) and recommends watercourse buffer zones between 35 and 60 m for larger river channels (over 10 m wide) and up to 20 m for smaller river channels (less than 10 m wide). Such buffer zones should be marked on maps pertaining to the CDP.

**Issue no. 7**

The Plan should outline the need for those involved in infrastructural development to be aware of the possible impact of works on fish habitat. The NWRFB should be consulted in relation to any works likely to impact on rivers, streams or lakes inhabited by fish.

**Issue no. 8**

The Development Plan should highlight the value and need for protecting and developing the fishery resources as one of the main tourist attractions, both inland and at the coastline, with appropriate infrastructural provision. This is particularly highlighted in relation to the Moy River catchment area and salmonid production.

**Issue no. 9**

The NWRFB recommends the inclusion of an objective to improve road access, parking facilities and, where appropriate, boat access to fisheries.

**Issue no. 10**

The submission highlights the need to ensure that the standard of sewage effluent treatment in settlements must be such that there is no deleterious impact on water quality or salmonids. Significant contamination concerns are raised regarding the long-term management and maintenance of privately operated communal proprietary effluent treatment systems. It is recommended that such systems should be under the full management and responsibility of the local authority.

**Issue no. 11**

The safe disposal of domestic and industrial waste, along with the treatment and disposal of leachate from landfill sites, is an issue that must be addressed in the Plan. Landfill sites should not be located close to major fisheries in order to avoid negative impacts on the visual, amenity and tourism value of such resources.

**Issue no. 12**

The submission raises significant concerns regarding the impact of forestry on sensitive fishery catchments. The following is recommended:

- a general prohibition on the application of fertiliser from the air;

- the promotion of native woodland development in the Diffreen River and Glencar Lough catchments as an alternative to commercial forestry;
- the removal of the requirement (under the Forestry Act 1946) to re-plant on sites where harvesting has taken place;
- the inclusion of “riparian zones”.

**Issue no. 13**

The Plan should reflect the fact that one of the key strengths of Sligo is its relatively unspoilt natural environment and the potential to grow and expand the tourism sector, whilst protecting the environment and ensuring that development is carried out in a sustainable manner.

**Opinion**

**1 – 5, 7 – 11, 13.** The recommendations are noted and agreed.

**6.** The Planning Authority agrees with the support for the use of SUDS and this should be reflected in the Draft CDP. Appropriately-sized watercourse buffer zones should be applied in undeveloped areas and these should be shown on maps where feasible.

**12.** It is agreed that riparian protection zones should be included in forestry developments and that native woodland development should be encouraged in the Diffreen River and Glencar Lough areas as an alternative to commercial forestry. However, the prohibition of the application of fertiliser from the air, and the removal of re-planting requirements under the Forestry Act 1946, are issues which are outside the remit of a Development Plan.

**Recommendations**

- A.** The Draft CDP should include policies and objectives that support the issues outlined in points 1-5, 7-11 and 13 above.
- B.** The Draft CDP should support the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS).
- C.** The Draft CDP should include the provision of appropriately-sized watercourse buffer zones in undeveloped areas and these should be shown on maps where feasible.
- D.** The Draft CDP should support the provision of riparian buffer zones in forestry developments.
- E.** As an alternative to commercial forestry, the Draft CDP should promote native woodland development in areas of steep topography such as the Diffreen River and Glencar Lough catchment areas.

**Submission no. 12**

27 May 2009

Proinsias De Bátúin

on behalf of the Development Applications Unit (DoEHLG)

**Issue no. 1**

The Development Applications Unit (DAU) of the DoEHLG makes several recommendations in relation to archaeological heritage. In the assessment (SEA) of impacts of the Plan on the archaeological heritage, regard should be had to the following:

- international conventions – the Valetta Convention of 1992
- national policies, plans and programmes – the National Heritage Plan 2002



- relevant policies and plans at county level – CDP and local area plans
- archaeological heritage – Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) for County Sligo, the Urban Archaeology Survey for County Sligo, the Archaeological Inventory for south County Sligo and the national monuments data on [www.archaeology.ie](http://www.archaeology.ie).

### **Issue no. 2**

It is recommended that monuments in state ownership/guardianship and those subject to Preservation Orders should be identified and zones of visual amenity defined for them.

### **Issue no. 3**

It is recommended to liaise with the National Monuments Section when drafting the archaeological content of the development plan.

### **Opinion**

The recommendations of the DAU are noted and agreed.

### **Recommendation**

Have regard to the DAU's recommendations in preparing the Draft CDP and the associated SEA of impacts of the plan on archaeological heritage.

### **Submission no. 13**

29 May 2009

Cian O'Mahony  
on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission contains extensive information on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the CDP, including guidance on information to be included and the process to be followed. Specific information is also included on drinking water and wastewater discharges recommendations, wetlands conservation and protection, and "Appropriate Assessment" of land-use plans.

It should be noted that the contents of the submission is not specific to the Sligo County Development Plan.

### **Opinion**

The guidance contained in the submission is noted. The Planning Authority will have full regard to the EPA's recommendations in complying with the requirements of the *Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 436 of 2004)*.

### **Recommendation**

The Planning Authority shall have full regard to the advice of the EPA in carrying out the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the CDP.

**Submission no. 14**

29 May 2009

Terry Hayes, Administrator  
on behalf of Sligo-Leitrim Youth, School Boys and Girls League

**Issue no. 1**

The submission outlines the continued need for the provision of sport facilities and request that the Development Plan recognise this need. In particular, it is stated, the League needs a “central administrative and playing facility in Sligo Town” and an “identifiable centre for organising coaching”.

**Opinion**

The policies and objectives of the draft CDP 2011-2017 will address the need for sports and recreation facilities, which are essential to the health and well-being of Sligo residents of all ages. However, the development plan cannot provide funding for such facilities.

**Recommendation**

The draft Sligo County Development Plan 2011-2017 should include policies and objectives to adequately provide for and promote the development of sports and recreation amenities/play facilities throughout the County.

**Submission no. 15**

2 June 2009

Paudge Keenaghan  
on behalf of Leitrim County Council

Leitrim County Council requests that, as part of the preparation of the new County Development Plan, particular consideration be given to several issues listed below.

**Issue no. 1**

Leitrim County Council recognises the importance of Sligo as a designated Gateway City and the largest urban centre in the north-west, providing employment, healthcare, education, retail, tourism and other facilities and services for a wider area, including County Leitrim.

**Issue no. 2**

It is requested that the new CDP continue to support the strategic road infrastructure in the form of the national primary roads N15, N16 and N4, as well as the development of linkages between Sligo and Dromahair/Drumshanbo, such as the regional roads R286, R287 and R284.

**Issue no. 3**

It is suggested that, in the interest of harmonising development management standards between neighbouring counties, the new Sligo CDP have regard to the standards set out in Leitrim County Development Plan 2009-2015.

**Issue no. 4**

The Leitrim planning authority “is anxious that the new Plan supports the continued development of sustainable tourism/recreational related projects of common interest such as the Breiffne Mountain Park, Greenbox, walking and cycling routes and fishing/angling”.

**Issue no. 5**

It is suggested that particular attention be given to the capacity of the landscape to accommodate developments such as afforestation, wind farms and single rural houses, especially within highly-sensitive landscapes shared by the two counties.

**Issue no. 6**

Leitrim County Council wishes to liaise with Sligo and Donegal in the drawing up of any coastal management plan for the Donegal Bay area.

**Issue no. 7**

Leitrim County Council supports the introduction of better-integrated public transport between Sligo and Leitrim and the wider region and suggests that such support is stated in the next Sligo CDP 2011-2017. The submission quotes relevant policies from Leitrim CDP 2009-2015.

**Opinion**

The suggestions and comments made by Leitrim County Council are noted and agreed. The next Sligo County Development Plan should ensure that relevant policies in the areas of strategic transport infrastructure, landscape protection, tourism development, and coastal management as well as the development management standards are co-ordinated with those of neighbouring local authorities.

**Recommendation**

In the Draft CDP 2011-2017, ensure that policies and objectives relating to issues that cross county boundaries, such as strategic infrastructure, landscape protection, coastal management etc., are co-ordinated with similar policies and objectives of neighbouring planning authorities, where appropriate.

**Submission no. 16**

2 June 2009

## Sligo Youth Council

This submission is a summary of the issues raised by the members of Sligo Youth Council who met with staff of the Development Planning Unit of Sligo County Council on 2 June 2009 in relation to the review of Sligo County Development Plan.

**Issue no. 1**

The Youth Council highlights the need for provision and development of a centre with bowling alley, skating park etc., and the requirement for sports facilities throughout the county such as playgrounds, skate parks, basketball courts etc.

**Issue no. 2**

It is necessary to improve access throughout the County through “access for all” provisions, rights of way and walkways. Additional camping facilities are also needed

**Issue no. 3**

The Youth Council would like to see cycle tracks along main roads to Sligo City Centre and bicycle racks in the city.

**Issue no. 4**

The development of the Western Rail Corridor is supported.

### **Issue no. 5**

The following issues were raised as proposals for the improvement in towns and villages throughout the County:

- provision of a pedestrian crossings
- provision of more lighting on streets
- provision of more public toilets
- improved bus routes and competitive pricing
- additional traffic-calming ramps
- improvements to piers and small harbours
- better provision for hedge trimming along roads

### **Issue no. 6**

A number of environmental issues were raised as follows:

- promotion of wind farm development
- provision of additional bring-banks and recycling centres
- improvements to water quality and treatment plants
- protection of lakes

### **Issue no. 7**

The submission highlights the need for the promotion of economic development and the expansion of educational facilities.

### **Issue no. 8**

The submission requests that the availability and quality of broadband be improved.

### **Opinion**

- 1- 3.** Sligo County Council recognises the importance of an adequate provision of open space and adequate recreational facilities throughout the county. This is reflected in the CDP. Relevant provisions should be retained and refined in the Draft CDP 2011-2017.
- 4 and 5.** The Transport Strategy of the Draft CDP 2011-2017 should retain the policies supporting the re-opening of the WRC, the promotion of public transport and improvements to the roads infrastructure of the County
- 6-7.** Noted.

### **Recommendation**

The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include policies and objectives to adequately provide for and promote the development of recreation amenities/play facilities throughout the County, as well as relevant provisions regarding the other issues raised in the submission.

**Submission no. 17**

5 June 2009

Eugene Gavin, Gavin Engineering  
on behalf of Gilleece Brothers Construction

**Issue no. 1**

The submission relates to a portion of land (stated to be 23 acres) located along the public road (L-7209), to the south of Grange, outside the current development limit defined by the Grange Mini-Plan (Section 11.5 of the CDP 2005-2011). The submission requests that the development limit be extended and that the land be zoned for residential uses. It also states that it is proposed to connect the site to the public sewer, which presently ends approximately 400 m from the site.

**Opinion**

It is the policy of the planning authority (Section 11.3.8 of the current CDP 2005-2011, Grange Mini-Plan) to establish a buffer zone between the plan limit and the development limit of Grange, with a view to consolidating the village and safeguarding land for future expansion of the village. This approach is consistent with other land-use plans for settlements in Sligo.

The subject site is located within the buffer zone and it is therefore considered that the proposed residential zoning would conflict with this policy and would result in haphazard and piecemeal development outside of the current development limit of Grange.

Whilst a significant number of houses have been constructed in recent years, Grange still has sufficient land zoned to cater for a minimum population of 3,887, which is considerably in excess of the current population target of 1,000-1,500 set by the current CDP settlement strategy. Therefore, there is no requirement for additional lands to be zoned for residential uses.

Furthermore, the lands are not contiguous to existing zoned areas. The zoning of these lands would therefore conflict with the sequential approach towards land-zoning as recommended in section 4.19 of the DoEHLG publication *Development Plans, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, June 2007*.

**Recommendation**

The lands subject of this submission should not be zoned for residential uses, or any other development uses, in the Draft CDP 2011-2017/Grange Mini-Plan.

**Submission no. 18**

5 June 2009

Joseph McHugh, Regional Manager  
on behalf of the IDA Ireland

**Issue no. 1**

The submission sets out IDA Ireland's regional strategy and the factors influencing the ability of regional locations such as Sligo to attract overseas investment. Sligo is included as a significant centre within the regional strategy and the IDA continues to invest heavily in Sligo as the key urban centre of growth in the North West Region.

**Issue no. 2**

A map attached to the submission shows lands in the ownership of IDA Ireland that form part of the Finisklin Business Park. The submission requests that the zoning of these lands be consistent with the Park's business zoning.

**Issue no. 3**

A second map attached to the submission shows lands “attached to the Business Park” which are also “adjacent to a major employer on the park”. The submission requests that the lands be zoned “Business”.

**Issue no. 4**

A third map attached to the submission shows lands in the ownership of IDA Ireland at Oakfield. The submission requests that the lands be zoned “Business”.

**Issue no. 5**

The submission highlights the importance of the timely provision of the “W2 route”. It is stated that this will aid the development of Oakfield and Finisklin Business Parks.

**Issue no. 6**

The submission highlights the importance of progress on the N4 route, particularly from Collooney to Castlebaldwin.

**Issue no. 7**

The submission highlights the need for road, services and environmental improvement works on the eastern approach to Finisklin Business Park.

**Issue no. 8**

The submission expresses concerns in relation to the management of traffic travelling east to west across the Inner Relief Road. It is stated that car parking must be improved in the City Centre. Public transport must be also improved, particularly the extension of services to Finisklin and, in the future, to Oakfield Business Park.

**Issue no. 9**

The submission emphasises the importance of the telecommunications infrastructure and highlights specific broadband capacity deficiencies in Tobercurry.

**Issue no. 10**

The submission highlights the importance of a high-quality, uninterrupted water supply.

**Issue no. 11**

The submission acknowledges the importance of education and skills and welcomes the continued development of the Institute of Technology Sligo and the FAS Training Centre.

**Issue no. 12**

The submission emphasises the importance of the improvement of aesthetics in Sligo and welcomes the delivery of major retail developments in recent years. It states however, that the lack of progress on the planned pedestrianisation of O’Connell Street decreases the attractiveness of the City Centre from a retail and tourism perspective, as well as its attractiveness as a place to live and work.

**Issue no. 13**

The submission underlines the importance of high-quality living, recreational amenities and community facilities in competing with other locations and attracting skilled professionals.

**Opinion**

1. The comments are noted.

- 2-5, 7-8, 12.** These issues relate to the Sligo City and Environs area and therefore cannot be considered in the preparation of the Draft CDP 2011-2017. IDA Ireland has previously raised these issues by way of an almost identical submission on the Draft Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016.
- 6.** The planning authority should continue to support programmed improvements to the N4. Preliminary design for the Cloonamahon to Castlebaldwin section is ongoing at present.
- 9.** The planning authority recognises the importance of the telecommunications infrastructure and broadband capacity in particular.
- 10.** Issues relating to water supply will be addressed in the Draft CDP 2011-2017.
- 11.** Issues relating to education and training will be addressed in the Draft CDP 2011-2017.
- 13.** Quality of life issues will be addressed through various policies and objectives in the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

### **Recommendation**

The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include appropriate policies and objectives aimed at attracting investment and supporting balanced regional development. In particular, the Plan should include objectives in relation to improving infrastructure, education/training and quality of life.

### **Submission no.19**

5 June 2009

Michael McCormack, Policy Advisor (Planning)  
National Roads Authority (NRA)

#### **Issue no. 1**

The National Roads Authority seeks to ensure the continued protection of the carrying capacity, operational efficiency and safety of the National Primary Roads in the next CDP 2011-2017.

The NRA is currently developing major schemes in County Sligo, as follows:

- N17 Collooney to Tobercurry
- N17 Tobercurry bypass
- N17 Tobercurry to County Boundary
- N16 Sligo to Glencar
- N15 Sligo to County Boundary
- N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin
- N4 Sligo bypass.

The County Council is advised that “issues emerging from future schemes, which are currently at feasibility stage, should be considered during the drafting of the County Plan”.

Furthermore, “planning authority policies and objectives including rezoning of lands should not compromise the road planning and route option evaluation process in circumstances where road scheme planning is underway and potential routes have been identified and brought to the attention of the planning authority ... Rezoning proposals should not ... increase the cost of land to be acquired.”

The NRA also advises the County Council to “exercise particular care in the assessment and management of development proposals relating to the rezoning of locations at or close to interchanges

where such development could generate significant additional traffic, thereby potentially compromising the capacity and efficiency of the national road.”

**Issue no. 2**

It is requested that reference be made in the draft CDP 2011-2017 to the guidance in the NRA publication *Policy statement on development management and access to national roads* (May 2006).

**Issue no. 3**

The Authority recommends that demand for additional development should be framed within solutions whereby local traffic generated by development is catered for primarily within the framework of the local road network

**Issue no. 4**

The NRA advises that the sustainable integration of land use and transportation needs to be a strategic principle that feeds throughout all sections of the draft plan.

**Issue no. 5**

It is requested that significant development proposals be accompanied by Transport and Traffic Assessments (TTA) and Road Safety Audits (RSA) carried out by competent consultants in accordance with guidance provided in the DoEHLG/DTO publication *Traffic Management Guidelines* and NRA’s *Design Manual for Roads and Bridges* (HD 19/01 Road Safety Audits; HA 42/01 Road Safety Audit Guidelines).

**Issue no. 6**

The Authority advises the County Council to make provision for the requirements of the 2006 Environmental Noise Regulations and sets out the NRA’s policy on planning applications within the zone of influence of existing or planned national roads.

**Opinion**

The NRA’s advice is noted and agreed.

**Recommendation**

Appropriate narratives, policies and objectives should be included in the Transport section and Development Management section of the Draft CDP 2011-2017, which should be guided by the principle of integrating land use and transportation needs in a sustainable manner.

**Submission no. 20**

8 June 2009

Helen Cherry  
on behalf of ESB Telecoms

**Issue no. 1**

The submission is in relation to the Telecommunication Section (8.4.4) of the CDP 2005-2011, which indicates that base stations and telecommunication masts should not be constructed within one mile of schools, community facilities, hospitals etc., and not within 400 m of private dwellings, because of health concerns.

The submission outlines that this policy is not supported by the publication *Telecommunication antennae and support structures; guidelines for Planning Authorities*. An Bord Pleanála has granted a



number of appeals for mast development that had been refused planning permission by Sligo County Council for contravening this policy.

The submission also quotes from the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources 2007 publication *Health effects of electromagnetic fields*:

"There is no specific basis for or evidence of adverse health effects affecting either children or adults as a result of their exposure to RF (radiofrequency) fields".

The submission concludes by stating that the policy should not be carried forward to the revised plan, as the existing restrictive exclusion zone has hampered and will continue to hamper efforts of communication providers at all levels including phone, broadband, radio and emergency services to maintain and upgrade infrastructure in Sligo.

#### **Issue no. 2**

The ESB support the retention of the existing CDP policy which favours the siting of communication infrastructure in existing ESB substation and utility sites.

#### **Opinion**

The comments and suggestions of ESB Telecoms area noted and agreed. The Telecommunications Section of the Draft CDP 2011-2017 should be revised and redrafted in accordance with national planning guidance.

#### **Recommendation**

In the Draft CDP 2011-201, include a revised/redrafted Telecommunications Section which accords with national planning guidance.

#### **Submission no. 21**

9 June 2009

Stephen Dowds  
on behalf of Christy Conway

#### **Issue no. 1**

The submission indicates that Mr Conway lives in the Kintogher (Rathcormack) area, and outlines concerns that this scenic area should be appropriately protected. The submission requests that appropriate policies be included with regard to its designation as an area of scenic quality and its protection from inappropriate development.

#### **Opinion**

The townland of Kintogher and the surrounding landscape currently enjoys a high degree of protection in accordance with the landscape designations set out in the Development Control Policy Map of the CDP 2005-2011. This map will be reviewed as part of the new CDP. While it is not proposed to designate any areas of "scenic quality", a high degree of protection should be maintained at this location.

It should be noted that Section 3.8 of the current CDP "Special provisions for the Rosses Point Peninsula" include a policy to "encourage planning permissions for one-off housing for family members" of residents of Kintogher and surrounding areas. It is considered that this policy is at variance with the CDP policy for rural housing and may result in the deterioration of this area's landscape quality.

## Recommendations

- A. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include a revised Development Control Policy Map which should maintain a high degree of landscape protection at Kintogher and the surrounding landscape.
- B. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should omit the special provisions for the Rosses Point Peninsula and all one-off housing proposals should be dealt with in accordance with general rural housing policies.

## Submission no. 22

9 June 2009

Helen McCauley, Secretary

on behalf of Dorrin's & Cummeen Strand Conservation Group

### Issue no. 1

The submission contends that the action of Sligo County Council in extending the lifetime of the Strandhill Local Area Plan (LAP) 2003-2009 by 3 years is incorrect, as the LAP should be reconsidered in full having regard to current needs, priorities and available resources.

The submission states that the County Council “received a submission from the EPA in relation to the proposed Amendment to the Strandhill Local Area Plan ... which indicated that to extend the plan – even without any change – should trigger the Council’s responsibilities with respect to Strategic Environmental Assessment ...”.

The submission notes the Council’s intention not to carry out SEA of the LAP until a full review of the LAP is undertaken after the adoption of the CDP. The submission questions the validity of this option and contends that it is in conflict with SEA legislation and the views of the EPA.

The submission states that “to go ahead and adopt a new County Development Plan which contains as part of that, an out of date and irrelevant Strandhill LAP is not acceptable and undermines the planning process”.

### Opinion

While the submission refers to the CDP, it is largely concerned with the recently approved Second Amendment to the Strandhill LAP. This amendment extended the lifetime of the LAP by three years to 2012. The amendment involved a separate public consultation process and was adopted by the SCC members on 6 July 2009. While the Dorrins & Cummeen Strand Conservation Group made a submission at public consultation stage of this process, it did not relate to the proposed amendment for an extended lifetime.

Contrary to the contentions of this submission, the EPA did not make a submission on the proposed amendment to the LAP. As part of the SEA screening process (a process that is separate from public consultation on the LAP amendment), the planning authority consulted with the EPA and received a response indicating that “the proposed amendment, while being treated as an amendment, could also effectively constitute a review of the LAP. Development within the LAP area may have potential to result in likely significant effects on the environment.”

However, the amendment proposed by Sligo County Council involved strictly the extension of Strandhill LAP’s lifetime for a further three years, until 2012.

Having carried out SEA screening and having consulted with the prescribed environmental authorities, it was concluded that full SEA was not required for the LAP amendment. In this regard, it is considered that the planning authority complied fully with SEA legislation responsibilities.

It should be emphasised that the ultimate responsibility for the decision whether to carry out full SEA or not to do so resides with the planning authority, not with any external body.

Regarding the situation where the new CDP would include an outdated LAP (i.e. Strandhill LAP), it should be noted that the new Development Plan supersedes local area plans and will effectively cancel all non-conforming provisions of these plans.

All local area plans within County Sligo will need to be reviewed/amended following the adoption of the new CDP, to ensure consistency between the lower-tier plans and the main strategic planning document for the county.

It is intended to undertake a full review of Strandhill LAP after the adoption of the new County Development Plan 2011-2017. The SEA associated with the CDP review will inform and benefit all LAPs in the County area, as it will be instrumental in determining what aspects of the environment should be considered at CDP level and what environmental issues are better addressed at LAP level.

### **Recommendation**

The SEA associated with the Draft CDP should inform the future preparation, review or amending of all LAPs in the county, and should determine what aspects of potential environmental impacts should be considered at CDP level and what environmental issues are better addressed at LAP level.

### **Submission no. 23**

9 June 2009

Ciara Kellett, AOS Planning  
on behalf of Fáilte Ireland

The submission is a comprehensive tourism appraisal of County Sligo. It identifies the nature and significance of the County's tourism product, appraises the policies of the existing plan and suggests new policies and objectives to be included in the CDP.

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission outlines the following as the tourism product in Sligo:

- urban destination – Sligo City as a tourism attraction in its own right and the identification of Strandhill, Tobercurry, Mullaghmore, Ballymote and Enniscrone as smaller tourism attractions
- heritage sites
- natural landscape features
- green box – eco-tourism
- coastline and waterways attractions
- museums and interpretive facilities
- sport and leisure activities
- lifestyle, culture and festivals

Suggestions are made in relation to “key requirements” for the management of each type of tourist asset during the next Plan period.

**Issue no. 2**

The consultant reviews the existing CDP policies and notes their relevance for tourism. Existing policies are considered “a good example of proactive planning for tourism as a resource and asset”. It is suggested that the new CDP include a map showing “the hubs of tourism activity in the tourism network as existing and as proposed.” This map, or “strategic spatial plan”, would identify nodes, links and “strategic tourism centres” such as Rosses Point or Tobercurry, as well as sensitive environments.

**Issue no. 3**

It is suggested that the Draft County Development Plan 2011-2017 should refer to the key Failte Ireland strategy documents, in particular *The Failte Irelan, North West Regional Tourism Development Plan 2008-2010*, which sets out the following strategic goals:

- to develop new “reasons-to-visit” which maintain the environment of the region
- to develop new access services
- to improve the soft adventure product in an environmentally sustainable way.
- to utilise and grow the cultural and heritage resources of the region

**Issue no. 4**

The submission outlines that “proactive planning policies” should be included in order for the following to be achieved:

- provision of supporting infrastructure such as parking, toilets, cafés etc.
- sustainable travel between sites
- informed design and location guidelines for tourist facilities
- high-quality tourism infrastructure such as hotels, restaurants etc.
- protection and enhancement of the tourism resource with information and interpretation.

**Issue no. 5**

It is suggested that detailed management plans should be prepared for specific tourism assets such as lakes and heritage sites.

**Issue no. 6**

The submission lists five “sustainable tourism principles” which should be included in the CDP 2011-2017. The principles relate to balance between the needs of visitors and those of the sites and local communities; sustainability; appropriate scale and character of facilities; safeguarding strategic assets from encroachment of development; location of tourist facilities.

**Issue no. 7**

A set of “key policy statements” and 26 tourism policies are put forward for inclusion in the CDP.

**Issue no. 8**

The submission suggests that the Local Authority should provide a sustainability template or checklist for developers to highlight potential areas of concern at an early stage of development.

**Issue no. 9**

The submission requests that tourism and heritage policies should not be ‘stand alone’ and should be integrated and supported by related policies so that the delivery of tourism developments and infrastructure take place in an integrated and planned manner in line with a wide range of supporting infrastructure.

## **Opinion**

The suggestions and recommendations are noted. In preparing the Draft CDP 2011-2017, due consideration should be given to the inclusion of strategic statements, policies, objectives, appendices and mapping (within resources) as suggested by Failte Ireland.

## **Recommendation**

As part of the review of the Draft CDP 2011-2017, review the tourism-related policies and objectives taking into account the recommendations made in this submission.

## **Submission no. 24**

9 June 2009

Eugene Gavin, Gavin Engineering  
on behalf of Colm Gilleece

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission relates to a portion of land (area not stated) located along the public road (L-6804), on the western fringe of Coolaney-Rockfield outside the current development limit defined by the Coolaney Mini-Plan. The submission requests that the development limit be extended and that the land be zoned for residential uses. It also stated that it is proposed to connect the site to the public sewer which presently ends approximately 100 m from the site.

## **Opinion**

It is the policy of the planning authority (Section 11.5.8 of the current CDP 2005-2011) to establish a buffer zone between the plan limit and development limit with a view to consolidating the existing settlement, safeguarding land for future expansion of the village and preserving views of the Ox Mountains from designated scenic routes. The requested residential zoning would conflict with this policy as it would result in haphazard and piecemeal development outside of the current development limit.

Whilst a significant number of houses have been constructed in recent years, Coolaney-Rockfield still has sufficient land zoned to cater for a minimum population of 4,825, which is considerably in excess of the current population target of 300-500 set by the current CDP settlement strategy. There is therefore no requirement for additional lands to be zoned for residential uses.

## **Recommendation**

The lands subject of this submission should not be zoned for residential uses or any other development uses, in the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

## **Submission no. 25**

9 June 2009

Thomas Kelly

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission relates to a portion of land located on the Charlestown Road, on the outskirts of Tobercurry. The submission requests that the lands be designated as "suitable for development".

## **Opinion**

The current CDP includes a commitment (policy 3.7.G) to prepare a local area plan (LAP) for Tobercurry. This will involve a separate public consultation process, during which any such requests for zoning will be dealt with. Therefore, these lands, or any other lands in the Tobercurry area, should not be zoned for any specific use in advance of the LAP process.

However, the Draft CDP will include the approximate boundaries of the areas that will be covered by local area plans to be prepared following the adoption of the new Development Plan. Consideration should be given to the inclusion of the subject lands in the Tobercurry Plan area.

## **Recommendation**

Consideration should be given to the inclusion of the subject lands in the Tobercurry Plan area, but the lands should not be designated as “suitable for development” or zoned for development under the CDP.

## **Submission no. 26**

9 June 2009

Barry Kilmartin, Chairperson  
on behalf of Mullaghmore Residents & Heritage Group

The submission relates to the village of Mullaghmore and its environs, and generally concerns the conservation of the village and its various amenities.

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission refers to a “high level of ambiguity” in assessing development proposals in Mullaghmore and the need to prepare a mini-plan for this area.

### **Issue no. 2**

The submission states that the existing scenic evaluation of the area (Development Control Policy Map) is unclear and an alternative evaluation is put forward as part of the submission. The submission goes into detail in relation to the implications of the various proposed designations.

### **Issue no. 3**

The submission recommends that Mullaghmore should be developed at a low density (e.g. one house per acre in the designated normal rural area landscape).

### **Issue no. 4**

The submission requests that the mini-plan for Mullaghmore specify design restrictions for new housing development in Mullaghmore, such as height and size (floor area).

### **Issue no. 5**

The submission recommends that the proposed mini-plan should state that “no holiday home development of any kind” should be entertained in areas of sensitive rural landscape (i.e. the proposed area of sensitive rural landscape as identified in this submission) and that holiday home development in Mullaghmore should be discouraged. The submission highlights the need for thorough analysis of this issue and associated environmental and servicing concerns.

### **Issue no. 6**

The submission recommends that the existing wood plantations located at the entrance to Mullaghmore should be designated as a Natural Heritage Area.

## **Issue no. 7**

The submission recommends that a range of natural, archaeological and built heritage designations be included in the mini-plan for Mullaghmore.

### **Opinion**

1. The assessment of development proposals is an operational matter that cannot be controlled entirely through the CDP. However, it is intended to prepare a mini-plan for Mullaghmore as part of the Draft CDP 2011-2017. It is envisaged that this mini-plan would bring more clarity and consistency to the planning process.
2. It is considered that Mullaghmore already has a significant level of protection in the existing Development Control Policy Map. However, this will be reviewed in the preparation of the Draft CDP and the points raised in this submission will be considered. The revised Development Control Policy Map will inform the preparation of the mini-plan and all relevant implications will be suitably incorporated.
3. Whilst there may be case for prescribing lower densities in some areas of Mullaghmore, development at this level of density (one house per acre) would represent an inefficient and unsustainable use of serviced land and would not be in compliance with national guidance or County Development Plan policy.
4. The Mullaghmore Mini-Plan should include appropriate guidance in relation to new residential development, in line with existing mini-plans. Issues such as height could be addressed through such guidance.
5. It is considered that the Draft CDP should expand upon existing holiday-home policy. This should address the issue of appropriate locations for this type of development through the definition of development limits in mini-plans for various settlements including Mullaghmore. The policy should also address the question of the appropriate quantity of such development.
6. It is not within the remit of the Planning Authority to designate the proposed area as a Natural Heritage Area. It should be noted, however, that there is a Tree Preservation Order relating to some of this area.
7. The matters raised in relation to natural and built heritage should be addressed through a combination of the general narrative of the Draft CDP 2011–2017 and specific sections within the Mullaghmore Mini-Plan. It should be noted, however, that some recommendations in this submission raise issues that are outside the remit of the Council and the CDP.

### **Recommendations**

- A. Subject to the availability resources, the Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include a mini-plan for Mullaghmore.
- B. The Draft CDP should include a revised Development Control Policy Map. Existing designations in the Mullaghmore area should be reviewed and the implications of any designations should be incorporated into the preparation of the mini-plan for Mullaghmore.
- C. Any lands that may be zoned within a Mullaghmore Mini-Plan in the context of the Draft CDP 2011–2017 should be developed at appropriate densities, in keeping with existing national guidance and CDP policy.
- D. Include appropriate guidance in relation to new residential development in the Draft CDP 2011–2017/Mullaghmore Mini-Plan and the other mini-plans.

- E.** The Draft CDP should support the development of holiday-home accommodation within the development limits of settlements as established in their respective Mini-Plans. Appropriate policies should also be included on the quantity of holiday homes permissible within settlements.
- F.** Where feasible, the other matters raised should be given due consideration within the context of the preparation of the Draft CDP 2011–2017/Mullaghmore Mini-Plan.

**Submission no. 27**

10 June 2009

Deirdre Maher, Executive Officer  
on behalf of the Department of Education and Science

**Issue no. 1**

The submission outlines the methods by which the Department calculates educational infrastructural requirements, i.e. the extent of primary and post-primary school provision need in a given area.

**Issue no. 2**

The Department recommends that educational site reservations be made as close as possible to other community facilities in order to facilitate shared resources / space etc. The Department is also open to the concept of multi-campus school arrangements, e.g. two-three schools sharing a site.

**Issue no. 3**

The submission refers to various governmental guidance documents on the issue of educational infrastructure provision, such as:

- *Technical Guidance Document 025 – Identification and Suitability of Sites for Primary Schools*
- *Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (2008)*
- *Code of Practice for Planning Authorities in the Provision of Schools (2008)*

**Opinion**

The recommendations of the Department of Education and Science are noted.

**Recommendations**

- A.** In the Draft CDP 2011-2017, policies and objectives relating to the provision of educational infrastructure shall have regard to the guidance of the Department of Education and Science and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, particularly with regard to site suitability and quantitative requirements.
- B.** As part of the preparation/review of mini-plans, consideration should be given to multi-campus school arrangements and the sharing of resources/space with other community facilities, where appropriate.



**Submission no. 28**

10 June 2009

Niamh Wilson

on behalf of the Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (DVAS)

**Issue no. 1**

DVAS is a non-governmental organisation that provides services to women experiencing domestic violence. The submission outlines the need for crisis and transitional accommodation for women experiencing domestic violence in County Sligo. Access to emergency and permanent accommodation continues to be one of the main needs of the organisation. It is considered that in the current economic climate, there will be a higher demand for the provision of such units. The report identifies areas where housing units are required and the type of accommodation needed, e.g. two/three-bedroom units, childcare facility and a women's support and administration centre.

**Opinion**

The Development Plan is a strategic policy Document, which is not enabled to fund projects. However, relevant policies and objectives included in the Plan could be instrumental to voluntary and other organisations seeking financial support from local and national funding agencies. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include appropriate policies and objectives relating to provision of housing for all.

**Recommendation**

Ensure that housing policies and objectives in the Draft CDP 2011-2017 adequately address the issue of emergency and permanent accommodation for people experiencing domestic violence.

**Submission no. 29**

10 June 2009

Eanna McManus

on behalf of Respond! Housing Association

**Issue no. 1**

The submission refers to a proposal for 52 social housing units on a site at Carrowbunnaun, Strandhill. It is stated that the scheme will proceed when some outstanding technical issues have been resolved.

**Opinion**

The site is located in an area that is covered by the Strandhill Local Area Plan. The submission does not make any policy or zoning requests and, in any case, any such submission should only be considered when the Strandhill LAP is reviewed.

**Recommendation**

No action is required as there is no CDP policy or zoning implications on foot of this submission.

**Submission no. 30**

10 June 2009

Joe Corcoran, Airport Manager  
on behalf of Sligo North West Airport Co. Ltd.

The submission includes a copy of the Business Plan 2009-2011 for the Airport Company. This business plan includes objectives and policies, passenger numbers and patterns and future proposals for the company and the Airport.

**Issue no. 1**

The submission states the importance of the County Development Plan's continuing promotion of the growth of Sligo Airport in accordance with the National Spatial Strategy.

It is requested that that in reviewing the CDP, specific mention should be made of the integral role Sligo Airport plays in the continued development of Sligo, as acknowledged in the National Development Plan.

**Opinion**

Sligo County Council recognises the importance of Sligo Airport and the services it provides to the Gateway and the wider region. This is and should continue to be reflected in the County Development Plan.

**Recommendation**

Include appropriate policies/objectives on continuing support for Sligo Airport in the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

**Submission no. 31**

11 June 2009

Rita McNulty  
on behalf of Sligo County Development Board (CDB)

**Issue no. 1**

The submission states that restrictive policies contained in section 8.4.4 *Telecommunications* of the current SCDP hinders the potential for providing improved telecommunications infrastructure. It is requested to remove restrictive policies to enable deficits in broadband provision to be addressed.

**Issue no. 2**

The CDB considers the Western Bypass Route an important piece of strategic infrastructure for Sligo City and County and that this should be reflected in the CDP.

**Issue no. 3**

The Board supports the Eastern Bridge as an important piece of infrastructure for Sligo and its future strategic development.

**Issue no. 4**

Air access is seen as a very important factor in maintaining enterprise and attracting foreign investment. It is considered essential that the Sligo-Dublin route be continued.

**Issue no. 5**

The CDB considers it imperative that IT Sligo is underpinned as a third-level education provider serving the development, enterprise and innovation needs of the region.

#### **Issue no. 6**

The submission recommends the inclusion of an objective to develop an integrated strategy to “maximise the return economically, culturally and socially from the development of the creative and cultural sectors”.

#### **Issue no. 7**

The County Development Board continues to support the development of the Western Rail Corridor and the objectives of the CDP in this regard.

#### **Opinion**

1. It would appear that this issue relates to the part of section 8.4.4 which states that base stations and mobile phone telecommunications masts should not generally be constructed within one kilometre of towns, villages and other community facilities, and not within 400 metres of private dwellings.

This policy was originally included in the CDP by the members of SCC on the grounds of a perceived health threat. It is agreed that the inclusion of this policy severely restricts the provision of improved telecommunications infrastructure and conflicts with DoEHLG guidance on the matter. Furthermore, SCC decisions to refuse such proposals on this basis have consistently been approved by An Bord Pleanála on appeal. It is agreed that this “exclusion zone” policy should be omitted from the CDP.

2. The Draft Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 has identified the need for a Sligo City Bypass (Objective T1.5) to link the N4 at Carrowroe with the realigned N15 and N16 north of the city. The Draft SEDP also includes reference to a Western/City Bypass (Objective T1.5a) and outlines restrictions regarding the route of any such proposal, particularly in relation to locating the route to the west of the Second Sea Road. Accordingly, while the Draft SEDP does not include an agreed route for a city bypass, it does include stated restrictions on the route of any such proposal.

In the absence of an agreed route for this bypass, and taking into account various constraints that exist, it can not be discounted that the eventual route may fully or partly extend beyond the area covered by the SEDP. Any such route or route section would therefore be covered by the CDP. Accordingly, the Draft CDP should acknowledge the importance of this route and make appropriate provisions for its accommodation if necessary.

3. The Draft Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 has identified the need for an Eastern Garavogue Bridge and associated approach roads. Unlike the City Bypass however, it is not considered that this route could possibly extend beyond the area covered by the SEDP. This proposal cannot therefore be addressed in the Draft CDP.
4. The planning authority acknowledges the importance of air access to and from Sligo. Relevant policies and objectives should be included/carried forward in the Draft CDP in relation to Sligo Regional Airport and improved access to Knock International Airport. Any implications resulting from planning decisions in relation to Sligo Regional Airport should be incorporated into these policies and objectives.
5. Issues relating to IT Sligo are addressed under the Sligo and Environs Development Plan.
6. It is agreed that it should be an objective of the CDP to prepare such a strategy.
7. It is agreed that support for the Western Rail Corridor should be maintained in the Draft CDP.

## Recommendations

- A. In relation to telecommunications infrastructure, the Draft CDP 2011-2017 should accord with national planning guidance and should not specify an “exclusion zone” on the grounds of a perceived threat to health.
- B. The Draft CDP should acknowledge the importance of a Sligo City Bypass as a strategic piece of infrastructure and should incorporate appropriate policies to accommodate the route of any such route in the CDP area if necessary.
- C. The Draft CDP should incorporate appropriate policies and objectives aimed at improving air access to Sligo, including Sligo Regional Airport and Knock International Airport. The implications of any planning decisions in relation to Sligo Airport should be reflected in the Plan.
- D. The Draft CDP should incorporate policies and objective which acknowledge the importance of and support for the development of the Western Rail Corridor.
- E. The Draft CDP should include an objective to prepare an integrated strategy aimed at maximising the potential of the creative and cultural sectors.

**Submission no. 32**

11 June 2009

Brigit and Ron Beemster

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission raises concerns in relation to the operation of the planning system, which has resulted in “random development rather than planned development”.

### **Issue no. 2**

The submission highlights the extent of vacant residential properties in Sligo and contends that there is no need to build new houses.

### **Issue no. 3**

The submission raises concerns in relation to one-off rural housing, particularly in the Maugherow area. Concerns include the following:

- people living in rural areas but working in Sligo City;
- houses not being used by those they were intended for;
- the absence of adequate services in rural areas;
- the adverse visual impact of housing developments in rural and coastal areas;
- need for stricter controls on replacement housing proposals;
- the threat of one-off housing to tourism;
- the threat of septic tanks to groundwater quality and local wells.

### **Issue no. 4**

It is proposed that all new development should be built to the highest standards of sustainability as a requirement of planning permission.

### **Issue no. 5**

It is stated that rail transport should be prioritised for development over road transport and that the railway system should be connected to the harbour.

### **Issue no. 6**

It is stated that, for environmental and economic reasons, Sligo Airport should not be upgraded or developed.

### **Issue no. 7**

It is stated that street lights should not be provided in rural areas. If they are deemed necessary, they should be fitted with motion sensors.

### **Issue no. 8**

It is contended that the current CDP is contradictory and open to interpretation in relation to what can be built at various locations. This should be addressed in the new CDP by the establishment of clear ground rules by the SCC planners in consultation with the public. These rules must then be adhered to and enforced, including monitoring of planners by an independent body.

### **Opinion**

1. The operation of the planning system outside the remit of the CDP. Therefore, it cannot be addressed as part of the CDP review.
2. The Draft Sligo City and County Joint Housing Strategy 2010-2017 has already been published and this strategy will be finalised before the end of 2009. The Strategy, which includes an assessment of vacancy rates, will inform the preparation of the Draft CDP. Further survey work on individual settlements is being carried out by the planning authority. This information should also be used in the CDP.
3. As required under legislation, the current CDP policy was prepared having regard to the DoEHLG's *Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines*. Development plan policies seek to achieve a balance between protecting the rural landscapes / resources and sustaining rural communities and services. It is considered that such policies are reasonable and should be retained along with relevant development management standards.

However, it is considered that section 3.8 of the current CDP *Special provisions for the Rosses Point Peninsula* does introduce ambiguity/lack of clarity in relation to the rural housing policy. This section should therefore be omitted from the CDP.

When necessary, occupancy conditions are applied to permitted development, but compliance with these conditions is a matter outside the remit of the CDP.

Further clarity should be provided on the matter of replacement housing proposals.

4. Building energy performance is a matter for the Building Regulations and therefore the CDP should not impose any particular restrictions in this regard. Appropriate policies should be included, however, to encourage building techniques which incorporate high standards of sustainability with regard to energy conservation etc.
5. While the Draft CDP does and will continue to support the development of rail infrastructure, roads remain the predominant mode of transportation for the foreseeable future.
6. Sligo Airport is of strategic importance to the local and regional economy. Policies and objectives included in the Draft CDP should continue to support the operation of Sligo Regional Airport. Any proposed upgrades or developments in this regard will be subject to full assessment at planning application stage. Any relevant implications resulting from planning decisions in relation to Sligo Regional Airport should be incorporated into Draft CDP policies and objectives.

7. It is agreed that street lights should not be provided in unserviced rural areas. Where necessary, the impact of such proposals should be minimised by appropriate design and specification.
8. It is agreed that the Draft CDP should provide clarity and should not be open to interpretation. Consultation on the preparation of the Draft CDP is being carried out in accordance with the legislative requirements. The adherence to and enforcement of the CDP is a development management issue. The issue of monitoring planners by an independent body is not a matter for the Development Plan.

## **Recommendations**

- A. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should incorporate the policies and objectives of the Sligo City and County Joint Housing Strategy 2010-2017, including policies aimed at addressing the rate of vacant residential properties in the county.
- B. The rural housing policy as set out in section 4.2 of the existing CDP should generally be retained in the Draft CDP, along with detailed Development Management standards on rural housing.
- C. See recommendation B made in relation to Submission no. 21.
- D. The Draft CDP should provide clarity on the issue of replacement housing proposals in rural areas. This should include a clear definition of what constitutes a “derelict” dwelling house as opposed to “ruins”, and should clearly outline the types of proposals that will be favourably considered.
- E. The Draft CDP should include policies encouraging building techniques that promote energy efficiency and a high degree of sustainability.
- F. The Draft CDP should include policies that support the development of rail infrastructure.
- G. The Draft CDP should incorporate policies and objectives supporting Sligo Regional Airport. The implications of any planning decisions in relation to Sligo Airport should be incorporated.
- H. The Draft CDP should discourage the provision of street lights in unserviced rural areas. If deemed necessary, the impact of such proposals should be minimised by appropriate design and specification.
- I. The Draft CDP should provide clarity on development policies and objectives, avoiding ambiguity in relation to what type of development may be permitted in various locations.

**Submission no. 33**

11 June 2009

Justin Molloy, Regional Executive  
on behalf of Construction Industry Federation (CIF)

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission outlines the role envisaged for Sligo under the National Spatial Strategy (NSS) and contends that development has not occurred at a sufficient pace. It is recommended that the CDP addresses this issue, particularly through incorporation of a strong linked urban and rural settlement structure.

### **Issue no. 2**

CIF recommends that the Draft CDP includes identification of existing and future infrastructural deficits, along with commitments to addressing these deficits within detailed timeframes. The submission highlights the following infrastructural deficits:

- N4 Collooney/Castlebaldwin
- N15 Sligo to County boundary
- N17 Tobercurry bypass to Knock bypass – phase 1
- N17 Collooney to Tobercurry
- N17 Tobercurry bypass (Collooney / Charlestown)
- the Western Rail Corridor
- water and wastewater services throughout the county
- broadband network services
- lack of progress on the Atlantic Road Corridor

**Issue no. 3**

The submission suggests that the most up-to-date population projections are used for zoning and servicing of lands, and highlights the need for continued monitoring. This is particularly important with regard to available housing stock.

**Issue no. 4**

CIF highlights the requirement for a Housing Strategy and the need for the details of same to be available at pre-planning stage.

**Issue no. 5**

The submission highlights the need for the reservation of an adequate amount of zoned and serviced lands to meet development requirements.

**Issue no. 6**

It is recommended that residential densities and other development management standards be set with appropriate cognisance of the DoEHLG guidelines entitled *Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas - Guidelines for Planning Authorities* (December 2008).

**Issue no. 7**

The submission mentions issues related to Development Contribution Schemes, affordable housing, pre-planning consultation meetings and requests for additional information.

**Opinion**

1. The current CDP gives due consideration to Sligo’s Gateway designation and role under the National Spatial Strategy. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 will be prepared with particular regard to this role, including the incorporation of a robust settlement structure.
2. The preparation of the draft CDP will include a review of infrastructural requirements, including the deficits outlined above. Where possible, estimated timeframes for completion of projects should be provided.
3. The best available population projections will be incorporated into the Draft CDP and this will inform policies and objectives in relation to housing land requirements.
4. The Draft Sligo City and County Joint Housing Strategy 2010-2017 has already been published and this strategy will be finalised before the end of 2009. The Strategy will inform the preparation of the Draft CDP and its requirements will be available to the public at pre-planning stage.
5. The planning authority recognises the need for an adequate amount of zoned and serviced lands. It is intended that the Draft CDP will incorporate additional mini-plans for various settlements

throughout the county. Along with objectives regarding improved infrastructure and services, it is considered that these mini-plans will address the issue of zoning sufficient development land.

6. The Draft CDP will have full regard to the requirements of the DoEHLG guidelines, in accordance with Section 12 (11) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), particularly with regard to density requirements and development management standards.
7. These issues do not relate to the preparation of the Draft CDP and accordingly cannot be considered in this context.

### **Recommendations**

- A. The Draft CDP should provide an appropriate framework for supporting the Gateway status of Sligo as designated by the NSS.
- B. The Draft Plan should include objectives to address infrastructural deficits within the County. Where possible, estimated timeframes for completion of infrastructural projects should be included.
- C. The Draft CDP should address the need for an adequate amount of zoned and serviced land through the inclusion of additional mini-plans for settlements throughout the county and the incorporation of objectives to improve infrastructure and services.

### **Submission no. 34**

11 June 2009

David O'Flynn, Business Development Manager  
on behalf of Ecocem Ireland Ltd

#### **Issue no. 1**

The submission raises the issue of sustainable construction and in particular the materials used in construction. The submission outlines the economic, technical and environmental benefits of an alternative form of concrete called "low carbon concrete" which uses cement made by recycling an industrial by-product.

It is recommended that the CDP require that all concrete be made with cement made from industrial by-products. It is proposed that a section entitled "The use of sustainable construction materials" is included in the chapter on the environment and climate change, and that this should include a target for a minimum replacement rate of ordinary cement with cement made from industrial by-products (recommended rate of 30%).

If a sustainability toolkit were to be included in the CDP, it is also recommended that similar targets are incorporated.

#### **Opinion**

The planning authority acknowledges the significant challenges that exist with regard to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and is committed to promoting projects aimed at reducing emissions. Appropriate policies and objectives on this issue should therefore be included in the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

However, it is considered that the environmental performance of the construction industry should be dealt with under the Building Regulations and other codes, and that while environmentally-friendly construction practices should be encouraged, the CDP should not impose any specific restrictions in this regard.



## **Recommendation**

The Draft CDP 2010-2017 should appropriate provisions to encourage the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with the construction industry, including the use of sustainable building materials. However, particular targets and materials should not be specified.

## **Submission no. 35**

11 June 2009

Ann Farrell

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission relates to the Raghly peninsula and describes its unique qualities including landscape setting, wildlife, history and preserved rural character. A. Farrell is concerned that these qualities could be threatened if further development is allowed.

The submission outlines the current CDP policies and nature conservation designations that relate to the area. It is proposed that the whole Raghly peninsula be preserved “as it currently is” and that its designation be upgraded to a “Special Area of Conservation”.

### **Opinion**

The Raghly peninsula already enjoys a high degree of protection in accordance with the Development Control Policy Map under the CDP 2005-2011. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should maintain this protection.

While it may not be feasible to preserve the peninsula in its current state in perpetuity, CDP policies and objectives should ensure that development in sensitive areas such as Raghly is kept to a minimum.

Designation as a Special Area of Conservation is a process that is outside the remit of the CDP.

## **Recommendation**

The Draft CDP should include a revised Development Control Policy Map, which should maintain a high degree of landscape protection for the Raghly peninsula.

## **Submission no. 36**

11 June 2009

Mícheál Ó Ciardha, Senior Project Manager, PM Group  
on behalf of Green Wind Energy (Wexford) Limited (GWE)

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission is in relation to a coastal area located between Dromore West and Easky. The consultants seek to ensure that neither the policies nor objectives of the draft CDP 2011-2017 place any barrier to GWE’s proposal for the construction of a wind farm on the subject lands.

### **Issue no. 2**

The submission requests that the policies and objectives of the draft CDP 2011-2017 would welcome, in principle, wind farm development in the area between Dromore West and Easky.

### **Opinion**

The requests are noted. Sligo County Council recognises the contribution that alternative energy sources can make towards limiting pollution associated with the generation of electricity and it is the

policy of the council to promote renewable and alternative energy sources in an environmentally acceptable manner. Appropriate policies and objectives in this regard should be included/carried forward in the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

### **Recommendation**

In the Draft CDP 2011-2017, the issue of energy, including alternative/renewable energy development, should be addressed through appropriate policies and objectives.

### **Submission no. 37**

11 June 2009

Joe Sheerin (Chairperson) and Goretta Walsh (Vice-Chairperson)  
on behalf of Knappaghmore, Ballydoogan, Strandhill Road Residents Association

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission requests that in the determination of the City Bypass route “page 15 of the CDP be updated to include the detail as outlined in the Draft Sligo & Environs Development Plan (SEDP) Section 10.2.7 Objective T1.5.a Western/City Bypass”.

The Residents’ Association does not want a City Bypass crossing residential areas at Strandhill Road/Sea Road. Therefore, the Association requests that the following text be included in the CDP:

“all potential route corridors should therefore be reserved with the exception of the residential area bound by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sea road which as a residential zone has already been preserved and enshrined in the SEDP 2010-2017 Development Plan and all Future Development Plans”.

### **Opinion**

The current CDP mentions “Sligo Western Bypass” in Section 8.1.3.3 National road objectives and Table 8.A Strategic road proposals. Page 15 of the CDP is the beginning of Chapter 3 Settlement Strategy.

The submission mistakenly refers to the consultation document *Guide to Sligo County Development Plan Review* (April 2009) as being the County Development Plan. Page 15 of the consultation document mentions the City Bypass route that “may – or may not – cross areas outside the SEDP where CDP policies apply”. It indicates that “all potential route corridors should therefore be preserved”.

The submission requests that a restriction be placed on a possible bypass route within the SEDP area, i.e. outside the jurisdiction of the County Development Plan. Such restriction would have no legal consequences in this context.

Furthermore, it is considered inappropriate to prohibit consideration of an option for a future City Bypass route prior to a full route selection and public consultation process being undertaken. The suggested wording should not be included in the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

### **Recommendation**

No action to be taken on foot of this submission.

**Submission no. 38**

11 June 2009

Ulrike Schwier

**Issue no. 1**

The submission relates to the Raghly peninsula (map included) and states that the entire area should be protected as it is. The submission outlines the character of the area and in particular its wildlife qualities.

U. Schwier is concerned about the capacity for additional development with regard to water supply, septic tank installations, environmental burden and road safety. She suggests that the whole peninsula be included in a Special Area of Conservation.

**Opinion**

The Raghly peninsula already enjoys a high degree of protection in accordance with the Development Control Policy Map under the CDP 2005-2011. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should maintain this protection.

While it may not be feasible to preserve the peninsula in its current state in perpetuity, CDP policies and objectives should ensure that development in sensitive areas such as Raghly is kept to a minimum. The capacity of the area to cater for additional development will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis through the assessment of planning applications.

Designation as a Special Area of Conservation is a process that is outside the remit of the CDP.

**Recommendation**

The Draft CDP should include a revised Development Control Policy Map, which should maintain a high degree of landscape protection for the Raghly peninsula. (See also the recommendation made in response to Submission no. 35.)

**Submission no. 39**

12 June 2009

Gordon Barrett, President  
on behalf of Sligo Sub-Aqua Club

**Issue no. 1**

Sligo Sub-Aqua Club supports the plan to upgrade the sewage treatment facilities in Mullaghmore but is disappointed that the works are not planned for the near future.

Mullaghmore is the only Blue Flag Beach in County Sligo and attracts many tourists and divers into the area whom contribute to the local economy.

The submission outlines that the poor water quality resulting from the outflow pipe has a negative aesthetic and environment health affect on the area. The submission requests that every effort is made to maintain the highest possible water quality in the area.

**Issue no. 2**

The submission outlines the importance of the slipway within the harbour at Mullaghmore and the benefits this has for the area and the Club. The submission requests that signage be erected stating that the Slipway is a working slipway, not a beach, on which children must be supervised and that priority should be given to boat launchers and users.

### **Issue no. 3**

Sligo County Council has given Sligo Sub-Aqua Club an undertaking to supply the club with a site for a Search and Rescue Centre. The Club is anxious to progress this and request that this matter be included in the CDP 2011-2017.

### **Opinion**

1. It is agreed that every effort should be made to maintain the water quality at Mullaghmore and the other bathing areas of County Sligo. Policies and objectives relating to water quality and wastewater treatment will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the Draft CDP 2011-2017. The funding of infrastructural projects, however, is outside the remit of the County Development Plan.
2. The signage issue is noted. The concerns have been communicated to the relevant County Council section.
3. Sligo County Council recognises the importance of adequate provision for a Search and Rescue centre in the county. While a site is not been yet identified; relevant provisions should be included in the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

### **Recommendation**

The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include a provision to support the development of a Search and Rescue Facility in the County.

### **Submission no. 40**

12 June 2009

Denise Clarke MBA

The submission relates to Easky village and its environs and is accompanied by a recent thesis on the subject of environmental aesthetics as applied to the area, the contents of which have been noted.

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission recommends that the Easky River be designated as a "Salmon River" in the CDP and that the river walk be recognised for its aesthetic qualities.

### **Issue no. 2**

The submission recommends that lands in Bunowna and Shannonspark West townlands, between the designated scenic route and the coastline, be reclassified as Sensitive Rural Landscape.

### **Issue no. 3**

The submission recommends that the coastal section of the public road L-2401, a designated scenic route, be prioritised for pedestrians by the installation of speed ramps.

### **Opinion**

1. It should be noted that the designation of salmonid rivers involves a process that is outside the remit of the Development Plan. The CDP should acknowledge the forthcoming designation of salmonid rivers (under the EU Habitats Directive) and the consequent planning constraints along the river corridors, including Easky River, if designated.

The preservation of the pedestrian walkway along the river would be best considered in the context of a specific land use plan for Easky Village. Subject to the availability of resources, it is intended to prepare a mini-plan for Easky as part of the Draft CDP.

2. The suggestion is noted and consideration will be given to making amendments to the existing landscape classification for the entire county as part of the review process for the County Development Plan. In this regard consideration must also be given to the possible implications of the preparation of a mini-plan for Easky.
3. The use of speed ramps on roads in rural areas is generally not encouraged. However, as part of the preparation of the CDP/Easky mini-plan, consultations will be carried out with the Roads Section of Sligo County Council on the requirement for including policies and objectives regarding traffic-calming measures on rural roads, including the specified local road.

### **Recommendations**

- A. In the event of inclusion of a mini-plan for Easky in the Draft CDP, consideration should be given to the preservation of the pedestrian walkway along the Easky River.
- B. As part of the review of the Development Control Policy Map, consideration should be given to the designation of lands between the scenic route and coastline at Bunowna and Shannonspark West townlands. Consideration of these lands shall also incorporate the implications of the preparation of a mini-plan for Easky.
- C. The preparation of the Draft CDP shall involve consultations with the Roads Section on the requirement for policies and objectives regarding traffic-calming measures on rural roads.

**Submission no. 41**

12 June 2009

Nigel and Dervouille Corcoran

#### **Issue no. 1**

The submission outlines the Corcorans' extreme concern at the prospect of a Western Bypass being constructed in proximity to their residence in Aylesbury Park and describes the negative impact it would have on them and on the area.

The submission requests Sligo County Council to engage in meaningful and comprehensive consultation with the local community to explore all route options.

#### **Opinion**

The Draft Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 has identified the need for a Sligo City Bypass (Objective T1.5) to link the N4 at Carrowroe with the realigned N15 and N16 north of the city. The Draft SEDP also includes reference to a Western/City Bypass (Objective T1.5a) and outlines restrictions regarding the route of any such proposal, particularly in relation to locating the route between the two Sea Roads.

In the absence of an agreed route for this bypass, and taking into account various constraints that exist, it cannot be discounted that the eventual route may fully or partly extend beyond the area covered by the SEDP. Any such route or route section would therefore be covered by the CDP. Accordingly, the Draft CDP 2011-2017 should acknowledge the importance of this route and make appropriate provisions for its accommodation if necessary.

#### **Recommendation**

The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should acknowledge the importance of a Sligo City Bypass as a strategic piece of infrastructure and should incorporate appropriate provisions to accommodate the route in the CDP area if necessary.

**Submission no. 42**

12 June 2009

Margaret Farrell

**Issue no. 1**

The submission relates to the Raghly peninsula and seeks to increase the protective status of the area. M. Farrell recommends text for inclusion in the CDP, relating to the wildlife and landscape qualities of the area. It is suggested that the peninsula be designated as a Special Area of Conservation.

**Opinion**

Designation as a Special Area of Conservation is a process that is outside the remit of the CDP and this text should therefore not be included. It is considered that the protection of the area can be adequately dealt with through the Development Control Policy Map.

The Raghly peninsula already enjoys a high degree of protection in accordance with the Development Control Policy Map under the CDP 2005-2011. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should maintain this protection.

**Recommendation**

The Draft CDP should include a revised Development Control Policy Map, which should maintain a high degree of landscape protection for the Raghly peninsula. (See also the recommendations made in response to Submissions no. 35 and 38.)

**Submission no. 43**

12 June 2009

Bernadette and Francis Fidgeon

**Issue no. 1**

The submission relates to the proposal to route a Western Bypass through the historical area of Carrowmore, in front of Woodville Court and Aylesbury Park housing estates and through Gibraltar Point. The Fidgeons agree with the logic of preserving a route for a possible future bypass of Sligo but believe that proper consideration should be afforded to all routes east and west of the city. They understand that the western option is preferred over an eastern option, but think that this would have negative consequences for heritage, scenery, existing and future amenity, environment and residents.

It is requested that the Council reconsider the long-term effect of reserving one route only for a bypass, as a route west of the Second Sea Road “appears completely wrong for future generations”.

**Opinion**

The Draft Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 has identified the need for a Sligo City bypass (Objective T1.5) to link the N4 at Carrowroe with the realigned N15 and N16 north of the city. The Draft SEDP also includes reference to a Western/City Bypass (Objective T1.5a) and outlines restrictions regarding the route of any such proposal, particularly in relation to locating the route between the two Sea Roads.

In the absence of an agreed route for this bypass, and taking into account various constraints that exist, it can not be discounted that the eventual route may fully or partly extend beyond the area covered by the SEDP. Any such route or route section would therefore be covered by the CDP. Accordingly, the Draft CDP should acknowledge the importance of this route and make appropriate provisions for its accommodation if necessary.

## **Recommendation**

The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should acknowledge the importance of a Sligo City Bypass as a strategic piece of infrastructure and should incorporate appropriate policies to accommodate the route of any such route in the CDP area if necessary. No specific route for a city bypass should be included in the Draft Plan.

### **Submission no. 44**

12 June 2009

Ken Fitzgerald (Malachy Walsh and Partners)  
on behalf of Airtricity

#### **Issue no. 1**

The submission highlights the potential of Sligo County in terms of wind energy and identifies key issues to be addressed in the next CDP. Airtricity requests that the following elements be considered as part of the review process of the CDP:

- development of a robust “wind zoning policy map” for the county that will facilitate development in a structured way;
- examination of the coastal zone, including the coastal fringe above the high-water mark;
- assessment of the potential for near-shore and offshore wind, tidal and wave energy;
- completion of a study to identify constraints within the county and to calculate the realistic potential for power generation that is feasible;
- development of the national grid, particularly the 110/220 kV network within County Sligo in order to service the future development of both on-shore and offshore wind farm development;
- integrated approach to coastal wind farm planning in conjunction with the Foreshore Licence division, National Parks and Wildlife Services and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Currently the land/sea divide works against the development of an integrated grid energy infrastructure and the permitting systems for both offshore and land do not complement rapid development going forward;
- development of an integrated energy strategy for the county that encompasses all energy sources including wind, renewables, gas, bioenergy, wave and tidal. The strategy should be based on the needs of the County but should also take into account the regional energy requirements and ultimately the ability to export out of the north-western region and into the national grid;
- promotion of energy conservation, green building design and the reduction of green house gas emissions;
- exploration of the use of Strategic Development Zones specifically for wind energy development, as such a mechanism exists within the Planning and Development Act 2000;
- provision of access to a dedicated renewable energy planner or team within the planning department which would facilitate pre-planning discussions in an integrated manner with staff with relevant experience.

#### **Issue no. 2**

An informed wind policy document should be prepared and included in the County Development Plan 2011-2017.

## **Opinion**

The suggestions are noted. Sligo County Council recognises the contribution that alternative energy sources can make towards limiting pollution associated with the generation of electricity and it is the policy of the Council to promote renewable and alternative energy sources in an environmentally acceptable manner. Appropriate policies and objectives in this regard should be included/carried forward in the Draft CDP 2011-2017. Further exploration of issues related to wind energy may be undertaken within the limit of available resources.

## **Recommendation**

In the Draft CDP 2011-2017, the issue of energy, including alternative/renewable energy development, should be addressed through appropriate policies and objectives.

## **Submission no. 45**

12 June 2009

Roger Garland  
on behalf of Keep Ireland Open (KIO)

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission states that its scope is limited to access to the countryside and directly-related issues. It includes a “critique of the 2005 Plan”, which outlines detailed suggestions for changes in the format and contents of the document. The critique goes through the plan section by section, recommending changes to text, policy and objectives, using examples from other counties.

### **Issue no. 2**

The submission outlines the need for a National Park in the Gleniff/Dartry/Benbulbin area and requests that the Plan provide for a formal request to be made to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

### **Issue no. 3**

KIO requests that the following be included in the CDP 2011-2017:

- lists and mapping of existing public rights-of-way, paths, access points to rivers and waterways, lakes, mountains and other amenity areas, within one year of the adoption of the plan;
- policies designed to preserve, protect, promote, enhance, improve and maintain, for the common good, existing rights-of-way.
- policies prohibiting development and keeping free from obstruction existing rights of way, walking routes and amenity areas.
- objectives to create new rights of way as required or extend/enhance existing rights of way either by agreement or by way of compulsory powers, in the interest of ensuring access to amenities. In particular, rights of way should be created to provide linkages from built up areas to the countryside.
- policies in favour of development proposals which improve the condition and appearance of existing rights of way.
- policies prohibiting development which would prejudice public access to existing rights-of-way, unless specific arrangements are made for suitable alternative linkages.



## **Opinion**

The suggestions made by KIO are noted and will be given due consideration when preparing the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

The designation of a National Park is outside the remit of the CDP. A National Parks Bill is currently under consideration to provide a legal basis for National Parks (and other heritage properties) which are now managed under a number of other Acts, including the [State Property Act, 1954](#).

## **Recommendation**

As part of the preparation of the Draft CDP 2011-2017, definitions and policies relating to rights-of-way should be reviewed.

## **Submission no. 46**

12 June 2009

Sile Garrett Haran, Tourism Officer  
on behalf of Marketing Sligo Forum

### **Issue no. 1**

Marketing Sligo Forum recommends that the CDP adopts a “higher profile for tourism in the County”, as tourism is an indigenous industry with a significant role in Sligo’s economy.

### **Issue no. 2**

The submission outlined that the CDP should undertake to build strength into the County’s tourism product offering, through guidance and the financial resources for the future development of the tourism sector in Sligo.

## **Opinion**

While the marketing of tourism attractions is outside the remit of the CDP, the Plan includes tourism-related policies and objectives, which will be reviewed and updated as part of preparing the Draft CDP 2011-2017. However, the development plan is a strategic policy document, which is not enabled to fund projects.

## **Recommendation**

As part of the preparation of the Draft CDP 2011-2017 update and refine the Tourism section and other relevant policies and objectives included in the current CDP.

## **Submission no. 47**

12 June 2009

Kathleen Henry, Secretary  
on behalf of County Sligo IFA

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission contends that village renewal should be addressed in the new development plan, but that current housing density in villages is too high and that townhouses are not appropriate in villages.

### **Issue no. 2**

The submission contends that the CDP should have a more positive approach to rural housing, particularly regarding farm family members.

It also contends that the number of septic tanks is not a pollution problem, but rather that pollution is caused by the products that enter septic tanks.

**Issue no. 3**

The submission raises concerns in relation to water charges, development charges and other operational matters regarding water supply, drainage, hedge-cutting, turf-cutting, winter ploughing, slurry spreading, removal of service poles, development incentives etc.

**Issue no. 4**

The submission contends that all county and local roads require upgrading.

**Issue no. 5**

The submission requests that the CDP include support for the continuance of the rural transport scheme and the development of the Western Rail Corridor as a key element of social inclusion.

**Issue no. 6**

The submission recommends that the CDP supports the use of bio-fuels, wind and hydro-electric power.

**Issue no. 7**

It is requested to continue the development of childcare and sports and recreation facilities throughout the county.

**Issue no. 8**

The submission contends that the CDP should support the development of agri-tourism and assist community-based groups in projects related to job creation.

**Issue no. 9**

The submission recommends that the CDP supports the provision of broadband services in rural areas and that the mobile phone infrastructure needs to be continuously monitored and developed.

**Opinion**

1. It is agreed that village renewal should be addressed in the Draft CDP 2011-2017. In relation to housing density, the CDP must comply with the DoEHLG publication *Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (cities, towns and villages)*, and should incorporate recommendations in this regard.
2. It is considered that current CDP policy regarding the accommodation of farm family members is reasonable and is consistent with DoEHLG Guidelines on *Sustainable Rural Housing*. This policy should therefore be retained.

The planning authority continues to consider the excessive concentration of septic tanks a potential pollution concern and therefore appropriate policies and standards should be incorporated into the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

3. These are operational matters which are outside the remit of the CDP.

4 – 8. Noted and agreed.

9. It is agreed that the CDP should support the provision of broadband in rural areas. As already outlined in the opinion on Submission no. 31, it is recommended that the “exclusion zone” policy contained in section 8.4.4 of the current CDP should be omitted.

## **Recommendation**

- A.** The issue of village renewal should be addressed in the Draft CDP. This shall have regard to the recommendations of the DoEHLG publication “Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (Cities, towns and villages)”.
- B.** Current CDP policy in relation to rural and housing and the accommodation of farm family members should be retained.
- C.** The Draft CDP should include policies and standards which discourage an excessive concentration of septic tanks.
- D.** The Draft CDP should include appropriate policies and objectives in relation to the improvement of local and regional road infrastructure in the County.
- E.** The CDP should include policies that support the continuation of the Rural Transport Initiative and the development of the Western Rail Corridor.
- F.** The Draft CDP should include policies that support the use of bio-fuels, wind and hydro-electric power generation.
- G.** The Draft CDP should include policies that support the development of childcare and sports and recreation facilities.
- H.** The Draft CDP should include policies that support agri-tourism and assist community-based organisations in projects related to job creation.
- I.** See recommendation A made in relation to Submission no. 31.

**Submission no. 48**

12 June 2009

Cllr Albert Higgins and Cllr Tony McLoughlin

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission recommends that Sligo County Council adopts a sympathetic approach to proposed developments in settlements that are due to be connected to the Sligo Main Drainage Scheme. In cases where the connection is yet to be completed, it is recommended that temporary on-site effluent treatment systems or group effluent systems should be permitted.

### **Opinion**

The planning authority does not encourage the use of temporary or group on-site effluent treatment systems for multiple-unit developments, because such systems often lead to maintenance, management and pollution problems. Therefore, such developments should only be permitted where immediate connection to the public sewer system is possible.

An exception to this policy may apply in relation to suitable proposals for single houses.

### **Recommendation**

The Draft CDP should include policies which prohibit multiple-unit developments in settlements where immediate connection to the public sewer is not possible. Proposals for single houses may be permitted, subject to site suitability and demonstration that the proposed development would not compromise co-ordinated development of the settlement.

**Submission no. 49**

12 June 2009

Denis Haran (Haran & Associates)  
on behalf of Richard Hunter

**Issue no. 1**

The submission relates to a portion of land at Shannon Eighter, to the north of Scotsman's Walk and east of the Rosses Point Road. The submission requests that the land be zoned as mixed uses (C3).

**Opinion**

The subject lands are located within the plan limit of the Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2004-2010/Draft Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016. Any such request should therefore have been made in the context of the preparation of the Draft SEDP 2010-2016.

The lands are outside the remit of the Draft Sligo County Development Plan 2011-2017 and therefore this submission cannot be considered.

**Recommendation**

No action is required. This zoning request cannot be considered in the preparation of the Draft CDP 2011-2017.

**Submission no. 50**

12 June 2009

Michael and Paula Kirby

**Issue no. 1**

The submission states that CDP policies should be strengthened in order to protect communities and landscapes from unsustainable and inappropriate development. It is stated that existing levels of zoning should be reviewed, that development should be guided towards clustered development, and that housing need in sensitive areas should be properly verified by planning authorities.

**Issue no. 2**

The submission suggests that Sensitive Rural Landscapes and Visually Vulnerable Areas need further protection and that development should only be permitted in such areas in exceptional circumstances. It is recommended that obvious scenic routes, such as the Kintogher Road, should be designated as such and be further protected from development.

**Issue no. 3**

It is contended that the natural, built and cultural heritage of County Sligo is our best tourist attraction but it is not being adequately protected, enhanced or promoted.

**Issue no. 4**

It is recommended that town/village centres should be made more attractive by improving streetscapes, pedestrian facilities etc, and that design statements and policies should be put in place for all towns/villages.

**Issue no. 5**

It is recommended that the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) be expanded and include all structures identified in the National Inventory. The Kirby residence at Kintogher is proposed for inclusion in the RPS.

**Issue no. 6**

It is recommended that a plan should be developed to ensure the protection of the Carrowmore archaeological site.

**Issue no. 7**

It is recommended that the importance of Hazelwood House be emphasised in the CDP, and that consideration should be given as to how the site can be protected from inappropriate development.

**Issue no. 8**

It is recommended that greater importance should be given to the quality of development design and scale throughout the county. Improved planning guidance should also be provided in this regard.

**Opinion**

1. It is agreed that strong policies should apply in relation to the protection of communities and landscapes from inappropriate development, and that development should be guided into existing settlements/clusters.

The existing levels of zoning in settlements should be reviewed as part of the review of existing mini-plans in the CDP. Where excessive levels of zoning exist, appropriate rezoning should be considered.

While strict policies should continue to apply in relation to housing in sensitive areas, the verification of housing need will be an operational matter as part of the Development Management process.

2. It is agreed that the CDP Development Control Policy Map should be reviewed and updated, and that appropriate policies should be included regarding the protection of such areas from inappropriate development.
3. It is agreed that the county's heritage is an important asset and appropriate policies should be included to protect, enhance and promote this heritage as a tourist attraction.
4. It is agreed that the CDP should include policies promoting the improvement of town centres. Rather than the preparation of a design statement for each settlement, this issue should be addressed in more detail through the incorporation of specific policies in the mini-plans or local area plans to be prepared for each settlement.
5. The preparation of the Draft CDP 2011-2017 will involve a review of the RPS, which will have regard to structures included on the NIAH. The Kirby residence should also be considered as part of this process.
6. The DoEHLG has arranged for the preparation of a study for the Carrowmore Zone of Archaeological Potential (ZAP). The study also incorporates the Knocknarea and Cairns Hill areas. The Draft CDP should include appropriate policies to incorporate the policies of this study when completed. However, it should be noted that the vast majority of the ZAP is within the SEDP plan limit, i.e. outside the jurisdiction of the CDP.
7. Hazelwood House is located within the SEDP plan limit. Appropriate policies regarding Hazelwood House have been incorporated into the Draft SEDP 2010-2016. Therefore, it should not be addressed in the Draft CDP.
8. It is agreed that the Draft CDP should emphasise the importance of quality design and appropriate scale, and that improved design guidance should be provided for both rural and urban developments.

## Recommendation

- A. The Draft CDP should include policies to protect communities and landscapes from inappropriate development through the direction of appropriate development into serviced settlements.
- B. In the Draft CDP the extent of land zoned in existing mini-plans should be reviewed in light of recent housing development, population growth, and revised population targets.
- C. The Draft CDP should include a reviewed and updated Development Control Policy Map which should include strict policies regarding housing development in areas affected by the designations therein.
- D. The Draft CDP should include policies that protect, enhance and promote the county's natural, built and cultural heritage as an important tourism asset.
- E. The Draft CDP should include policies aimed at improving town/village centres. Specific policies and guidance in this regard should be included in mini-plans or local area plans for each settlement.
- F. The Draft CDP should involve a review of the RPS, considering the inclusion of structures on the NIAH and the Kirby residence at Kintogher.
- G. The Draft CDP should include a policy to have regard to the recommendations and guidelines which will be established in the document *A Conservation Study of the Passage Tomb Group and Associated Archaeological Features and Other Monuments of Knocknarea, Carrowmore and Cairns Hill, Co. Sligo*, commissioned by the DoEHLG in partnership with relevant stakeholders.
- H. The Draft CDP should emphasise the importance of quality design and appropriate scale, and should include improved design guidance for both rural and urban developments.

**Submission no. 51**

12 June 2009

Liz Martin

### Issue no. 1

The submission outlines the reservations in relation to the proposed Western Bypass and the serious negative impact it would have on the residents of Aylesbury Park and on the surrounding area.

The submission requests Sligo County Council to engage in meaningful and comprehensive consultation with the local community to explore all route options.

### Opinion

The Draft Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 has identified the need for a Sligo City bypass (Objective T1.5) to link the N4 at Carrowroe with the realigned N15 and N16 north of the city. The Draft SEDP also includes reference to a Western/City Bypass (Objective T1.5a) and outlines restrictions regarding the route of any such proposal, particularly in relation to locating the route between the two Sea Roads.

In the absence of an agreed route for this bypass, and taking into account various constraints that exist, it can not be discounted that the eventual route may fully or partly extend beyond the area covered by the SEDP. Any such route or route section would therefore be covered by the CDP. Accordingly, the Draft CDP should acknowledge the importance of this route and make appropriate provisions for its accommodation if necessary.

## **Recommendation**

The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should acknowledge the importance of a Sligo City Bypass as a strategic piece of infrastructure and should incorporate appropriate policies to accommodate the route of any such route in the CDP area if necessary. No specific route for a city bypass should be included in the Draft Plan.

## **Submission no. 52**

12 June 2009

Gary McGinty

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission contends that development should continue to be encouraged in existing settlements, despite the absence of public sewerage treatment facilities. It is recommended that the use of temporary single and group-based “on-site” package effluent treatment systems be permitted.

It is also recommended that a supplementary development levy be placed on new developments within such settlements in order to fund new sewerage facilities.

### **Opinion**

The planning authority does not encourage the use of temporary or group on-site effluent treatment systems for multiple-unit developments as such systems often lead to maintenance, management and pollution problems. Therefore, such developments should only be permitted where immediate connection to the public sewer system is possible.

An exception to this policy may apply in relation to suitable proposals for one-off houses.

The planning authority has previously introduced a number of such supplementary development contribution schemes in accordance with section 49 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Draft CDP and this should support such development contribution schemes in appropriate cases.

## **Recommendation**

**A.** See recommendation A made in relation to Submission no. 48.

**B.** The Draft CDP support the introduction of supplementary development contribution schemes (in accordance with section 49 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)) in order to fund sewerage facilities in appropriate cases.

## **Submission no. 53**

12 June 2009

Beatrice Macdonald and John Roberts  
on behalf of Hazelwood Action Group

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission relates to Hazelwood House and its grounds, stating that it should be restored and preserved for the use of the nation. The submission outlines the history and value of the building, and outlines the attractions of the surrounding area.

It is stated that any proposal to rezone this area for residential/commercial purposes would be “short-sighted and indefensible”.

## **Opinion**

Hazelwood House is located within the area covered by the Sligo and Environs Development Plan (SEDP). Appropriate policies regarding Hazelwood House have been incorporated into the Draft SEDP 2010-2016. Therefore, this issue does not need to be addressed in the Draft CDP.

The submission also refers to areas surrounding Hazelwood and the Lough Gill area. Excluding the area covered by the SEDP, these areas should be protected by appropriate designation in the Draft CDP Development Control Policy Map. No zoning for development uses should apply to this area.

## **Recommendations**

- C.** The Draft CDP should include a reviewed Development Control Policy Map which should maintain a high degree of landscape protection for the area surrounding Hazelwood and the wider Lough Gill area.
- D.** In the Draft CDP, no zoning for development uses should apply to the area surrounding Hazelwood.

## **Submission no. 54**

15 June 2009

Paul McMahon, Development Applications Unit (DAU)  
of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government

The submission is a template prepared by the DoEHLG's Development Applications Unit for the use of planning authorities which review their development plans. It outlines statutory obligations of local authorities in relation to the protection of archaeological heritage in development plans and includes suggested wording for policies and objectives.

### **Issue no. 1**

The DAU requests that, if the draft CDP 2011-2017 will list main objectives in a preliminary section of the Plan, it should include the following "standard basic objective for protection of the archaeological heritage":

"It will be an objective of the planning authority to secure the preservation (i.e.: preservation in-situ or, as a minimum, preservation by record) of all archaeological monuments included in the Record of Monuments and Places as established under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994, and of sites, features and objects of archaeological interest generally.

In securing such preservation the planning authority will have regard to the advice and recommendations of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, both in respect of whether or not to grant planning permission and in respect of the conditions to which permission, if granted, should be granted."

### **Issue no. 2**

The Department recommends that the Draft CDP 2011-2017 include a section/chapter entitled "Archaeological Heritage". The submission proposes specific text for policies and objectives to be included in this chapter.

### **Issue no. 3**

The submission requests the Draft CDP include an objective to designate "archaeological landscapes" as an objective in the CDP as part of the process of landscape character assessment.



**Issue no. 4**

The DAU requests that general information be placed in an appropriate location within the Draft CDP regarding the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP), historic towns and town defences and underwater archaeology.

**Issue no. 5**

It is recommended that the CDP include specific provisions in relation to proposed developments which include within the landholding a monument or site listed on the RMP. Further specific recommendations are made for text to be included in the Development Control section of the CDP in relation to archaeological heritage.

**Issue no. 6**

The DAU recommends that the CDP include all recorded monuments on maps within the development plan. Also, the Archaeological Landscapes, one designated, should be shown on maps “illustrating Landscape Appraisal Zones”.

**Opinion**

The DAU’s recommendations are noted and agreed.

**Recommendation**

In the Draft CDP 2011-2017, include appropriate strategic statements, policies, objectives, appendices and mapping (within resources) as recommended by the DAU of the DoEHLG.

**Submission no. 55**

12 June 2009

Paul Money, Secretary  
on behalf of North Sligo Surfers

**Issue no. 1**

The submission requests clarification as to what constitutes “derelict housing” as referred to in Section 9.1.2 of the CDP 2005-2011. The Group suggest that the wording in section 9.1.2 in relation to a replacement dwelling house should read as follows: “... should be clearly recognised as a dwelling house *with an intact roof structure connected to utilities and associated treatment facilities*”.

**Issue no. 2**

The submission includes a map which identifies “scenic views” at Grange, Lislary, Cloonagh, Ballyconnell, Raghly, Lissadell, and Drumcliff. North Sligo Surfers propose that these views are worthy of inclusion in the CDP.

**Opinion**

1. Noted. The definition of derelict dwelling should be re-examined.
2. The area as identified enjoys a high degree of protection in accordance with the Development Control Policy Map under the CDP 2005-2011. The Draft CDP will involve a review of this map. The proposal to protect any views along the roads highlighted on the map attached to the submission will be considered.

## Recommendations

- A. As part of the preparation of the Draft CDP 2011-2017, re-examine the definition of a derelict house included in Section 9.1.2 of the current CDP.
- B. In reviewing the Development Control Policy Map, consider the scenic views/routes proposed in this submission.

### Submission no. 56

12 June 2009

Nigel Corcoran and Ray Murtagh  
on behalf of Aylesbury Park Residents Association

#### Issue no. 1

The submission expresses reservations in relation to the proposed Western Bypass and outlines the negative impact it would have on the residents of Aylesbury Park and on the surrounding area.

The submission requests Sligo County Council to engage in meaningful and comprehensive consultation with the local community to explore all route options.

#### Opinion

The Draft Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 has identified the need for a Sligo City bypass (Objective T1.5) to link the N4 at Carrowroe with the realigned N15 and N16 north of the city. The Draft SEDP also includes reference to a Western/City Bypass (Objective T1.5a) and outlines restrictions regarding the route of any such proposal, particularly in relation to locating the route between the two Sea Roads.

In the absence of an agreed route for this bypass, and taking into account various constraints that exist, it can not be discounted that the eventual route may fully or partly extend beyond the area covered by the SEDP. Any such route or route section would therefore be covered by the CDP. Accordingly, the Draft CDP should acknowledge the importance of this route and make appropriate provisions for its accommodation if necessary.

#### Recommendation

The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should acknowledge the importance of a Sligo City Bypass as a strategic piece of infrastructure and should incorporate appropriate policies to accommodate the route of any such route in the CDP area if necessary. No specific route for a city bypass should be included in the Draft Plan.

### Submission no. 57

12 June 2009

Seamus O'Connell, Business Development Executive  
on behalf of IBEC North West

It should be noted that some of this submission refers to the Sligo City area and therefore may relate better to the Sligo and Environs Development Plan. However, the role of Sligo City is also important in the context of the CDP.

#### Issue no. 1

The submission highlights a number of critical process elements as follows:

- the need for the elected members and the executive of Sligo County Council to set a leadership agenda together with all stakeholders;
- the need to remove uncertainty from both policy and regulation;
- the need for alignment with the policies and programmes of other agencies and the incorporation of implementation measures;
- the need for cost-benefit analysis in relation to key proposals, particularly the zoning of land and provision of critical infrastructure;
- the need to maximise available technologies to create an effective, connected city.

### **Issue no. 2**

The submission highlights the need to cater for a larger population through increased housing densities and improved quality of residential development. The following points are also raised:

- the need to analyse and minimise vacancies;
- support for enforcement of residential standards;
- the need to proceed with regeneration schemes;
- the need to review the approach to social and affordable housing provision.

### **Issue no. 3**

The submission highlights the importance of future land-use policy in Sligo City and the need for the city to consolidate on a higher-density basis in order to facilitate infrastructure investment and certainty for stakeholders.

It is recommended that expert opinions are incorporated into the Plan in order to provide “brave, thoughtful and imaginative objectives”, particularly in relation to urban form and spatial structure.

### **Issue no. 4**

In terms of economic development it is stated that the planning and development process must be “agile”, with review and adaptation possible in light of emerging data or conditions. In the face of international competition, vigilance on competitive factors is crucial. It is recommended that policies should support the following:

- further expansion of international traded services;
- innovation and R&D facilities;
- the culture industry and tourism;
- retail development.

The submission highlights the need to encourage FDI and international retail chains, whilst also facilitating a good mix of SME activity and artisan retail activity.

It is recommended that cost competitiveness is addressed by influencing property costs through land-use policy and by reviewing other rates and charges.

### **Issue no. 5**

The submission contends that Sligo’s transport infrastructure has lagged behind economic performance and this has negatively affected competitiveness.

In relation to the movement of goods, it is recommended to review vehicle weight and height regulations, haulage costs and logistics data used.

The submission highlights the need to promote sustainable forms of transport (public transport, walking, cycling, taxis), particularly in Sligo City.

The submission highlights the need to advance key strategic road developments (N16, N15, N4). The submission also raises concerns that the elected members of Sligo Borough Council voted to remove the Eastern Garavogue Bridge from the Draft Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016. It is stated that this is a retrograde step from an economic and social perspective for both Sligo City and the North West Region.

The submission highlights the importance of airports for the potential of industry and tourism, and states that Sligo Airport must be supported.

**Issue no. 6**

The submission states that the Council has a key role in energy efficiency through standards applied in planning permissions and the maintenance of building stock.

**Issue no. 7**

Recommendations are put forward regarding the application of water charges and that water educational / awareness campaigns should be strengthened.

It is stated that additional drainage / wastewater infrastructure is necessary and it is recommended that flooding management and water management policies should be implemented.

**Issue no. 8**

The submission supports the adoption of a strategic policy approach to the provision of additional open spaces / sports and recreation facilities and highlights the importance of such facilities.

**Issue no. 9**

The submission highlights the importance of conservation and built heritage of Sligo City.

**Issue no. 10**

The submission highlights the importance of the provision of adequate social and community facilities in all new developments.

**Issue no. 11**

The submission highlights the range, potential and importance of the arts and culture in Sligo City.

**Issue no. 12**

The submission highlights Sligo's role in the international dimension. The role of the Council is to facilitate an innovative future by providing infrastructure, planning arrangements and a connected vision for the City and County.

In order to "stand out from the crowd", Sligo must capitalise on its unique attributes in order to gain advantage and the review of the CDP must underpin this process of differentiation.

The importance of IT Sligo and St. Angela's college is highlighted and it is recommended that these institutions should have good access to facilities and infrastructure.

The importance of the cross-border N16/A4 Sligo-Enniskillen route is highlighted.

**Opinion**

1. These elements relate to the CDP process rather than content. There is general agreement with the issues raised and these issues will be considered throughout the process. However, while cost-benefit analysis is an integral part of the provision of critical infrastructure, the CDP will not include specific details of any such analysis.

2. The planning authority acknowledges the need to cater for an increasing population through the provision of a wide range of accommodation which is adequate in terms of quantity and quality. The Sligo City and County Joint Housing Strategy 2010-2017 will be completed in 2009 and this should inform appropriate housing policies and objectives in the Draft CDP.
3. While specific land-use policies for Sligo City are a matter of consideration for the Sligo and Environs Development Plan, the CDP should nonetheless support the overall strategy for Sligo City.

The planning authority will carry out appropriate consultation with a wide range of agencies and institutions in the preparation of the CDP, and will welcome opinions on urban form and spatial structure.

4. It is agreed that the CDP should incorporate an economic development strategy (including the key sectors outlined above) that is designed to be sufficiently robust and able to cater for emerging economic circumstances.

However, the CDP should not contain policies or objectives aimed at reducing property prices and cannot address the issues of rates and charges. Such issues are outside the remit of the CDP.

5. It is agreed that the CDP should include policies and objectives aiming to improve the transport infrastructure in the county, including most of the issues outlined in the submission. It should be noted however that the Eastern Garavogue Bridge is an issue that is addressed under the SEDP.

However, vehicle weight and height regulations, haulage costs and logistics data are not matters for the CDP.

6. The improved energy efficiency of buildings cannot be enforced through conditions attached to planning permissions, as this is a matter for the Building Regulations.

Policies should be included in the CDP regarding the maintenance of existing building stock and improved energy efficiency.

7. The CDP should include policies and objectives regarding the provision of drainage / wastewater infrastructure, and the implementation of flooding and water management measures.

The application of water charges and water awareness / education campaigns are not matters for inclusion in the CDP.

8. The CDP should support the provision of improved open space / recreational policies.
9. The heritage of Sligo City is a matter to be considered under the Sligo and Environs Draft Development Plan.
10. The CDP should acknowledge the importance of providing adequate social and community facilities and require the need to consider the incorporation of such facilities in all new appropriate developments.

11. Issues relating to arts and culture in Sligo City are a matter to be considered under the Sligo and Environs Draft Development Plan.

12. The Council acknowledges its role in the international dimension and the need to capitalise on the unique attributes of Sligo. Suitable policies and objectives in this regard should be set out in the CDP, including support for the third-level educational institutions and cross-border transportation links.

## **Recommendation**

The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include policies and objectives in accordance with the opinions outlined in points 1-12 above.

### **Submission no. 58**

12 June 2009

Debbie White, Environmental Management Services/Vertimai  
on behalf of Kilglass Action Group

#### **Issue no. 1**

The submission highlights increasing development pressures on coastal areas and urges stronger protection measures to ensure that the quality of the coastal landscape is maintained.

#### **Issue no. 2**

The submission states that Killala Bay is a particularly important and vulnerable section of coastline. It is requested that its protection is “guaranteed” in the CDP and that management structures are put in place between SCC and Mayo County Council.

It is recommended that the CDP recognises and seeks to protect the tourism potential of the bay.

It is recommended that the SPA area of the bay is given additional protection in the CDP.

In recognition of the quality and importance of scenic views at this location, it is recommended that existing CDP designations should be strengthened and enforced.

#### **Issue no. 3**

It is recommended that the CDP policy in relation to discouraging wind farms in sensitive areas should be strengthened to make it clear that the Killala Bay coastline of Sligo will be regarded as unsuitable.

#### **Issue no. 4**

The submission states that the current target of recycling 48% of municipal waste by 2013 is too low. It is recommended that the CDP include specific policies on re-use, repair, waste elimination, waste reduction at source and waste segregation at source. It is recommended that wastes produced be diverted from land-filling and that anaerobic digestion should be encouraged at local level, and composting at both local and household levels.

## **Opinion**

1. The planning authority acknowledges the existence of development pressures on coastal areas. The CDP should include provisions to ensure continued protection of the coastal zone.
2. It is considered that similar issues exist along most of Sligo’s coastal zone. Therefore this zone should be dealt with as a whole in the Draft CDP 2011-2017. This should include policies regarding development pressure and tourism potential. The protection of any area can not be “guaranteed” by the CDP, but it should be pursued.

The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include a list and mapping of all SPAs. It should incorporate suitable policies for their protection.

The Killala Bay already enjoys a high degree of protection in accordance with the Development Control Policy Map under the CDP 2005-2011. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 will involve a review of this map, while maintaining the existing degree of protection.

3. The CDP should include suitable policies in relation to wind farms, discouraging the location of such developments in sensitive areas, including the coastline of Killlala Bay.
4. A regional approach is taken towards tackling waste management and the CDP must therefore incorporate and be consistent with the policies, objectives and targets of the Connaught Waste Management Plan. Additional policies should also be included regarding waste reduction/elimination and segregation. Alternatives to land-filling should also be encouraged.

### **Recommendation**

- A. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include measures to protect the coastal zone while capitalising on the potential for tourism development.
- B. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include appropriate policies protecting SPAs.
- C. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include a revised Development Control Policy Map, which should maintain a high degree of landscape protection for the Killlala Bay area.
- D. Whilst incorporating and being consistent with the policies, objectives and targets of the Connaught Waste Management Plan, the CDP should include policies promoting waste reduction/elimination and segregation, along with alternatives to waste disposal via landfill.

### **Submission no. 59**

12 June 2009

Ciara Herity, Manager  
on behalf of Sligo Volunteer Centre

#### **Issue no. 1**

The submission requests that the CDP 2011-2017 reflect the importance of community development

- (a) as broader than infrastructural development
- (b) as a means towards the promotion of Sligo as a County which offers a good quality of life and where social inclusion and community participation are regarded as necessary pre-requisites to sustainable development.

#### **Issue no. 2**

Sligo Volunteer Centre recognises the importance of community facilities such as education, burial grounds, play, sports and recreation, childcare and healthcare as referred to in the CDP. The Centre would welcome continued support for the organisation's strategic aims and objectives to support the community through volunteerism.

#### **Opinion**

The comments are noted. The Development Plan already includes policies and objectives in the Plan which can be instrumental to voluntary and other organisations seeking financial support from local and national funding agencies for community work. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include revised and updated provisions in relation to community development, reflecting its importance for sustainable development.

### **Recommendation**

In the Draft CDP 2011-2017, include revised policies and objectives in relation to community development, reflecting its importance for sustainable development.

## **Submission no. 60**

12 June 2009

Enda Brady

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission outlines concerns relating to the prospect of zoning in the Aylesbury Park area being changed from residential, and that of a new road route being adopted. Such changes would have with “negative, severe and immediate effect” on the area.

The submission suggests that a study should be carried out to test the effectiveness of the existing Inner Relief Road and Western Distributor Route or Eastern Bypass as an alternative route.

### **Opinion**

The Draft Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 has identified the need for a Sligo City bypass (Objective T1.5) to link the N4 at Carrowroe with the realigned N15 and N16 north of the city. The Draft SEDP also includes reference to a Western/City Bypass (Objective T1.5a) and outlines restrictions regarding the route of any such proposal, particularly in relation to locating the route between the two Sea Roads.

In the absence of an agreed route for this bypass, and taking into account various constraints that exist, it can not be discounted that the eventual route may fully or partly extend beyond the area covered by the SEDP. Any such route or route section would therefore be covered by the CDP. Accordingly, the Draft CDP should acknowledge the importance of this route and make appropriate provisions for its accommodation if necessary.

### **Recommendation**

The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should acknowledge the importance of a Sligo City Bypass as a strategic piece of infrastructure and should incorporate appropriate policies to accommodate the route of any such route in the CDP area if necessary. No specific route for a city bypass should be included in the Draft Plan.

## **Submission no. 61**

12 June 2009

Rebecca Stevens, CEO  
on behalf of Sligo Chamber

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission highlights the importance of transport infrastructure in delivering sustainable regional development and attracting investment. In particular the submission highlights the importance of the following points:

- the provision of the Eastern Garavogue Bridge;
- the completion of the Western Distributor Road;
- the up-grading of national roads serving the county;
- improved and affordable rail services;
- continued support for air access to Sligo;
- investment in public transport to serve all areas of the county;
- promotion of other green modes of transport.



**Issue no. 2**

The submission highlights the importance of access to cost-efficient energy. It is stated that priorities should include:

- development of a gas network and gas-powered ESB generator in the Northwest;
- completion of 220 KV electricity lines;
- development of renewable energies, particularly wind/sea energies.

**Issue no. 3**

The submission highlights the importance of developing broadband services.

**Issue no. 4**

The submission raises a number of issues in relation to Sligo City Centre planning and development.

**Issue no. 5**

Regarding retail planning, it is stated that Sligo's population density does not allow for a proliferation of shopping centres/retail parks outside recognised town centres. It is stated that an oversupply of such centres detracts from town centres and Sligo city centre. It is stated that there is currently no shortage of retail units/development sites.

**Issue no. 6**

The submission states that we must continue to develop tourism and the range of tourism products available in the county.

**Issue no. 7**

The submission states that IT Sligo and St Angela's College must be supported.

**Issue no. 8**

The submission highlights the importance of healthcare and recommends that Sligo General Hospital be considered as a Centre of Excellence for the whole North-West Region.

**Opinion**

1. The importance of transport infrastructure in the county is acknowledged and should be supported with policies and objectives in this regard. However, it should be noted that the Eastern Garavogue Bridge and Western Distributor Route references relate to the Sligo and Environs area and cannot be addressed in Draft CDP.

It should also be noted that the actual operation of transport services (i.e. frequency, cost etc) is a matter that is outside the remit of the CDP.

2. It is agreed that the CDP should support the development of the gas network, electricity lines and renewable energies. It should be noted that, according to discussions with the ESB in March 2009, the 220 KV lines were almost complete. This should be reassessed as part of the Draft CDP preparation.

3. The importance of broadband is acknowledged.

4. Issues relating to Sligo City Centre are addressed in the Sligo and Environs Development Plan.

5. The Draft Sligo City and County Joint Retail Planning Strategy 2010-2017 will be finalised in advance of the Draft CDP. The provisions of the retail strategy will be incorporated into the Draft CDP. This will include an assessment of retail floor space requirements and policies regarding the

protection of existing retail centres. In areas where there has been an oversupply of retail units, alternative uses/zoning should be considered.

6. It is agreed that the CDP should support tourism development and promotion.
7. It is agreed that educational facilities should be supported. Issues relating to IT Sligo are addressed in the Draft SEDP 2010-2016.
8. It is agreed that healthcare facilities should be supported. Issues relating to Sligo General Hospital are addressed in the Draft SEDP 2010-2016.

### **Recommendation**

- A. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include policies and objectives aimed at improving the transport infrastructure serving the county.
- B. The Draft CDP should include policies and objectives aimed at improving Sligo's energy infrastructure, including the development of the gas network and renewable energies.
- C. The Draft CDP should include policies and objectives aimed at improving broadband services.
- D. The Draft CDP should incorporate the recommendations and provisions of the Sligo City and County Joint Retail Planning Strategy 2010-2017, and should aim to promote existing town centres for retail development. In areas where there is an oversupply of retail floor space, alternative uses should be explored.
- E. The Draft CDP should include policies that support healthcare provision.
- F. The Draft CDP should include policies that support educational provision and in particular St Angela's College.
- G. The Draft CDP should include policies that support tourism development and promotion.

### **Submission no. 62**

12 June 2009

John Devins (Jennings O'Donovan)  
on behalf of W & H McMenamin Ltd.

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission is in regard to the City Bypass. It states that to route a bypass through existing zoned lands within the Sligo and Environs Development Plan Area west of the city would result in unacceptable disturbance and disruption of existing and proposed residential areas.

The submission suggests that the Western Bypass be routed outside of the zoned lands of the SEDP, to the west of the Second Sea Road, so that the lands between the two sea roads remain available for cohesive residential development.

### **Opinion**

The Draft Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 has identified the need for a Sligo City bypass (Objective T1.5) to link the N4 at Carrowroe with the realigned N15 and N16 north of the city. The Draft SEDP also includes reference to a Western/City Bypass (Objective T1.5a) and outlines restrictions regarding the route of any such proposal, particularly in relation to locating the route between the two Sea Roads.

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### **Recommendation**

The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should acknowledge the importance of a Sligo City Bypass as a strategic piece of infrastructure and should incorporate appropriate policies to accommodate the route of any such route in the CDP area if necessary. No specific route for a city bypass should be included in the Draft Plan.

### **Submission no. 63**

12 June 2009

Caitriona Diviney, Chief Operating Officer  
on behalf of Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA)

#### **Issue no. 1**

The submission requests that each application for permission for wind energy development in Sligo County be assessed on its own merits and that future versions of the CDP do not require the undergrounding of power connections to wind farms. Underground cables are not the preferred option of the IWEA.

#### **Issue no. 2**

The submission outlines that if Ireland is to meet its national targets and international obligations, it is essential that “all regions develop a well designated wind development strategy with defined zoning as part of county development plans”.

#### **Issue no. 3**

The submission suggests that the most appropriate approach is for the electricity system operators and developers to work with the planning authority on a case-by-case basis with regard to the feasibility of developing the most environmentally and technically effective options for connecting a wind farm to the national grid.

### **Opinion**

The requests are noted. Sligo County Council recognises the contribution that alternative energy sources can make towards limiting pollution associated with the generation of electricity. The Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include appropriate policies and objectives in relation to wind energy/wind farms, in accordance with national and regional planning guidance.

### **Recommendation**

In the Draft CDP 2011-2017, include suitable policies and objectives relating to alternative/renewable energy development.

## Early Submission

**Submission no. E-1**

16 April 2009

David Johnson

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission consists of two e-mails in which David Johnson indicates that he wants to build a cycling track around the coast of Ireland and wants a provision for this to be included in the County Development Plan.

### **Opinion**

The suggestion is noted. The next CDP should encourage and facilitate the development of integrated cycle routes throughout the County, including along the coastline, subject to the protection of designated nature conservation areas, and visually-vulnerable sensitive landscapes, and subject to the agreement of landowners.

### **Recommendation**

The Sports/Recreation and Transport chapters of the Draft CDP 2011-2017 should include revised and extended provisions in relation to cycling. A coastal cycle/pedestrian track should be considered, subject to the constraints outlined above.

## Internal submission

**Submission no. I-01**

12 June 2009

Mary McAuliffe

on behalf of Rita McNulty, Director of Services,  
Department of Community, Enterprise and Arts

### **Issue no. 1**

The submission recommends that the strategic aims of the CDP should include the development of the cultural potential of the county. The CDP should also include policies and objectives aimed at promoting Sligo as a Gateway City through drawing on its rich cultural resources and using the role of arts and culture to build a brand, image and identity.

### **Issue no. 2**

It is recommended that the development of community facilities should include a flexible approach towards the incorporation of cultural facilities.

### **Issue no. 3**

It is recommended that the process of developing mini-plans in the next CDP should incorporate “cultural mapping”.

**Issue no. 4**

The submission states that the CDP can become an instrument for stimulating investment and employment through the development of an integrated policy framework for the cultural and creative industries.

**Issue no. 5**

The submission highlights the need to expand tourism policy by concentrating on cultural planning and cultural tourism initiatives in partnership with key relevant agencies. In particular, the potential of the Green Fort project in Sligo City is emphasised in terms of showcasing the county's assets.

**Opinion**

**1, 2, 4 and 5.** Noted and agreed.

**3.** It is agreed that, subject to adequate resources, the process of developing mini-plans should include a "cultural mapping" exercise.

**Recommendation**

- A.** The Draft CDP should include the development of the cultural potential of the County as a strategic aim.
- B.** The Draft CDP should adopt a flexible approach towards the combination of cultural and community facilities.
- C.** The process of developing mini-plans for settlements in the Draft CDP should include an assessment of cultural assets and the implications for same.
- D.** The Draft CDP should provide a policy framework for the development of the cultural and creative industries.
- E.** The Draft CDP should include an expanded tourism policy which explores the potential of developing cultural tourism in partnership with key relevant agencies, and in conjunction with the progression of the Green Fort project.



### 3. List of persons and organisations who made pre-draft submissions in relation to the review of the CDP

Ref. No.	Date received	Name or agency	on behalf of (where applicable)	Address
E-1	16/04/09	David Johnson		
01	17/04/09	Liam Smyth	Irish Concrete Federation	8 Newlands Business Park, Naas Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22
02	23/04/09	Eugene Gavin, Gavin Engineering	Peter and Teresa Gilleece	Rathlee, Easkey, Co Sligo.
03	27/04/09	Sharon Boles	Sligo County Childcare Committee	
04	29/04/09	Erika McMenamin	Sligo Triathlon Club	
05	30/04/09	Joe Greaney	WESTBIC	
06	08/05/09	Deborah Meghan	EieGrid	160 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4
07	13/05/09	Bob Roemer	Roemer Furniture and Carpets	Pearse Road, Sligo
08	13/05/09	Jackie Warnock	The Benwisquin Centre	Ballinrillick, Co Sligo
09	25/05/09	Dr. Mirian McHugh	North-West Hospice	The Mall, Sligo
10	26/05/09	Pat Glynn	Strandhill Golf Club Ltd	Strandhill, Co Sligo
11	27/05/09	Vincent Roche	North Western Regional Fisheries Board	Ardnaree House, Abbey Street, Ballina, Co Mayo.
12	27/05/09	Proinsias De Bátúin	Development Applications Unit, DOEHLG	Dún Scéine, Harcour Lane, Dublin 2
13	29/05/09	Cian O'Mahony	EPA, Office of Environmental Assessment	Regional Inspectorate, Inniscarra, Co Cork
14	29/05/09	Terry Hayes	Sligo-Leitrim Youth, School Boys and Girls League	16 Rathanna, Pearse Road, Sligo
15	02/06/09	Paudge Keenaghan	Leitrim County Council	Aras an Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim
16	02/06/09	Sligo Youth Council		C/o Anne Marie Regan, Project Leader Sligo/Leitrim, Foroige, The CRIB Youth Project & Health Café, Rockwood Parade, Sligo.
17	05/06/09	Eugene Gavin, Gavin Engineering	Gilleece Brothers Construction	Rathlee, Easkey, Co Sligo
18	05/06/09	Joseph McHugh	IDA Ireland	Finisklin Business Park, Sligo

19	05/06/09	Michael McCormack	NRA	St Martin's House, Waterloo Road, Dublin 4
20	08/06/09	Helen Cherry	ESB Telecoms	27 Lr Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2
21	09/06/09	Stephen Dowds	Christy Conway	Stonecroft, Kintogher, Rathcormac, Sligo
22	09/06/09	Helen McCauley	Dorrins & Cummeen Strand Conservation Group	Old Airport Road, Strandhill, Co Sligo
23	09/06/09	Ciara Kellett, AOS Planning	Fáilte Ireland	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Red Cow Lane, 17/72 Brunswick Street North, Smithfield, Dublin 7
24	09/06/09	Eugene Gavin, Gavin Engineering	Colm Gilleece	Rathlee, Easkey Co Sligo.
25	09/06/09	Thomas Kelly		Charlestown Road, Tubbercurry, Co Sligo
26	09/06/09	Barry Kilmartin	Mullaghmore Residents & Heritage Group	Kilkilloge, Mullaghmore, Co Sligo
27	10/06/09	Deirdre Maher	Department of Education and Science	Portlaoise Rd, Tullamore, Co Offaly
28	10/06/09	Niamh Wilson	Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (DVAS)	
29	10/06/09	Eanna McManus	RESPOND! Housing Association	Ard na Mara, Oranmore, Co Galway
30	10/06/09	Joe Corcoran	Sligo North West Airport Co. Ltd	Strandhill, Co. Sligo
31	08/06/09	Rita McNulty	Sligo County Development Board	Community and Enterprise Office, Sligo County Council Development Centre, Cleaveragh Road, Sligo.
32	11/06/09	Brigit & Ron Beemster		73 Ballymuldorrey, Cloghboley Co Sligo
33	11/06/09	Justin Molloy	Construction Industry Federation	North West Branch, Western & Midland Region, Construction House, 8 Montpellier Terrace, The Crescent Galway
34	11/06/09	David O'Flynn	Ecocem Ireland Ltd.	Portview House, Thorncastle Street, Dublin 4
35	11/06/09	Ann Farrell		Raghly, Ballinfull, Co Sligo



36	11/06/09	Mícheál Ó Ciardha, PM Group	Green Wind Energy (Wexford) Ltd	C/o. Micheál O'Ciardha, Senior Project Manager, PM Group, LoughMahon Technology Park, Blackrock, Cork
37	11/06/09	Joe Sheerin and Goretta Walsh	Knappaghmore, Ballydoogan, Strandhill Road Residents' Association	Joe Sheerin, Strandhill Road, Sligo
38	11/06/09	Ulrike Schwier		Raghly, Ballinfull, Co Sligo
39	12/06/09	Gordon Barrett	Sligo Sub-Aqua Club	Gordon Barrett, Cherry Cottage, Ballincar, Co Sligo
40	12/06/09	Denise Clarke		Appleloft, Easkey, Co Sligo
41	12/06/09	Nigel and Dervaille Corcoran		Rational Windows Ltd (Ireland) Unit 2A, Cleveragh Retail Park, Sligo
42	12/06/09	Margaret Farrell		Raghly Lodge, Raghly, Ballinfull, Co Sligo
43	12/06/09	Bernadette and Francis Fidgeon		10 Aylesbury Park, Knappaghmore, Sligo
44	12/06/09	Ken Fitzgerald, Malachy Walsh & Partners	Airtricity	C/o. Ken Fitzgerald, Malachy Walsh & Partners, Reen Point, Blennerville, Tralee, Co Kerry
45	12/06/09	Roger Garland	Keep Ireland Open	43 Butterfield Drive, Dublin 14
46	12/06/09	Sile Garrett Haran	Marketing Sligo Forum	Marketing Sligo Forum, Fáilte Ireland NW Office, Temple St., Sligo
47	12/06/09	Kathleen Henry	Sligo IFA	Sligo IFA, Farnaharpy, Skreen, Co Sligo
48	12/06/09	Cllr Albert Higgins Cllr Tony McLoughlin		Carraroe, Sligo
49	12/06/09	Denis Haran, Haran and Associates	Richard Hunter	50 Lower John Street, Sligo
50	12/06/09	Michael and Paula Kirby		Homeville House, Kintogher, Co Sligo
51	12/06/09	Liz Martin		8 White Strand, Aylesbury Park, Sligo
52	12/06/09	Gary McGinty		Lislary, Ballinphull, Co Sligo
53	12/06/09	Beatrice Macdonald and John Roberts	Hazelwood Action Group	
54	12/06/09	Paul McMahon	Development Applications Unit, DOEHLG	Development Applications Unit, Dún Scéine, Harcour Lane, Dublin 2

55	12/06/09	Paul Money	North Sligo Surfers	Drumcliffe, Co Sligo
56	12/06/09	Nigel Corcoran and Ray Murtagh	Aylesbury Park Residents' Association	6 Whitestrand, Aylesbury Park, Sligo
57	12/06/09	Seamus O'Connell	IBEC North West	Pier One, Quay Street, Donegal Town
58	12/06/09	Debbie White, Environmental Management Services/Vertimai	Kilglass Action Group	Tullynally, Castlepollard, Co Westmeath
59	12/06/09	Ciara Herity	Sligo Volunteer Centre	1 Gaol Road, Abbeyville Terrace, Sligo
60	12/6/09	Enda Brady		32 Whitestrand, Aylesbury Park, Sligo
61	12/6/09	Rebecca Stevens	Sligo Chamber	16 Quay Street, Sligo
62	12/06/09	John Devins, Jennings O'Donovan	W & H McMenamin Ltd.	Finisklin Business Park, Sligo
63	12/06/09	Caitriona Diviney	Irish Wind Energy Association	IWEA, Sycamore House, Millennium Park, Osberstown, Naas, Co. Kildare.

### **INTERNAL SUBMISSION**

Ref. No.	Date received	Name or agency	on behalf of (where applicable)	Address
I-1	11/06/09	Mary McAuliffe, Arts Officer	Rita McNulty, Director of Services, Department of Community, Enterprise and Arts	

### **LATE SUBMISSIONS**

Ref. No.	Date received	Name or agency	on behalf of (where applicable)	Address
L-1	15/06/09	Proinsias De Batúin	Department of Environment	Development Applications Unit, Dún Scéine, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2
L-2	16/06/09	Sophie Preteseille	Irish Geological Heritage Programme	Geological Survey of Ireland, Beggards Bush, Haddington Road, Dublin 4.
L-3	17/06/09	Cara O'Neill, A/General Manager	Health Service Executive	Markievicz House, Barrack Street, Sligo

# APPENDIX

## Organisations notified of the CDP review

### Bodies notified of the review and invited to make pre-draft submissions in relation to Sligo County Development Plan

- The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
- Development Applications Section; DoEHLG
- Spatial Policy Unit; DoEHLG
- An Bord Pleanála
- The Minister for Agriculture and Food
- The Minister for Defence
- The Minister for Education and Science
- The Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
- The Minister for Transport
- The Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs
- Dublin Airport Authority
- Fáilte Ireland
- The Central Fisheries Board
- An Chomairle Ealaíon
- The Commissioners for Public Works
- The Office of Public Works
- Electricity Supply Board
- Forfás
- Health Service Executive
- The Heritage Council
- The Health and Safety Authority
- The National Roads Authority
- The North West Regional Fisheries Board
- An Taisce - the National Trust for Ireland
- Sligo County Development Board
- Border Regional Authority
- Border, Midlands and Western Regional Assembly
- Mayo County Council
- Leitrim County Council
- Donegal County Council
- Roscommon County Council

## Infrastructure and service providers notified of the review and invited to make pre-draft submissions in relation to Sligo County Development Plan

Type	Name
Energy	Airtricity
	Energia
	Eirgrid
	Viridian Energy Ltd.
	National Energy Assessors Ltd
	Rockygrange Hydroelectric Ltd.
	ESB
	Bord Gais Eireann
	Irish Wind Energy Assoc.
Tele-communications	Chorus
	Meteor Mobile Communications
	Vodafone Ireland PLC
	Cable & Wireless
	Conduit
	Ericsson
	3 Ireland
	Rocket Science Ltd
	Smart Telecom
	Toucon
	BT Ireland
	O2
	Regulator of Premium Rate Telecommunications Service Ltd.
	UPC
Environmental services	EPA Headquarters
	EPA Castlebar
	Greenstar
	Barna Waste
	Sligo Waste Disposal
	Western River Basin Project
	Shannon IRBD Project
	North West River Basin Project
	County Equipment Ltd
	EPA Regional Inspectorate
	North West Regional Fisheries Board
	Rehab Group
	Irish Water Safety Association

Type	Name
Transport	Bus Eireann, Sligo
	Sligo Regional Airport, Strandhill
	Feda O'Donnell Coaches
	Iarnrod Eireann, Sligo
	Commuter Rail, Ballymote
	Ireland West Airport
	Irish Aviation Authority
	Irish Road Haulage Association
	Aer Arann
	Department of Transport
	Sligo Taxi Society
	Taxi Society
Other Relevant	National Roads Authority
Education and 3rd Level Training	Ballinode College (VEC)
	Adult Arts Education Centre (VEC)
	Youthreach Training Centre
	NW Tourism Office
	St. Angela's College of Education
	St. Angela's College (Nursing Office)
	National Training & Development Institute (NTDI)
	Rehabilitation Institute
	Sligo Institute of Technology
	Regional Director, FAS
	A/CEO, VEC
	Education Centre
Community & Childcare	Sligo IT
	Sligo Social Services
	Childcare Leader NWHB
	Community Worker NWHB
	Sligo County Childcare Committee

Type	Name	
Business, Enterprise & Employment	Sligo LEADER Partnership Company	
	Sligo Chamber of Commerce	
	Enterprise Ireland	
	Sligo County Enterprise Board	
	IDA Ireland	
	Western Development Commission	
	BMW Regional Assembly	
	Council for the West	
	Area Development Management	
	Special EU Programmes Body	
	Omagh District Council	
	ICBAN	
	Sligo Council of Irish Congress of Trade Unions	
	Construction Industry Federation	
	IBEC	
	Irish Home Builders Association	
	Irish Small and Medium Enterprises	
	Retail, Grocery, Dairy & Allied Trades Association,	
	Small Firms Association	
	WESTBIC	
	WESTBIC, c/o Sligo County Enterprise Board	
	Irish Concrete Federation	
	Western Rural Development Co. Ltd.	
	Environmental services	EPA Headquarters
		EPA Castlebar
		Greenstar
Barna Waste		
Sligo Waste Disposal		
Western River Basin Project		
North West River Basin Project		
EPA Regional Inspectorate		
North West Regional Fisheries Board		
Rehab Group		
Irish Water Safety Association		
County Equipment Ltd		

Type	Name	
Health Services	Sligo/Leitrim area, HSE	
	Community Services Sligo/Leitrim	
	Acute Hospitals/Mental Health, HSE	
	Learning Disability Service	
	Sligo General Hospital	
	St. Joseph's Hospital, Garden Hill	
	Nazareth House	
	St. John's Hospital, Ballytivnan, Sligo	
	Cloonamahon Centre for Mentally Handicapped	
	Department of Social, Family and Community Affairs	
	North West Hospice	
	St. Columbas, MHS	
	Social Workers, HSE	
	Mount Carmel Medical Group	
	NWHB	
	Policing and welfare	Garda Siochana
		Rape Crisis Centre
		Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (formerly Waves)
		The Samaritans
Regional Counselling Service		
Citizens Information Centres		
Victim Support		
Director of Social Services		
Social, Community and Family Affairs		

Type	Name
Farming, Fisheries, Tourism, Heritage	Bord Iascaigh Mhara
	Fáilte Ireland, North West Region
	Fáilte Ireland
	Teagasc
	Coillte
	District Forestry Inspector, DoMNR
	Sligo County Race Committee
	IFA
	Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association (ICMSA)
	National Parks and Wildlife
	Sligo Marketing Forum
	Irish Hotels Federation
	Horse Racing Ireland
	Marine Institute
	Geological Survey of Ireland

Type	Name
Housing	Open Access & Housing, Focus Ireland
	Focus Ireland
	North West Simon Community Respond
	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Social Services
	Occupational Therapy Manager
	Registrar Births, Deaths & Marriages, NWHB
	Sligo Traveller Support Group
	Cluid Housing Association
Social Inclusion Measures	ICTU

## Groups and organisations notified of the review and invited to make pre-draft submissions in relation to Sligo County Development Plan

Type	Name
Community and childcare	Abbeyquarter Comm Playgroup
	Acorn Pre-school
	Annie McLoughlin (Ex) (New)
	Auburn Cottage (Ex)
	Ballyrush ChildCare
	Beginners World
	Benbulbin Montessori
	Bernadette Lee
	Breege Boyce
	Bunninadden Village Montessori
	Busy Bees
	Calry Community Playgroup
	Caroline Murray (New)
	Childsworld Crèche & Montessori
	Coolaney Community Playgroup
	Cosy Cats
	Cuddles 'n Care
	Dreamchaser Playschool
	Fantasia Pre School
	First Friends Playgroup
	Footprints-Sligo Family Resource Centre
	Globe House
	Happy Days
	Holy Family Pre-School
	Hopes and Dreams
	Humpty Dumpty Pre-school
	Jacqueline Gormley
	Jennie French
	Jollytots Playgroup
	Kevinsfort Kids Academy
	Kilmacowen Pre-School
	Knock-na-Shee Pre-School
	La Petite Ecole Montessori
	Learn Early Day Care
	Lifestart Family Support
	Lifestart Outreach Services(Ex)
	Lilliput Playgroup
	Little Angels
	Little Buddies FDC
	Little Buddies Sess
Little Darlings Crèche	

Type	Name
	Little Starfish
	Little Steps Playgroup
	Little VIPs
	Lollipop Lane, Montessori
	Magic Moments
	Mail Coach Rd Playgroup
	Morning Star Kindergarten
	Naionra Naomh Iosaf
	Northside Community Playschool
	Once Upon a Time Montessori
	Pebble Lane Pre-School
	Play n Learn
	Rainbow Montessori
	Rathcormac Montessori School
	Saints & Scholars Montessori
	Sandcastles
	Scooters
	Shooting Stars
	Shooting Stars (Sess)
	Skreen/Dromard Comm Playgroup
	Sligo Central Pre-school & Crèche
	Sligo Social Services Crèche
	Spraoi Community Ballymote
	Spraoi Sess Ballymote
	Springboard Resource House
	St Molaises Early Years Learning Centre
	Start Rite Montessori
	Sticky Fingers
	Teesan Playgroup
	The Benwisikin Centre (Ex) (New)
	The Old School (new)
	The School House
	Tir na nOg
	Toddlers Den
	Tom Thumb
	Tom Thumb (Sess)
	Tubbercurry Crèche
	Little Haven
	Little Leprechauns (New)
	Little Meadows
	Little Pathways Crèche & Montessori
	Little People Playworld

Type	Name
Heritage-Interested Parties	Don Cotton
	John Corcoran
	Nicolas Prins
	Fionnuala Meagher
	Brendan Carolan
	Marian Davis
	Pat Forkan
	Ms. Deirdre Finnerty
	Ms. Siobhan Ryan
	Kevin Colreavy
	Mr Jack Flynn
	Rev. Fred Gilmore
	Ms. Lisa Henry
	Mr. Gerry Healy
	Mrs. Wendy Lyons
	Mr. Durcan O'Hara
	Mr & Mrs J & E McLoughlin
	Martin & Mary Timoney
	Tony Toher
	Will Woodrow & Sharon Eastwood
Yeats Society, Stella Mew	
Mr Hugh McConville	

Type	Name
Heritage Forum	Cllr. Gerry Murray
	Mr Michael Quigley
	Mr Larry Kelly
	Mr Joe Gatins
	Ms. Celine Walsh
	Mr Joe Gatins
	Mr. Tim Hynes
	Ms. Patricia Curran-Mulligan
	Ms Teresa Gilligan
	Ms. Theresa Roddy
	Mr. Larry Mullin
	Mr Aidan Mannion
	Mr Gerard Scott
	Ms Sile Garret-Haran
	Mr Declan Feeney
	Mr Ben Wilkinson
Ms Lorna Gault	

Type	Name
Heritage Groups	Ballymote Heritage Group
	Co. Sligo Vintage Group
	Graniamore Heritage Group
	Killaspugbrone Preservation Project
	Lough Gara Cultural Resources Project
	O'Hara Carriges Museum
	Tirerill Historical And Archaeological Society
	National Field Studies Centre
	An Taisce (Sligo Branch)
	Carrowmore Visitor Centre
	Sligo Folk Park
	Teeling Centre
	Dolly's Cottage
	Castleconnor Heritage Committee
	Skreen Heritage Group
	Easkey Historical and Heritage

Type	Name
	St. Anne's COI Restoration Project
	Culkins Emigration Museum
	The Irish Horse in Woman's Lives
	Grange & Armada Community Development Company
	Maugherow Environmental Group
	Rosses Point Heritage Association
	Drumcliffe Visitor Centre
	Co. Sligo Heritage and Genealogy Society
	Forthill History Community Society
	Sligo Branch of Birdwatch Ireland
	Sligo Conservation & Environmental Protection Agency
	Sligo Heritage & Genealogical Centre
	The Irish History Company
	Sligo Abbey Visitor Centre
	The Yeats Society
	Sligo Field Club



	Society
<b>Type</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Heritage Groups</b> <i>Continued</i>	Gurteen Coleman Heritage Centre Limited
	Knocknashee Heritage Group


Type	Name
<b>County Development Board</b>	Cllr. Jimmy McGarry
	Cllr. Joe Queenan
	Cllr. John Sherlock
	Cllr. Jude Devins
	Cllr. Sean MacManus
	Cllr. Tony McLoughlin
	Mr. Hubert Kearns
	Cllr. Gerard Mullaney
	Mr. Brian Scanlon
	Mr. Chris Gonley
	Mr. Frank Fox
	Mr. Gerard Queenan
	Mr. Hugh MacConville
	Mr. Ian Brannigan

Type	Name
	Mr. John Reilly
	Mr. Kieran G. Kenny
	Mr. Martin Henry
	Mr. Michael Quigley
	Mr. Paul McLoone
	Ms. Noelle Cawley
	Mr. Peter Greene
	Mr. Shaun Purcell
	Mr. Tom McGettrick
	Ms. Anne McGovern
	Ms. Cara O'Neill
	Ms. Carole Brenan
	Ms. Janette Gillen
	Ms. Michelle Yewlett
	Ms. Sharon Boles

Type	Name
<b>Social Inclusion Measures Group</b>	Community and Enterprise
	Sligo Traveller Support Group
	Housing Officer
	Social Inclusion Officer
	DSFA
	Citizen's Information Centre
	Dept. Education & Science
	Director of Services
	FAS
	Sligo Family Resource Centre
	Sligo Education Centre
	Disability Federation of Ireland
	DSFA
	VEC
	Rapid Coordinator
	8 Court House Drive
	Sligo Northside Community Partnership
	Health Promotion Officer
	Garda Siochana

Type	Name
Sports groups	County Secretary - Sligo Athletic Club
	Carrowmore Archers
	County Secretary - Sligo Badminton Club
	St. Josephs Amateur Boxing Club
	Ballymote Amateur Boxing Club
	Gurteen Boxing Club
	Sligo Youth Boxing Club
	Sligo Giant Warriors Basketball Club
	Enniscrone Girls Basketball Club
	Teeling Tigers Basketball Club
	Red Hawks Basketball Club
	Sligo All-Stars Basketball Club
	Sligo Canoe Club
	Broken Weir Canoe Club
	Eire Og Cycling Club
	Innisfree Wheelers Touring Cycling Club
	Sligo Cycling Club
	Community Games County Secretary
	Sligo Diving Club
	Sligo Sub-Aqua Club
	Ballisodare Fishing Club
	Mullaghmore Sea Angling Club
	Dy-Namo Sligo Gymnastics Centre
	GAA County Secretary
	County Secretary - Ladies Gaelic Football
	Geevagh Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	Calry/St.Josephs Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	St. Mary's Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	Owenmore Gaels Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	St Patricks Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	Eoghan Rua Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	St. Nathy's Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	Mullahmore Triathlon Club
	Sligo Triathlon Club

Type	Name
	Ballymote Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	Cloonacool Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	Tourlestrane Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	Shamrock Gaels Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	Eastern Harps Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	Curry Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	Coolera Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	St. Michaels Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	St Johns Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	St. Farnans Ladies Gaelic Football Club
	Drumcliffe/Rosses Point Ladies G. Football Club
	Sligo Riding Centre
	Benbulbin Riding Club
	Markree Castle Riding Centre
	Sligo Hunt Pony Club
	County Secretary - Sligo Hurling Board
	Naomh Eoin Hurling Club
	Calry/St.Josephs Hurling Club
	Coolera/Strandhill Hurling Club
	Geevagh Hurling Club
	Tourlestrane Hurling Club
	Tubbercurry Hurling Club
	Shamrock Gaels Hurling Club
	Western Gaels Hurling Club
	County Secretary - Sligo Handball Board
	St Marys Handball Club
	Sligo Rovers F.C
	Sligo Special Olympics
	National Secretary-Surfing
	Co. Sligo Swimming Club
	Sligo Swim and Lifesaving School
	Sligo Tennis Club - Squash Section
	Sligo Table Tennis Club
	Sligo Tennis Club
	Sligo City Triathlon Club

Type	Name
<b>Sports groups</b> <i>Continued</i>	Castleconnor Handball Club
	Curry Handball Club
	Collooney Handball Club
	Ballymote Handball Club
	Sligo Olympic Handball Assoc.
	Mugendo Kick-Boxing Club
	Higashi Karate Club
	Tang Soo Do Club (Korean Martial Arts)
	Sligo Green Dragon Club
	Riverstown Karate Club
	Aikido Club
	County Sligo Golf Club
	Castle Dargan Golf Club
	Strandhill Golf Club
	Ballymote Golf Club
	Enniscrone Golf Club
	Tubbercurry Golf Club
	Yeats County Hockey Club
	Connacht Motor Club
	Sligo Mountaineering Club
	Lough Talt Walking Club
	Sligo Orienteering Club
	Sligo Petanque Association
	Berties Pitch 'n' Putt
	Sligo Racquetball Assoc.
	Sligo Amateur Rowing Club
	Sligo Rowing Club
	Belvoir Rowing Club
	St. Edwards Rowing Club
	Hollywell Rowing Club

Type	Name
	Lougharrow Rowing Club
	Rock O'Doon Rowing Club
	Sligo Rugby Football Club
	Sligo Yacht Club
	Mullaghmore Sailing Club
	11th Sligo Benbulbin Scout Group
	Sea Angling
	Lough Bo Shooting Club
	Showjumping Assoc. of Ireland (Sligo Branch)
	Embassy Snooker Club
	Ballymote Snooker Club
	Secretary - Sligo/Leitrim Soccer
	League Administrator
	League Secretary
	Sligo Rovers F.C
	Sligo Special Olympics
	National Secretary - Surfing
	Co. Sligo Swimming Club
	Sligo Swim and Lifesaving School
	Sligo Tennis Club - Squash Section
	Sligo Table Tennis Club
	Sligo Tennis Club
	Sligo City Triathlon Club
	Mullahmore Triathlon Club
	Sligo Triathlon Club

Type	Name
<b>Community &amp; Voluntary Sector</b>	Abbeyquarter Community Centre Ltd
	Amnesty International
	Area 4 Art Collective
	Autism Services
	Hawkswell Theatre
	Carer's Association Sligo
	Cedar Drive Community Association
	Suicide Support Group
	Tus Nua Sligeach

Type	Name
	Friends of Sligo Cemetery
	Irish Wheelchair Association
	Lakeview I.C.A.
	M.C.R. Community Centre
	M.C.R Community Development Committee
	M.C.R. Management Group
	M.C.R. Women's Group
	M.C.R. Youth Group & Afterschool Club
	Markievicz Park Committee

Type	Name
Community & Voluntary Sector <i>Continued</i>	Alzheimer Daycare Centre
	Blue Raincoat Theatre Company Ltd.
	County Sligo Youth Theatre
	County Board Secretary C.C.E.
	Connacht Special Olympics
	Con Brio
	Chez Nous Club
	Cartron View Residents Association
	Aware
	Brainwave Training for Success
	Cancer Support Centre
	Carraroe Development Committee
	Centre for Independent Living
	Cheshire Foundation of Ireland
	Community Alliance Sligo
	Coolera Dramatic Society
	County Sligo Heritage Genealogy Society
	Cranmore Neighbourhood Watch
	Cranmore Women's Group
	Cranmore Youth Group
	Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland
	Diversity Sligo
	Down Syndrome Association, Sligo Branch.
	Employment Response North West
	Family Mediation Service
	Fred Finn Branch CCE
	St. Attracta's Adoption Society
	St John's Community Development Association Ltd
	Storm Dance Company
	Disability Federation of Ireland
	Foroige - Sligo Office
	Forthill Men's Group
	Forthill Neighbourhood Watch
Forthill Residents Association	

Type	Name
	Merville Youth & Community Centre
	Order of Malta Ambulance Corps
	Multiple Sclerosis Association of Ireland - Sligo Branch
	North West Stroke Group
	National Council for the Blind - Sligo Branch
	North Connaught Youth & Community Service
	North West Parents & Friends Association
	Muscular Dystrophy Ireland
	PROBUS
	Queen Maeve School of Music / Summer School
	Resource House (Springboard Project)
	Rotary Club
	Sligo Community for Travelling People
	Sligo Family Community Enrichment Group
	Sligo Feis Ceoil
	Sligo L.E.T.S.
	Sligo Rehab Care Centre
	Sligo Travellers Support Group
	Sligo Wheelchair Independent Group
	Rathedmond Residents Assoc.
	Scouting Ireland - Sligo Unit
	Sligo Academy of Music
	Sligo Cancer Support Centre
	Sligo Northside Community Partnership
	Sligo Philosophy Society
	Sligo Toast Master Club
	The CRIB Youth Project and Health Café
	Irish Kidney Association
	Nu-Haven Enterprise Centre
	Irish Country Women's Association
	National Learning Network - Sligo Branch
	National Parents Council - Sligo Branch