



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council**

*Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended);
Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended)*

**SEVEN STRATEGIC TOWNS LOCAL AREA PLAN 2018-2024 for
the towns of AN CLOCHAN LIATH (DUNGLOE),
BALLYBOFEY/STRANORLAR, BALLYSHANNON, BRIDGEND,
CARNDONAGH, DONEGAL TOWN and KILLYBEGS,**

**ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT, AND DETERMINATION IN RELATION
TO THE NEED FOR AN APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 20(3)(n) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended) [the Act] and Article 14(l) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended) [the Regulations] that:

1. The above named Council made the Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plan for the towns of An Clochan Liath (Dungloe), Ballybofey/Stranorlar, Ballyshannon, Bridgend, Carndonagh, Donegal Town and Killybegs on the 23rd Day of July 2018.
2. The Local Area Plan is available for inspection online at www.donegalcoco.ie. Alternatively copies are available for inspection during normal office hours at the following locations:
 - The Planning Office, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford;
 - Letterkenny Public Services Centre, Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny;
 - Milford Public Services Centre, Main St., Milford;
 - Dungloe Public Services Centre, Gweedore Road, Dungloe;
 - Carndonagh Public Services Centre, Malin Road, Carndonagh;
 - Donegal Public Services Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town;
 - BASE Enterprise Centre, Railway Road, Stranorlar; and
 - The Council's Library facilities.
3. A statement (the Environmental Statement) has since been prepared summarising –
 - (a) how environmental considerations have been integrated into the Plan;
 - (b) how the following were taken into account during the preparation of the plan,
 - (i) the environmental report prepared pursuant to Article 14B of the Regulations,
 - (ii) submissions and observations made to the Planning Authority in response to the notices given under Section 20(1)(iii) and (j)(ii) of the Act, and
 - (iii) any consultations under Article 14F, of the Regulations;
 - (c) the reasons for choosing the Plan, as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and
 - (d) the measures decided upon to monitor, in accordance with Article 14J of the Regulations, the significant environmental effects of implementation of the Plan.
4. The above-noted Environmental Statement, and the Council's Determination under Article 6.3 of the Habitats Directive as to whether or not the Draft Plan would adversely affect the integrity of European sites In accordance with Section 177V(1) and (6) are also available for inspection.

5. Arrangements for purchasing the Plan for a fee of €35 may be made by contacting the Council's Central Planning Unit Tel. 07491 53900.

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