



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

'Determination' of the Need for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the proposed Draft Letterkenny Plan & Local Transport Plan 2022-2028.

Donegal County Council has commenced the preparation of a proposed Draft Local Area Plan and Local Transport Plan for Letterkenny.

The Plan is comprised of two sections. Section A contains the plans and policies of a land use plan, whilst a Local Transport Plan is contained in Section B. The Draft Letterkenny Plan & Local Transport Plan 2022-2028 will replace Chapter 12, Part C of the County Development Plan, 2018-2024 (As Varied) currently containing the detailed planning policy framework for the town of Letterkenny.

Article 14B of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) requires, where the population of the area to be covered by a local area plan is 5,000 persons or more, that the planning authority, prior to giving notice under section 20(3) of the Act, prepares an environmental report of the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the local area plan.

Census 2016 recorded a population of 19,274 persons in the town of Letterkenny.

As the total population of the area to be covered by the local area plan is therefore greater than 5,000 persons, it is hereby determined, pursuant to the aforementioned Article 14B, that an environmental report must be prepared in respect of the proposed Draft Local Area Plan and Local Transport Plan for Letterkenny, as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment process.



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