

**Chief Executive's Report on
Submissions Received to the
Cork County Council Draft Climate
Action Plan 2024-2029**

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Report

Cork County Council has prepared a Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. The Draft Plan sets out mitigation, adaptation and other climate action measures, to create a low carbon and climate resilient County. This is aligned to the Government's overall National Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

The Draft Plan includes a range of actions across the eight theme areas of Governance, Council Emissions for which the Council has full responsibility, Citizen Engagement and Community Leadership, Biodiversity & the Natural Environment & Heritage and Land Use & Land Use Change and Forestry, Economy, Transportation, Built Environment and Solid Waste.

Pursuant to Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, notice of the preparation of the Cork County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, was given on Friday 13th October 2023. Submissions or observations with regard to the Draft Plan and Environmental Reports (Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment) were invited for a period of just over 6 weeks, from Friday 13th October 2023 to Monday 27th November 2023, inclusive.

In accordance with the requirements of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021, this Chief Executive's Report summarises and details the outcome of the Public Consultation process on the Draft Climate Action Plan, as follows:

- lists the persons, organisations or bodies who made submissions or observations on the Draft Climate Action Plan;
- summarises the issues raised by the persons, organisations or bodies in the submissions or observations;
- gives the response and recommendation of the Chief Executive to the issues raised; and
- outlines any proposed modifications to the Draft Plan, on foot of the Public Consultation process.

This Chief Executive's report has been prepared having regard to Section 3.4.1 of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines, (Technical Annex A) issued by the Department of Environment, Climate, and Communications in March 2023.

This Chief Executive's Report on Submissions Received is hereby submitted to the Elected Members of the Local Authority, for their consideration. The Elected Members have up to 6 weeks to consider this Chief Executive's Report, in accordance with the requirements of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021. Elected members must adopt the final plan within six weeks of receipt of this documentation being circulated. Elected Members will be briefed on the 19th January 2024 to provide an overview of the Chief Executive's Report and in February 2024 Council Meeting / Special Meetings of Cork County Council will take place to decide by resolution, whether to:

- approve, or
- approve, subject to such modifications as they consider appropriate, the local authority climate action plan.

Within thirty (30) days of the approval of the final local authority Climate Action Plan by the Elected Members, the Council will publish the final plan. The Climate Action Plan shall have effect for a period of five years from the date on which it is approved by the Elected Members.

1.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA)

An Environmental Report accompanies the Draft Climate Action Plan. The Environmental Report contains a detailed analysis of the Draft Climate Action Plan and how the implementation of the Plan would impact on its receiving environment. The Chief Executive's recommendations as set out in this report (including recommendations on the Environmental Authorities submissions detailed in Section 4.1), have been assessed to determine whether they would have any significant impact on the environment. The proposed modifications have been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening, full details of which are outlined in the SEA Screening Report for Modifications to the Draft Climate Action Plan which accompanies this Chief Executive's Report. Taking into account the mitigation measures which have already been integrated into the Draft Plan and that the modifications are only intended to provide clarification on existing climate actions and are of a non-material nature, it is considered that the modifications proposed on foot of recommendations in this Chief Executive's Report, will not have any likely significant adverse effects on the environment. The SEA screening determination is outlined in **Appendix C**.

In accordance with requirements under Article 6 of the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) the Draft Climate Action Plan and modifications proposed on foot of this Chief Executive's Report have been screened, to assess whether they would have a significant effect on one or more Natura 2000 sites. The proposed modifications have been subject to Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening, full details of which are outlined in the AA Screening Report for Modifications to the Draft Climate Action Plan which accompanies this Chief Executive's Report. Taking into account the mitigation measures which have already been integrated into the Draft Plan and that the modifications are only intended to provide clarification on existing climate actions and are of a non-material nature, it is considered that the Draft Plan and modifications proposed on foot of the Chief Executive's recommendations, alone and in combination with other plans and projects, will not have any likely significant effects on any Natura 2000 sites. The Ministerial Guidelines state that the elected members shall give approval for the Climate Action Plan, having considered that the plan is compliant with the provisions of the Habitats Directive. The AA screening determination is outlined in **Appendix C**.

1.3 Background to the Climate Action Plan

The Climate (Amendment) Act 2021 specifically requires all local authorities in Ireland to prepare and approve a Climate Action Plan, in consideration of wider national climate and energy targets, addressing both mitigation and adaptation measures. This is aligned to the Government's overall National Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich,

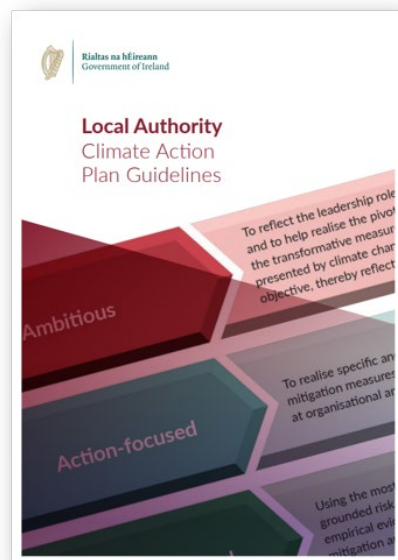
environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy. The Draft Plan demonstrates a coherent approach to climate action across the administrative and political structure of the local authority.

The Draft Climate Action Plan sets a clear pathway for Cork County Council to:

- actively translate national climate policy to local circumstances with the prioritisation and acceleration of evidence-based measures;
- assist in the delivery of the climate neutrality objective at local and community levels; and
- identify and deliver a Decarbonising Zone (DZ) within the local authority area to act as a test bed for a range of climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures in a specifically defined area, through the identification of projects and outcomes that will assist in the delivery of the National Climate Objective.

The Draft Plan has been prepared in accordance with the [Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines](#), developed in response to Section 16 of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021, with the aim of supporting local authorities in both the content and preparation of their Local Authority Climate Action Plans. The Guidelines were issued by the Department of Environment, Climate, and Communications in March 2023.

The Draft Plan sets out how Cork County Council will be responsible for enhancing climate resilience, increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, across its own assets, services and infrastructure, to which it is 'fully accountable' for, whilst also demonstrating a broader role of 'influencing', 'coordinating and facilitating' and 'advocating' for other sectors, to meet their own climate targets and ambitions.



This is necessary to ensure that the environmental, social and economic benefits that come with climate action, can be fully realised. The Council will also continue its efforts in rolling out ambitious climate action projects, drawing down available sources of funding, pursuing citizen and stakeholder engagement, all supported by a progressive policy framework.

2 The Public Consultation Process

2.1 Outline of the Public Consultation Process

In accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021, the Draft Climate Action Plan underwent statutory public consultation, from Friday 13th October 2023 to Monday 27th November 2023, inclusive.

The Climate (Amendment) Act 2021 states, that in making the local authority climate action plan, a local authority shall:

- (a) consult and co-operate with adjoining local authorities;
- (b) consult with the Public Participation Network in the administrative area of the local authority and such other persons as the local authority considers appropriate;
- (c) co-ordinate, where appropriate, with adjoining local authorities in relation to the mitigation measures and adaptation measures to be adopted;
- (d) consider any significant effects the implementation of the local authority climate action plan may have on adjoining local authorities; and
- (e) consider any submissions made to it by an adjoining local authority.

The Act also states that a local authority shall, before making a local authority climate action plan:

- (a) publish, in such manner as the local authority considers appropriate, a draft of the proposed local authority climate action plan,
- (b) publish a notice on the internet and in at least one newspaper circulating in the administrative area of the local authority inviting members of the public and any interested parties to make submissions in writing in relation to the proposed local authority climate action plan within such period (not exceeding two months from the date of the publication of the notice) as may be specified in the notice, and
- (c) have regard to any submissions made pursuant to, and in accordance with, a notice under paragraph (b).

2.2 Key Elements of the Public Consultation Process

The Draft Climate Action Plan public consultation process involved the following key elements:

Under Section 16(5)(b) of the *Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021*, local authorities are required to engage in public consultation on their draft Climate Action Plan for a period of not more than two months following the publication of an official public notice. Public consultation on Cork County Council's Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 opened on Friday 13th October 2023 inviting submissions from members of the public and interested parties for a period of just over six weeks, with a closing date of Monday 27th November 2023.

Public consultation aimed to enable and empower the public to engage meaningfully with the draft document and provide critical feedback to help inform and shape the plan. The public consultation process for the *Cork County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029* involved the following key elements:

- **Public Notices:** An official public notice was published bilingually and printed by the Irish Examiner on Friday 13th October 2023 to notify the public that Cork County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 had been published, that a period of public consultation on the draft Climate Action Plan had commenced and inviting members of the public and any interested parties to make submissions in relation to the Draft Climate Action Plan until Monday 27th November 2023. The public notice was also published bilingually on the Cork County Council website www.corkcoco.ie. The public notice included details in relation to the relevant legislation underpinning the preparation of the draft plan, as well

as the statutory environmental reports accompanying its preparation, Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report. The final published text for the Public Notice is detailed in **Appendix B**.

- **Cork County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029:** The Cork County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 was available to view and download online bilingually via www.corkcoco.ie for the duration of the public consultation period, and it was accompanied by the relevant supporting documentation: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report. Physical copies of the draft plan were also available to view in each of Cork County Council's library branches; these were also available in Irish.
- **External Communications:** Cork County Council undertook a focused promotional launch and communication campaign to publicise the draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. Notice of the preparation of the Plan was printed by several media bodies, including 'The Irish Examiner, The Southern Star, Cork Independent, Corkman, Kinsale Advertiser, West Cork People, Lee Valley Outlook, and the East Cork News etc'. During the launch campaign, articles were disseminated across ten different media bodies, including 'The Irish Examiner, The Echo, The Southern Star, The Mallow Star, The Vale Star, and The Independent' and radio and online adverts were also run. This was also accompanied by a targeted social media campaign which supported the dissemination of aforementioned news articles.
- **Cork County Council Website and Social Media Accounts:** Cork County Council issued two Press Releases during the public consultation period, and these were supported by extensive social media content across four platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn) at various stages during the public consultation period.
- **Public Participation Network (PPN):** Under Section 16(4)(b) of *the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021*, local authorities are required to consult with the Public Participation Network (PPN) in their administrative area. Cork County Council engaged directly with the PPN during the public consultation period and details regarding the public consultation process were circulated by the PPN to a large audience of community organisations in Cork County. Having consulted with the PPN, a detailed submission was received within the public consultation timeframe from Cork County PPN.
- **Prescribed Bodies, Statutory Consultees and Adjoining Local Authorities:** Cork County Council informed prescribed bodies, statutory consultees and adjoining local authorities that a period of public consultation on the draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 was open for submissions and encouraged the prescribed bodies and adjoining local authorities who were consulted to review and engage with the content of the draft plan and make a formal submission. Formal submissions were received from several of these bodies including the Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications, Department of Transport and the Environmental Protection Agency and the adjoining local authorities of Kerry County Council and Limerick City and County Council.
- **Public Submissions:** The period for public submissions on Cork County Council's *Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029* was open from Friday 13th October 2023 to Monday 27th

November 2023, and written submissions were required to be made electronically through the Council’s Public Consultation Portal. This could be accessed at: <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/resident/environment/climate-action-plan>

- **Elected Members:** The Elected Members of Cork County Council were furnished with printed copies of the Draft Climate Action Plan, Strategic Environmental Assessment Report and Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report on the 13th October 2023 and an email link to the Council’s Public Consultation Portal to access the Draft Climate Action Plan documents. The Draft Plan was also discussed at Cork County Council’s Environment, Climate Action and Biodiversity Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meetings which were held on the 20th October 2023 and the 8th December 2023.

2.3 Public Information Webinar

During the public consultation period, a Public Information Webinar Event took place with details as follows:

Cork County Council hosted an online public information webinar on the Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 on Friday 17th November 2023 between 13:00-14:00. Registration took place via the Council’s website : [Stage Two - Draft Cork County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 Public Consultation | Cork County Council \(corkcoco.ie\)](#)

This event included presenters from the local authority, Mr Louis Duffy, Director of Services, Environment, Climate Action and Emergency Services, and Mr Tim Twomey, Climate Action Coordinator for Cork County Council, and a welcome address from the Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Frank O’Flynn.

The public information webinar provided an overview of Cork County Council’s Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 and outlined how members of the public can get involved in the public consultation process and make a formal submission.

The webinar include a guest speaker from University College Cork (UCC), Dr Christopher Phillips, who discussed the impacts of climate change and how we can adapt and mitigate against these impacts, including some local examples of work and projects being undertaken by UCC.

An overview attendance report on this Public Information Webinar is detailed in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Public Consultation Webinar Statistics

Draft Climate Action Plan Webinar Summary 17th November 2023 between 13:00-14:00	Number
Registration Page Views	556
Registered Participants	93
Attended Participants	71

3 Details of the Submissions

3.1 Introduction

A total of 43 valid submissions and observations were received electronically through Cork County Council’s Public Consultation Portal which was available at <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/resident/environment/climate-action-plan>

All valid submissions and observations were read, analysed and summarised. An overview of issues raised is provided in Section 3.3. The categorisation and summary of issues raised, together with the Chief Executive’s (CE) response and recommendations, is contained in Section 4.

Note: The headings relating to the categorisation and summary of issues raised, together with the Chief Executive’s response and recommendations, follows that of the headings of the Draft Climate Action Plan document.

3.2 List of Persons, Organisations and Bodies who made Submissions

Appendix A lists the persons, organisations and bodies that made written submissions. Each submission has been assigned an independent reference.

3.3 Summary of Issues Raised in Submissions

There were 43 valid submissions and observations received for the Cork County Council Draft Climate Action Plan; these were read, analysed and summarised. A total of 60 broad issues were identified from the submissions and observations received. Full summaries of all of the issues raised in the submissions and observations are set out in Section 4, together with the responses and recommendations of the Chief Executive. Issues have been summarised under the relevant chapter, subsection or appendix heading in Section 4 of this report.

Table 2 below sets out the number and percentage of broad issues that were raised according to the relevant chapter, subsection or appendix heading of the Draft Climate Action Plan.

Table 2: Submission Issue Breakdown

Section Heading	No. of Issues Raised	% of Issues Raised
Section 1 Executive Summary	0	0
Section 2 Introduction	4	7
Section 3 Evidence-based Climate Action	2	3
Section 4 Framework of Climate Actions	49	83
Section 5 Decarbonisation Zone	3	5
Section 6 Monitoring and Reporting	1	2
Appendices	0	0
Total Issues Raised	59	100

3.4 Chief Executive’s Responses and Recommendations

This report contains the Chief Executive’s response and recommendation under the relevant Section / Submission heading of the Draft Climate Action Plan. The listing and format of the

categorisation, summary and responses to issues raised, follows the document structure of the Draft Climate Action Plan. The responses have considered the issues raised in submissions in the context of both the climate action plan and the local authority role on climate action, relevant national climate policy and the prioritisation of actions.

This Chief Executive report examines issues raised in the submissions and observations, in the context of their relevance to the purpose and scope of the Draft Climate Action Plan, seeks to incorporate new/additional provisions where they are relevant to the purpose of the Plan, its implementation and do not have a negative impact on the broader environmental considerations of the area.

In the interests of clarity, issues raised in submissions and observations that:

- do not sit within the scope of the Draft Climate Action Plan;
- go beyond its scope but lie within the scope of the local authority;
- go beyond the functions of the local authority; and/or
- are not directly related to the provisions of the Draft Plan or climate actions,

will be subject to general commentary where appropriate and may not be considered further to help inform the provisions or actions of the final Climate Action Plan.

Among the issues specifically not addressed, commented on or responded to in this report, include matters relating to proposed local authority projects / developments, speed limits, county development plan, fishing industry, designation of marine protected areas, designation of SAC / SPA, data centre policy and developments, local authority staff resourcing, introduction of bye-laws, derelict sites, proposed planning applications and developments, planning application requirements, specific industries, weather forecasting etc. Such matters are best addressed under the various processes, e.g. planning process including development management, forward planning etc.

Matters that are considered helpful to frame future policy will be considered, where such considerations do not undermine the integrity of the functions and processes stated above.

3.5 Structure of Proposed Modifications to the Plan

Amendments to the text of the Draft Climate Action Plan are identified by their location within the Draft Plan i.e. Section 1 Executive Summary.

As stated in Section 3.4.2 of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines, *'a modification in this instance is an alteration that is considered non-material and does not compromise the integrity of the plan-making process to that point or the SEA and AA processes that have informed the plan'* (Government of Ireland, 2023).

Furthermore, given the statutory twelve (12) month duration of the Plan making process, as set out in Section 16 of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021, a Material Amendment public consultation phase, is not provided for under the legislation.

Non-material modifications to the text of the Draft Climate Action Plan are shown in **green text**, for example:

Support and work with LAWPRO to encourage a community response to encourage water conservation **and greater water use efficiency** in the community, in association with local community.

Deletions to the text of the Draft Climate Action Plan are shown in ~~red text with strikethrough~~, for example:

Objective: ~~Prepare and~~ Implement the Biodiversity Action Plan with cognisance of the impacts of climate change.

4 Categorisation, Summary and Responses to Issues Raised

All 43 valid submissions and observations received were read, analysed and summarised. The report takes the following format to address issues raised in the submissions and observations received.

4.1 Submissions from Prescribed Environmental Authorities

Submission	Submission Summary	CE Response and Recommendation
Environmental Protection Agency	<p>This submission outlines the role of the EPA and highlights key environmental issues to consider in preparing the Plan and the SEA. Submission requests that previous submission made at the SEA Scoping stage of the process, should also be considered. States that full and early implementation of ambitious policies and measures supported by legislation are needed to deliver Ireland’s current and future commitments to be a climate neutral economy and climate resilient society by 2050. Submission recognises that local authorities will set their own targets. States that Local Authorities need to ensure that there are sufficient suitable monitoring networks to allow decision makers to make decisions on how to adapt. The inclusion of a commitment should be considered to ensure that monitoring arrangements remain fit for purpose, such that that the data generated from monitoring, can be used by decision makers. Consider taking into account the EPA’s ‘Climate Change in the Irish Mind’ project in finalising the Plan. Suggests the plan includes a specific action to carry out “implementation monitoring” to ensure that progress achieving the actions and measures across the Plan is being monitored and reported on. The SEA should also assist in identifying ways to maximise the potential co-benefits of climate-related measures for air quality, human health, biodiversity, water quality and other interrelated areas (i.e. win-win solutions). Submission recommends that the findings of the SEA ER and NIS are fully reflected in the Plan, to ensure that the relevant recommendations are fully considered and integrated as appropriate. Submission includes specific comments on the environmental report; non-technical summary, relationship with other plans and programmes, strategic environmental objectives, alternatives, mitigation measures, monitoring & implementation &</p>	<p>CE Response: The EPA submission is welcomed in relation to the SEA / AA processes. The issues raised have been assessed by the Council’s SEA / AA Team and have been noted and any required changes will be incorporated into the final SEA / NIR Reports.</p> <p>It is recommended that additional text be included in the plan in relation to the alignment of the Climate Action plan with other high level plans. Furthermore, it is recommended that additional text be included to ensure the implementation of all environmental governance principles. In addition, it is recommended that reference be made to the EPA’s ‘State of the Environment Report’. It is recommended that additional text be included relating to implementation monitoring on the plan’s actions. It is also recommended the inclusion of additional text relating to water quality and air quality.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modifications to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>

	<p>reporting, EPA state of the Environment Report, preparation of an SEA Statement and the screening of any future amendments to the plan. The Plan should include a commitment to remain aligned with high level plans and programmes, Guidelines, and legislation over its lifetime. Recommend that in considering strategic environmental objectives, they should where possible reflect the plan being prepared, rather than use more generic environmental objectives. Where the potential for likely significant effects has been identified, appropriate mitigation measures shall be provided to avoid or minimise these. The Plan should include clear commitments to implement the relevant mitigation measures. Recommends that a commitment is made in the Plan, to take account of any relevant recommendations in the SOER 2024 report, once published, in implementing the Plan over its lifetime.</p>	<p>See Proposed Modification No's. 4.01, 4.03, 4.04, 4.05, 4.20 and 4.22</p>
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4.2 Submissions from Adjoining Local Authorities

Submission	Submission Summary	CE Response and Recommendation
<p>Kerry County Council</p>	<p>Submission notes the achievement of Cork County Council in the publication of its Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan and as an adjoining Local Authority, Kerry County Council is looking forward to co-ordinating, consulting and co-operating with Cork County Council in relation to the mitigation measures and adaptation measures proposed to be adopted in the LACAP. Submission notes several strategic themes, objectives and actions shared across both LACAPS and envisages ongoing consultation, co-operation and co-ordination through mitigation/adaptation measures including relating to 1. Transport mitigation via existing and proposed cross-border connectivity in sustainable mobility including active travel; public transport opportunities; coastal connectivity and existing road and rail network, 2. The county-wide roll-out of EV infrastructure proposed by national policy that will need to be co-ordinated at county and regional level. 3. The decarbonisation of each LA's own fleet including share learning / practices and experiences. 4. Meeting decarbonisation targets in rural areas. 5. Adaptation required re significant infrastructural network, including roads, bridges and piers. 6. Adaptation of</p>	<p>CE Response: The Kerry County Council submission is welcomed in relation to Draft Climate Action Plan. The issues raised have been noted and the Council is looking forward to co-ordinating with Kerry County Council where appropriate in relation to the mitigation measures and adaptation measures proposed to be adopted. It is proposed to reflect the importance of collaboration with adjoining local authorities in the text of the plan</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No. 4.02</p>

	<p>coastal areas and protection of public infrastructure from coastal erosion. 7. Pathfinder projects as opportunities arise from national and/or regional synergies in funding. 8. Research projects and/or other funding in climate action as opportunities arise from EU, national and/or regional synergies, and 9. Awareness Raising/Communications in climate action and sharing resources. Submission notes that CCC determined that the CCC Draft LACAP requires a SEA and AA which included an assessment of other plans and programmes and states that Kerry County Council has also undertaken a SEA and prepared a NIR. Requests that Cork County Council considers and has regard to this submission prior to the adoption of Cork County's LACAP.</p>	
<p>Limerick City and County Council</p>	<p>This submission states that the N/M20 Cork to Limerick Project is a key 'stakeholder' as defined in the Draft Cork County Council CAP and the project has an important role to play in strengthening the links between national and international climate policy and the delivery of effective climate action at local and community levels. This submission provides a summary of the Project which is a multi-modal transport solution to deliver a high-quality transport corridor between Cork and Limerick and in support of intervening urban and rural areas. Submission states that there is an important relationship between the project and the achievement of the aims within the Draft CAP. Submission states that the project will significantly enhance safety for all transport users, improve the health and wellbeing of the bypassed communities, support regional and local economic growth, and implement transport decarbonisation measures from the government's Climate Action Plan 2023. Submission states that the project is currently in its third phase, during which levels of design detail will be developed to allow the evaluation of potential environmental impacts and consider options for their mitigation. Submission welcomes the emphasis placed in the CAP on the need for integrated transport solutions and states that at the heart of the project is the aim to deliver an integrated transport solution which is reflected in the four key pillars shaping its direction : active travel, public transport services, improved and safer infrastructure and environmental integration. States that a key aim of the project is to ensure it supports the mobility needs of society in a manner that is the least damaging to the environment and does not impair</p>	<p>CE Response: The Limerick City and County Council submission is welcomed in relation to Draft Climate Action Plan and the issues raised have been noted.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan</p>

	<p>the mobility needs of future generations. States the project will support decarbonisation of the transport network (inclusive of electrification of vehicle fleet), foster intermodality of transport use and reduce air quality and noise emissions in towns and villages with key health, quality of life and placemaking benefits and will enable local opportunities for walking and cycling activity in communities with reduced traffic levels from the scheme. In relation to the Baseline Emissions Inventory the submission states that transport is estimated to account for 15% of the total carbon emissions within the Cork County area. States that although the contribution of the existing N20 route to these emissions is not included, it is reasonable to assume that improvements in carbon emissions reduction in the Cork County Council portion of the route will lead to corresponding improvements in Cork County Council's emissions. States that TII National Roads 2040 Strategy outlines the significant role that the transport sector must play in achieving national carbon reduction targets and the Department of Transport's National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland notes that priorities around facilitating mobility of people and goods in urban areas and enhancing regional and rural connectivity must be achieved while minimising or reducing carbon emissions. States that there is a strong connection between strategic national and local authority carbon reduction targets and road transportation. States that the National Roads network's 'Decarbonisation Investment Priority' encompasses three investment portfolio themes: Integrated Mobility, Electric Vehicle Charging and Active Travel and the project will bring several of these climate-related benefits, in alignment with local and national investment priorities. The submission states that the project is set to deliver approximately 100km of transformative active travel infrastructure. The provision of transport hubs, located close to the main junctions, is an integral element of the project and these would typically include secure parking areas for park and ride or park and share, bus stops and en-route EV charging points for electric vehicles, including eBikes, cars, buses and trucks. These transport hubs have the potential to provide a smart connected transport corridor linking communities and encouraging modal shift. The project is being delivered in accordance with emerging international best practice in whole</p>	
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	<p>life carbon management. States that in addition to alignment with climate change mitigation requirements, the project will enhance the resilience of the transport network to projected climate change impacts and is being designed in accordance with the latest IEMA guidance on Resilience and Adaptation. The submission concludes by stating the project will significantly enhance safety for all transport users, improve the health and wellbeing of the bypassed communities, support regional and local economic growth, and implement transport decarbonisation measures from the government's Climate Action Plan 2023. The project is intended to support national outcomes that should also form a key component of Cork County Council's CAP. Submission states that the best practice in road transportation decarbonisation initiatives will individually and collectively will positively contribute towards a shift to more sustainable transport modes, reduction in journeys, and ultimately a reduction in transport emissions throughout the project corridor across all three local authorities and can be a pilot for many such initiatives for new and existing transport corridors. States that it is important at both local and national levels that these positive strategies are encapsulated in all relevant LA CAPs.</p>	
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4.3 Submission from Government Departments

Submission	Submission Summary	CE Response and Recommendation
<p>Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications</p>	<p>This submission details the legislative provisions for making a LA CAP. The submission outlines the provisions of the Climate Action and Local Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 and the Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines issued to assist local authorities in preparing their climate action. States that the plans will help local authorities to address, in an integrated way, the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change adaptation and will strengthen the alignment between national climate policy and the delivery of effective local climate action. States that each local authority is responsible for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from across its own assets and infrastructure, while also taking on a broader</p>	<p>CE Response: The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications submission is welcomed in relation to Draft Climate Action Plan. The issues raised have been noted. The Plan sets out the actions that Cork County Council will take across its own services to meet national emissions targets and to increase the resilience of its human and infrastructural assets against climate change impacts. The plan also specifies</p>

	<p>role of working with others to reduce emissions within the local authority area. States that the plans will enhance local authorities' ability to lead, coordinate and become agents of change in response to the ongoing climate change crisis and will promote evidence-based and integrated climate action and will provide strategic direction at local and community levels on the delivery of the national climate objective. The submission states that each local authority is required to identify a Decarbonising Zone (DZ) in their jurisdiction within their LA CAP which are a mechanism to harness a portfolio of actions, projects and technologies to deliver national and regional climate objective at local level and to give local authorities the mandate to innovate and develop demonstrator projects which, where successful, can be replicated and scaled up nationally. The submission details monitoring and progress reporting of the Climate Action plans through Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and states that a monitoring and supporting system to support the LA CAPs will be developed by DECC in collaboration with the local government sector. The submission details the departmental support provided to local authorities for the development and implementation of LA CAPs, including the funding of Climate Action Teams, renewed Service Level Agreement and the work of the CARO offices. The submission provides details of the Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme funded by the Department and concludes by commending the Chief Executive and the staff in the local authority and looking forward to working to support the delivery of the CAP.</p>	<p>how the local authority will work with its communities to advocate for change and with national government and state agencies to deliver climate action. This plan aims to create a low carbon and climate resilient County, by delivering and promoting best practice in climate action, at the local level and to align to the Government's overall National Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy. This Plan has been prepared by Cork County Council in partnership with the Atlantic Seaboard South - Climate Action Regional Office (CARO). This Plan has also been developed in accordance with the 'Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines', which were issued to local authorities by the Department of Environment, Climate, and Communications in March 2023. The Council have identified the Decarbonising Zone of Macroom based on its socio-economic and physical environmental characteristics which have been deemed an appropriate fit against a set of defined Decarbonising Zone criteria. The Council acknowledge the departmental support provided to local authorities.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan</p>
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<p>Department of Transport</p>	<p>This submission outlines that Local Authorities have significant potential to directly support national climate action in the transport sector by taking both an inward (organisational) and an outward (community) focus, promoting and implementing sustainable mobility projects and services, and ensuring development aligns to the objectives for high-density settlement patterns and compact growth. The submission states that appropriate spatial and land use planning, including the delivery of transport infrastructure, has a critical role to play in encouraging people to switch from the private car to more sustainable modes of transport and outlines examples of the ways that the LA CAP can support national climate policy in the context of the transport sector by Local Authorities : decarbonising their own vehicle fleets, developing local area networks for EV charging infrastructure, delivery of active travel programmes including shared mobility services, and enhancing the public realm to increase safety and connectivity, facilitate the integration of safe and convenient alternatives to the private car into the design of local communities and support and advocate for change in travel behaviour amongst their communities through public engagement and community liaison activities. The Transport chapter of the national Climate Action Plan 2023 (CAP 23) includes a focus on the need for systemic action to achieve targets for the sector and the AVOID-SHIFT-IMPROVE (ASI) framework for transport sustainability has been applied to categorise all actions in CAP23, and to emphasise the crucial role of spatial and land-use planning in designing transport systems that can support our net-zero ambition. The submission references the key performance indicators and targets to illustrate change required by 2030. States that LA climate action plans should recognise the need to identify additional measures including the identification and implementation of further road space reallocation opportunities, pedestrian and cycling enhancement plans as well as various demand management measures. Local Authorities should reference relevant supports that are being provided centrally in support of these objectives, and the specific actions proposed to deliver on these objectives. Reference is made to the following important policies regarding transport climate action which as well as the CAP23 metrics for transport should be reflected in the LA CAP : 1. Public</p>	<p>CE Response:</p> <p>The Department of Transport submission is welcomed in relation to Draft Climate Action Plan and the issues raised have been noted.</p> <p>The Council has a pivotal role in enabling and delivering positive climate action measures including decarbonising their own vehicle fleets, developing local area networks for EV charging infrastructure, delivery of active travel programmes including shared mobility services, and enhancing the public realm to increase safety and connectivity, facilitate the integration of safe and convenient alternatives to the private car into the design of local communities and support and advocate for change in travel behaviour amongst their communities through public engagement and community liaison activities.</p> <p>While some of the issues raised (e.g. housing density, compact growth) are more appropriately dealt with under the County Development Plan, which guides the future growth and development of the County, the climate action plan will maximise climate action opportunities, through the integration of transport and land uses. It is recommended that in the interests of clarity the reference to density in relation to transport policy should be omitted.</p>
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	<p>Engagement & Project Acceptance Communications – LA’s should acknowledge their central role in influencing, and advocating for, climate action with respect to sustainable transport policy, 2. Smart and Sustainable Mobility Workshops / SMP “Accelerator” Workshop programme, 3. Demand Management, Parking Policy, Air Quality and Sustainable Mobility, 4. Active Travel Infrastructure, 5. Road-space Reallocation, DMURS, Accessibility and Public Realm, 6. Integrated Land Use and Transport Planning, 7. Climate Adaptation measures for transport infrastructure, 8. EV Charging Infrastructure – ensure all related policy objectives and National and Local EV Infrastructure targets are adequately reflected in the CAP. Submission requests that LA’s recognise the importance of the policies detailed above in supporting the achievement of Ireland’s transport emissions targets, as well as the key role of Local Authorities in the delivery and implementation of those policies. The Department of Transport is available to support in the ongoing development of these 5- year Climate Action Plans in relation to reducing transport emissions.</p>	<p>It is recommended that the draft plan references CCC role in influencing, advocating for climate action with respect to sustainable transport policy and includes text in relation to the National Sustainable Mobility Policy and associated programmes.</p> <p>It is considered that the draft plan Actions 4.7.1.4.1, 4.7.1.4.2 and 4.8.1.3.2 address the use of EV’s and associated infrastructure. It is recommended the plan includes text to recognise relevant national, local EV infrastructure targets and related policies in achieving transport emission targets.</p> <p>It is considered that the draft plan makes provision for the promotion of Active Travel under Actions 4.7.1.2.1, 4.7.1.2.2, 4.7.1.2.4, 4.7.1.2.6, 4.4.1.8.1, 4.7.1.8.2, 4.7.1.8.3 and 4.7.1.8.4. It is recommended that text be modified in relation to local transport plans.</p> <p>It is considered that the draft plan should make provision to strengthen the commitment to ‘Avoid-Shift-Improve’ approach. It is also considered that the draft plan should make provision for Climate Change Adaptation for transport infrastructure.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
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<p>Minister for Finance</p>	<p>This submission thanks the LA for sharing a link to the draft plan which covers many important topics including the Economy, Biodiversity, Transportation and Land Use Land-use Change and Forestry. States that given the existential risk that climate change poses, we all have a role to play and the Government is determined to play its part. Through the programme of carbon budgets, sectoral emissions ceilings and through the Climate Action Plan, Ireland has set out how we are aiming to reduce our emissions. Submission states they have asked that LA’s develop and deliver their own Climate Action Plans and commend the LA on the work that has gone into progressing the CAP. Submission outlines budget measures relating to climate and the environment, including creation of the Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund which will allow for sustained levels of investment in infrastructure in the event of economic downturns and to support climate and nature related project, retrofitting of social housing in 2024 and residential and community energy schemes to help households with the green transition. States that carbon pricing also plays an important aspect of Ireland’s national decarbonisation strategy. The Finance Act 2020 established a 10-year programmed, statutory trajectory to increase the carbon tax by 2030. As per the Programme for Government, revenue raised from the carbon tax will be used for climate actions including to help protect vulnerable people. Submission brings the EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities to the attention of the local authority and states its purpose of the Taxonomy is to provide common definitions of what is sustainable. To comply with the Taxonomy, an economic activity must make a substantial contribution to one or more of six environmental objectives, and do no significant harm (DNSH) to all others, meet technical screening criteria – contained in the delegated acts and relating to how to perform the above contributions in practice and meet minimum social safeguards, namely complying with human rights and labour standards. Submission states that though the Taxonomy regulation is developed for use by the private sector, there are applications for it in the</p>	<p>CE Response: The Minister for Finance submission is welcomed in relation to Draft Climate Action Plan. The issues raised have been noted and the Council acknowledge the support provided to local authorities regarding Climate Action. It is recommended that additional text be included to reference EU Taxonomy for sustainable activities.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No. 2.03</p>

	<p>public sector for example in terms of tagging public expenditure in the green budgeting process.</p>	
<p>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Sea Fisheries Coordination)</p>	<p>Submission requests that the socio-economic reliance on the seafood sector is fully recognised and is factored into the Climate Change Action plan and states that the seafood industry is experiencing a period of difficult change including demand on the marine space from Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE), Marine Spatial Planning, Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), and other environmental measures. Submission states that local authorities should include relevant steps to support a ‘Just Transition’ for the sea fisheries and aquaculture sectors in their Climate Action Plans.</p> <p>Submission also states that both the Sectoral Adaptation Plan (Agriculture, Forest and Seafood Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan) and the annual Climate Action Plan (CAP23) continue to support initiatives to improve understanding of the marine area and ensure sustainable resource use, including through bio and circular economy initiatives and these plans require consideration in the SEA process.</p> <p>The European Commission’s Communication on the energy transition of the fisheries and aquaculture sector as part of its Fisheries Policy Package should be considered as part of the SEA process.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that the draft plan makes provision under Actions 4.5.3.2.8 in relation to awareness and engagement with sustainable fishing practices.</p> <p>The National Climate Action Plan (2023) and Sectoral Adaptation Plans have been considered in the SEA Process. The relationship of the Plan with other relevant Plans and Programmes has been defined in Appendix 1 of the SEA. Inter-plan cumulative effects have been evaluated in Section 7 of the Draft SEA Environmental Report.</p> <p>Although Local authorities in Ireland do not have a direct remit over the fisheries and aquaculture sector, the actions defined in the Plan are however mutually symbiotic and harmonious with the vision and measures defined in European Commission’s Communication on the energy transition of the fisheries and aquaculture sector. Insofar as the local authority’s remit extends, the plan supports the protection and enhancement of the marine environment. The climate action defined in the plan has the potential to generate multiple climate action benefits, and co-benefits for the water and biodiversity environments and by extension the marine environment (i.e. biodiversity conservation and</p>

		<p>enhancement, coastal protection, water quality protection and improvements etc.). It is considered that reference should be made to the European Commission's Communication on the energy transition of the fisheries and aquaculture sector in the final SEA ER and NIR.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
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4.4 Contents of the Submissions Grouped Together Thematically by Individual Draft Climate Action Plan Section

4.4.1 Section 1 Executive Summary

Issues Raised	Submission Summaries	CE Response and Recommendation
None	None	None

4.4.2 Section 2 Introduction

Issues Raised	Submission Summaries	CE Response and Recommendation
Climate Change Science and National Climate Policy	<p>Submissions challenges the scientific basis on which Climate Change is based on, impact of the proposed cuts to carbon emissions and resultant Government Climate Policy.</p> <p>Submission raises issue in relation to more statistics for the 'Overview of climate change' section to show how climate change is already thought to be influencing our climate and weather.</p>	<p>CE Response: The issues raised in this submission have been noted. It is considered that there is adequate recognition in the draft plan regarding the causes of climate change, statistics and underpinning legislation. The issues raised regarding Climate Change Science are considered outside the scope of the Climate</p>

	<p>Submission notes the plan describes legislation underpinning climate action and highlights that climate action is a legal obligation.</p> <p>Submission raises the issue that the cause of climate change is much more complex than just being human induced.</p>	<p>Action Plan, which Cork County Council are legally obliged to prepare in accordance with the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Green Energy and Climate Change	<p>Submission states that green energy is non-renewable and environmentally unfriendly.</p>	<p>CE Response: The issues raised in this submission are considered outside the scope of the Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities	<p>Submission raises the issue of EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities and states its purpose of the Taxonomy is to provide common definitions of what is sustainable. To comply with the Taxonomy, an economic activity must make a substantial contribution to one or more of six environmental objectives, and do no significant harm (DNSH) to all others, meet technical screening criteria – contained in the delegated acts and relating to how to perform the above contributions in practice and meet minimum social safeguards, namely complying with human rights and labour standards. Submission states that though the Taxonomy regulation is developed for use by the private sector, there are applications for it in the public sector for example in terms of tagging public expenditure in the green budgeting process.</p> <p>Submission states the Council should demonstrate alignment with the EU Taxonomy for all investment in new build and major renovations.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is recommended that additional text be included to reference EU Taxonomy for sustainable activities.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No. 2.03</p>
Phasing out of Fossil Fuels	<p>Submission states the Plan should ensure a rapid phasing out of all fossil fuels including gas, ban fracked gas, rule out new fossil fuel infrastructure projects and CCC pass a motion calling on the Irish Government seeking to negotiate the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.</p>	<p>CE Response: While some of the issues raised are outside the scope of the Climate Action Plan, the phasing out of fossil fuels is an intrinsic theme of this</p>

		<p>plan in accordance with DECC and SEAI guidance.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
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4.4.3 Section 3 Evidence Based Climate Action

Issues Raised	Submission Summaries	CE Response and Recommendation
Baseline Emissions Inventory	Submission raised the issue of the labelling of diagrams on pages 22 and 22. Submission queries with respect to construction / roads projects etc how emissions are measured and while noting 2018 is the baseline year, it would be worthwhile to publish the most recent year for which data is available, as a comparison to look towards 2030.	<p>CE Response: The issues raised regarding diagrams have been noted and will be addressed in the Errata document (See Appendix 4). The Draft Plan was guided by the CARO Technical Annex C document to collect emission data for the baseline year 2018, or as close to 2018 as possible to align with Ireland's national emissions targets which are set against that baseline year.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan</p>
Climate Change Risk Assessment	Submission requests reference to the recent Storm Babet and inclusion of explanatory text regarding 'major' and 'catastrophic' events. Submission highlights importance of connection between past weather events with climate change at the effect on people and states that more discussion on the connection between events and climate change/increasing greenhouse gases is required. The plan would benefit from inclusion of text relating to climate attribution, the meaning of climate change for our weather systems and way of life and the complexity behind the headline temperature increases. States	<p>CE Response: The Climate Change Risk Assessment has been prepared in accordance with Technical Annex B – Climate Change Risk Assessment, Local Authority Climate Action Plan Statutory Guidelines. It is not considered necessary to include any additional weather events as the Climate Change Risk Assessment includes</p>

	<p>the importance of a reduction in energy/resources used, potential efficiencies and replacement technology, with a new relationship with nature where human needs care for the environment to address climate change.</p> <p>Submission raises generally issues relating to the risk assessment not being fit for purpose, responsibilities of the local authority, DECC guidelines, integration of the climate plan and carbon budgets, projections, implementation, adapting land-use to achieve emissions targets, indirect effects not covered in the risk assessment, population increases, risk assessment looks at means not extremes and needs to include non-stationary risk assessment quoting projections / potential emerging new risks, need for more report and modelling references, underestimation of sea level rise and no assessment of changes needed for mitigation.</p>	<p>weather events up to publication of the draft plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan</p>
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4.4.4 Section 4 Framework of Climate Actions

Issues Raised	Submission Summaries	CE Response and Recommendation
Governance		
Draft Plan Vision and Mission	Submission notes the positivity of the Plan's vision but given Ireland must reach carbon neutrality by 2050, suggests reference to the transition to a "fully decarbonises, circular and resource efficient" Cork by 2050.	<p>CE Response: The Vision & Mission for Cork County Council aligns with sustainable development goals, the delivery of a just transition for the people of Cork County in accordance with the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Environmental Governance Principles	Submission notes EG1, EG3, EG5 and the focus on taking a more holistic approach to climate action and its positive co-benefits and in relation to EG7	CE Response:

	<p>and EG8, would like to encourage the Council to develop a roadmap of potential and existing wildlife corridors.</p>	<p>The issues raised have been noted. Environmental Governance Principles have been defined to promote the potential positive environmental effects of Plan actions and prevent the potential negative environmental effects of Plan actions.</p> <p>On foot of the SEA process it is recommended that additional text be included in relation to the implementation of Environmental Governance Principles.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No. 4.03</p>
<p>Funding sources and participation in European Projects.</p>	<p>Submission proposes that due to the necessity of Departmental funding to implement the plan, put actions in place to push for and ensure appropriate funding is obtained. Submission raises the issue that funding streams from the local authority should require commitment to climate and biodiversity action.</p> <p>Submission requests the Council commit to participating and supporting European projects both within the local authority and in the community / civil sector.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that there is adequate provision in the draft plan in the Actions specified under Objective 4.2.1.3 which commit to seeking funding for climate action from external and internal sources.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
<p>Staff capability to deliver effective Climate Action</p>	<p>Submission raises the importance of increase inhouse expertise through innovative training in carbon literacy, circularity, and green public procurement to support implementation the decarbonisation of the built environment, awareness level training on climate policies, whole life carbon, low carbon solutions and the circular economy.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that there is adequate provision and scope in the draft plan in the Actions specified under Objectives 4.2.1.4 and 4.2.1.5, which commits to enhancing staff capability to deliver effective climate action and commit to</p>

		<p>continuing to develop the green procurement policy.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Plan Targets, Actions and Timelines	<p>Submission highlights the lack of actual targets and timelines, need for use of stronger language in the actions and clearer targets.</p>	<p>CE Response: The issues raise in this submission have been noted. An annual implementation programme will be prepared for each of the five years to align this plan with the annual budgetary process within the Council. These climate action implementation programmes will provide further detail and key performance indicators for each year.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Council Emissions for Which the Council has Full Responsibility		
Reduction in GHG's from Council's Thermal Heating	<p>Submission raises the issue of cooling and heating supply and demand sources be identified to reduce GHG's, opportunities to use locally sourced fibre, like wool, insulation upgrades in the region and implementation of retrofit modification of a range of vehicles to convert from Fossil Fuel to EV.</p> <p>Submission raises the issue of the council taking actions to address whole life carbon (WLC) emissions in the built environment.</p>	<p>CE Response: The issues raised have been noted. It is considered that there is adequate provision in the draft plan in the Actions specified under Objectives 4.3.1.1, 4.3.1.2 and 4.3.1.3, with the Goal (4.3.1) to achieve sectoral targets in relation to GreenHouse Gas reduction from direct energy use and energy efficiency.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>

<p>Reduction in Green House Gas from direct energy use and Energy Efficiency</p>	<p>The Plan should contain measures to ensure that energy demand is managed responsibly and sustainably which should involve rapid retrofitting and the decarbonisation and increase of accessibility of public transport.</p> <p>Submission requests the Council commit to promote education and awareness of energy use in the home and supporting all groups and organisations in addressing decarbonisation of housing and community buildings.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that there is adequate provision in the draft plan Actions specified under Objectives 4.3.1.1 to achieve a 51% reduction in green house gases resulting from the council's electricity use. The Council will also use its key strategic and regulatory powers and instruments to influence and facilitate the reduction of emissions from infrastructure, buildings, and social housing and to adapt and build resilience to the impacts of a changing climate.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
<p>Inclusion of social housing stock measured for emissions</p>	<p>Submission proposes to Include social housing stock among the assets that are measured for council emissions, and emissions saved once retrofitted.</p>	<p>CE Response: The plan details that the rules governing the council requirements in relation to carbon emissions does not include all council assets including the social housing stock.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
<p>Carbon Footprint from Council Emissions</p>	<p>Submission highlight the carbon footprint of flying and states that CCC should reduce the number of overseas trips.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that the scope of this issue can be adequately considered under Objective 4.3.1.3 of the plan which seeks a 51% reduction in green houses gases resulting from the council's transport use.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>

Citizen Engagement and Community Leadership		
<p>Community co-operation, education and shared learning experiences to ensure a Just transition.</p>	<p>Submissions raise a number of issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests the Council fully engage with the Cork County PPN to support communities and voluntary groups across the County including shared learning of community-based climate initiatives, to support listen to communities and supporting groups on a local level, meeting with community groups and developing workplan that addresses specific local climate action needs. • Requests the Council promote shared learning from green-agri projects and support groups undertaking new initiatives. • Raised the issue of community involvement in the Climate Action Plan and opportunities for co-operation in the Múscraí Gaeltacht area regarding heritage, energy, tourism, green space tree planting, renewable energy and funding. • Submission from East Cork outlines how local community network can support the implementation of the actions of the plan regarding citizen engagement and community leadership. • The plan should prioritise safeguarding against Energy Poverty and the Council should prioritise the energy renovation of social housing stock based on households most at risk of fuel poverty. • Use of libraries to support engagement in the circular economy. • The Council commit to inclusive climate action, and support groups and individuals who do not have the skills or capacity to participate in the digital realm. • The Council support social enterprises that address climate action and biodiversity loss. • Plan that ensures that local actions benefit citizens of Cork County and also to the benefit of those most affected people and areas globally. • Justice for all and that sacrifices that are made need to ensure that nobody is disproportionately affected by our decisions. 	<p>CE Response: The issues raised in this submission are noted. The Climate Action Plan includes a suite of Climate Actions regarding community engagement and community leadership in Section 4.4 of the Plan which are appropriate with the Goal of 'mobilising climate action in local communities and ensure a just transition'. It is recommended that additional text be included to specifically reference the PPN network role in relation to supporting communities.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No. 4.09</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN Global Goals provide all citizens with a framework to follow that ensures we do not leave anyone behind globally and that this provides us with the framework to ensure that there is a value of social justice in our action plan. • Need to be proactive and futureproof our decision-making regarding our immediate needs. • Heavy reliance on community effort to deliver on reduced carbon emissions is unjust. • Promotion of green skills in training and education needs to be delivered holistically. • Citizen participation in the design of the participatory processes, through focus groups or workshops which feed directly into sub-national and national policymaking. • Requests additional actions citing exemplar projects focusing on addressing whole life carbon emissions, circularity and/or nature-based solutions and the piloting of initiatives to help people with energy renovation works. 	
<p>Community awareness regarding Flooding</p>	<p>Submission raises the issue of recent flood events in the County and the lack of preparedness in the business sector and within communities. Suggests that LEO offices carry out awareness and training with businesses regarding best adaptability strategies to avert damage and likewise those living near waterbodies targeted for supportive measures to help minimise impacts and having some kind of rapid response mechanism at community level (a central place/ one stop shop) to support people when an incident occurs.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that the draft plan makes provision under Actions 4.4.1.6.1 and 4.1.1.6.2 to assist community affected by weather related climate impacts.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
<p>Youth Participation in Climate Action</p>	<p>Submission highlights the need to ensure that our citizenship engagement is inter-generational, and that young people need to be given a key role in Climate Action decision-making and need to be supported by citizens of all ages to make this collective change.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that the draft plan makes adequate provision under Action 4.4.1.2.2 regarding developing links with young people to create awareness about climate action.</p>

		<p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP)	Submission recommends that communities applying for travel projects under the CCAP be encouraged to engage with schools, particularly in relation to transport.	<p>CE Response: The issues raised have been noted and are considered to be matters for the CCAP.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Community Gardens	<p>Submission raised the issue that the Council should commit to supporting, promoting and increasing the number of allotments and community gardens provided over the lifetime of the CAP, review vacant land within Cork County Council that could be used for community growing purposes, execute local residents surveys re development of community garden allotments, open a seed library and recognition of National Allotments and Community Gardens Week.</p> <p>Submission states that suitable land for local growing is rarely available and the council needs to purchase or make available an area of land in each community.</p> <p>Cork County Council could consider the establishment of a community garden network and the installation of community biodigesters or composting units.</p>	<p>CE Response: The issues raised in this submission are noted. It is considered that adequate provision has been made in the Climate Action Plan regarding this issue, which includes a Specific Action 4.4.1.9.1 to 'promote and support community growing projects, allotments and community gardens, where suitable land is available, as a way that communities can grow their own food, lower food miles and food waste'.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Burial Grounds	Submission raised the issue that provision needs to be included through planning to encourage natural burial grounds to support, protect, establish and maintain woodland spaces.	<p>CE Response: The matters raised in this submission are considered to be outside the scope of the Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Green Schools Travel	Submission states that sustainable transport is a key theme of the Green Schools Programme and support inclusion in the Draft Plan. Submission	<p>CE Response:</p>

	<p>request the creation of a road map for communicating findings from Green-Schools Travel walkability/cycle ability audits with Cork County Council. Submission recommends the Council consider the climate ambassador programme in their stakeholders list.</p> <p>Submission states that no-idling campaigns are a focus of the Green-Schools travel programme to reduce emissions outside schools, but these could be extended to other areas within the public realm.</p>	<p>It is considered that the draft plan makes provision under Actions 4.4.1.7.1, 4.4.1.8.3 and 4.4.1.8.5 in relation to the green school’s programme. The issues raised in relation to Air Quality and No-idling campaigns are addressed under Action 4.5.2.2.3.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
<p>Water Conservation</p>	<p>Submission raises the issue of water conservation and welcomes the Council’s commitment to “support and work with LAWPRO to encourage a community response to encourage water conservation in the community, in association with local community”.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is recommended that additional text be included in relation to water conservation.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No. 4.10</p>
<p>Biodiversity, the Natural Environment, Heritage & Land Use, Land Use change and Forestry (LULUCF)</p>		
<p>Role of Trees in Climate Action</p>	<p>Submissions raises issues regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of a Tree Officer to Cork County Council, urgency for a Tree Strategy to be developed, Council support to encourage the planting of native trees, creation of tree planting schemes, development of tree trails, communication / awareness and educational initiatives regarding the planting of new trees, development of stakeholder partnerships and the protection of trees and implementing new planting strategies is also key as trees play a significant role in green infrastructure networks in County Cork. • Lack of progress regarding a draft Tree Policy and requests the creation of a Tree Officer role. 	<p>CE Response: The issues raised in this submission are noted. It is considered that the draft plan makes provision under Actions 4.5.1.4.2, 4.5.1.4.3, 4.5.1.4.5, 4.5.4.1.2 and 4.5.4.1.3 in relation to the role of trees in climate action. It is recommended that additional text be included in relation to native woodland biodiversity enhancement. It is also recommended that text be included to align Action 4.5.4.1.2 with the scope of the Tree Strategy being developed by CCC.</p> <p>CE Recommendation</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree planting be included when measuring emissions, purchase of native trees and plants before other options, establishment of a tree nursery for council use and funding for community tree nurseries. • Deployment of tree officers, tree register, possible bye law and avoidance of cutting down mature trees for widening greenways. • Important to recognise the natural regeneration of woodland / ecological succession, support biodiversity enhancement by supporting the introduction of native species and landscaping. • Need for actual targets for reductions in carbon emissions and increases in carbon sequestration outlined. 	<p>Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modifications No's. 4.19 and 4.24</p>
<p>Role of Pollinators / Bee Conservation</p>	<p>Submission raises the issue of the pivotal role that pollinators play in our ecosystem and proposes a comprehensive approach involving education, awareness campaigns, proactive environmental measures, reduce the use of herbicides, more sustainable agricultural practices and propose the creation of pollinator-friendly habitats.</p> <p>Submission raises the issue of Council support for pollinator friendly planting.</p>	<p>CE Response:</p> <p>The issues raised in this submission are noted and are considered to be adequately addressed in the plan which includes provision under Actions to:</p> <p>4.5.1.1.1 to 'continue to implement the County Biodiversity Action Plan',</p> <p>4.5.1.1.3 to 'continue to expand delivery of Pollinator Plans throughout towns in the county',</p> <p>4.6.1.5.3 to 'run an awareness campaign to advise householders to minimise use of pesticides and to use pesticides responsibly' and</p> <p>4.6.1.5.5 to 'work in partnership with farmers to improve practices and infrastructure, whilst promoting the need for farming enterprises to consider relevant planning and environmental protection requirements'.</p> <p>CE Recommendation</p> <p>No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>

<p>Importance of Hedgerow Protection</p>	<p>Submission highlights the important role hedgerow habitats play in climate regulation and raises the issue that the planning process should make hedgerow retention mandatory in developments.</p>	<p>CE Response: While some of the issues raised are outside the scope of the Climate Action Plan, specific Actions are included under 4.5.1.3.1 to 'Promote biodiversity net gain in all new public and private developments ...', 4.5.1.3.3 regarding the 'Retention and protection of existing biodiversity shall be a key consideration in all works or developments', 4.5.4.1.6 regarding the 'implementation of County Development Plan Policy which seeks to achieve a net gain in green infrastructure through the protection and enhancement of existing assets ...' and 4.5.3.2.5 to 'promote and support annual National Hedgerow Week'.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
<p>Biodiversity Protection, Retention and Nature Recovery</p>	<p>Submissions raise the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council commit to developing, consulting, publishing and updating the Cork County biodiversity plan and take all steps and measures to restore our waterways and develop an action plan to achieve this. ▪ Protection of existing wild and semi-wild areas in the first instance. ▪ Retention and protection, restoration and enhancing of existing biodiversity as a key consideration for new development. ▪ Council should be leaders in protecting & restoring biodiversity on a county level. ▪ Nature destruction of biodiversity including by building projects, use of chemicals, heavy industry, light pollution. ▪ Identification of specific Nature Recovery Plans. ▪ Investing in actions that maximise biodiversity will benefit the planet and humanity now and for the future. 	<p>CE Response: The issues raised have been noted. In the context of the SEA and AA processes undertaken for the LACAP, the effects of the Plan on the receiving biodiversity environment and European sites have been adequately identified, considered and evaluated. Potential adverse effects identified have been adequately mitigated against. The SEA and AA process to date has shaped the LACAP in a manner that ensures potential negative effects of Plan implementation will be prevented and minimized, and potential positive effects of Plan implementation will be maximized, to better</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Legislation such as the Wildlife Act / Habitats Directive should be mentioned. ▪ Importance of healthy ecosystems, to a stable climate should be highlighted. ▪ Every action must be taken to enhance and protect this natural fabric that increases the resilience of our communities, the appeal and attractiveness of Cork to investment, and the reputation of Cork in attracting and retaining skills and talent. ▪ Value of blue carbon sequestration by coastal communities. ▪ Raising awareness of how the council can lead by example. ▪ Highlight declining condition of biodiversity in Co Cork. ▪ Need for objective to protect biodiversity. ▪ Plan should use the term 'nature positive'. ▪ Protection of inland waterways. 	<p>promote biodiversity protection and enhancement during Plan delivery. The following Environmental Governance Principles EG1, EG3, EG6, EG7, EG8, EG9 and EG10 are all supportive of biodiversity protection and enhancement.</p> <p>It is considered that the County Development Plan provides a suitable framework for biodiversity protection and enhancement during planning consent processes.</p> <p>It is recommended that additional text be included in relation to Blue Carbon Sequestration, Biodiversity Action Plan, Nature Recovery Opportunities and the National Biodiversity Data Centre.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modifications No's. 4.12, 4.13, 4.14, 4.18 and 4.19.</p>
<p>Management of Invasive Species.</p>	<p>Submissions raises the issue of the management of invasive species.</p> <p>Submission raises the issue of cross-county river wide citizen science approach when tackling invasive waterside species.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that the draft plan makes provision under Actions 4.5.1.5.1, 4.5.1.5.2 and 4.5.1.5.3 in relation to the management of invasive species.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>

<p>Biodiversity Enhancement in Council Owned Assets</p>	<p>Submission raises the issue of review of council estates for community led biodiversity protection measures in settlements and nature-based SUDS measures.</p> <p>Submission supports reference to biodiversity enhancement and queries how this could be measured.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that the draft plan makes provision under Actions 4.5.1.4.2, 4.5.1.4.3 and 4.5.1.4.4 in relation to Biodiversity Enhancement in Council Owned Assets.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
<p>Promotion of Green Infrastructure</p>	<p>Submissions raises the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision of green spaces in towns and greening and rewilding of roadside and motorway verges and the use of animal overpasses and the prioritisation of Green Infrastructure to mitigate flooding of rivers and coasts. ▪ Creation of wild zones/national parks in places of existing natural beauty. ▪ Welcomes “implementation of County Development Plan Policy which seeks to achieve a net gain in green infrastructure.” ▪ Plan would benefit from the inclusion of the green Infrastructure zonings included in the Cork County Development Plan 2022 and from the associated mapping of existing biodiversity corridors. ▪ Action relating to the submission of green infrastructure statement needs to be implemented. ▪ Raising awareness of ecological corridors with homeowners. 	<p>CE Response: The issues raised in this submission are noted. While some of the issues raised are outside the scope of the Climate Action Plan, it is recommended that the plan modifies text in relation to connectivity to habitats.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No. 4.17</p>
<p>Development of Climate Risk Register</p>	<p>Submission welcome the support of CCC to carry out this risk register for settlements.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that the draft plan makes provision under Actions 4.5.1.2.1 in relation to development of a Climate Risk Register.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>

<p>Nature Based Solutions to managing surface water flooding including SUDS</p>	<p>Submissions raises the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change adaptation (e.g. flooding defence's) should specifically focus on natural solutions which adapt to climate change and maintain areas of biodiversity. • Nature based-solutions such as reconnecting floodplains and restoring marshes and dunes can protect coastal communities, improve water quality, wildlife habitats, enhance recreational opportunities with economic / social benefits. • Implementing nature based solutions to flooding and no flood plain should be built on. • Flood proofing of existing properties, discourage further development in flood plains, flood resilience mapping and finance for flood defences / recovery, regeneration of wetland and increased flood awareness. • Rewilding the rivers to alleviate flooding risks. • Provision of specific flood relief schemes without delay and pilot initiatives for settlement in utilising natural flood management. • Requests the Council support and assist communities in emergency flood planning. • Requests the Council commit to wider adoption of nature-based solutions in the built environment. • Water pollution including from WWTP's and agricultural run-off and requests restrictions to fertiliser use near vulnerable water bodies. • Encourages the removal of stormwater from combined sewers using SUDS and Green-Blue Infrastructure in new developments and retrofitted in existing developed areas. Submission welcomes consideration of various SUDS guidance documents. • States that while we need to mitigate climate change in ways that we know are already necessary e.g. flood defences, innovation should be prioritised. • Prioritising nature based / permaculture upstream measures in floodplains to reduce the volume of water during high rainfall, SUDS in urban settings and lastly greyer engineering solutions. 	<p>CE Response:</p> <p>The issues raised in this submission are noted. It is considered that the draft plan makes provision under Actions 4.5.1.4.3, 4.5.5.1.1, 4.8.5.1.2, 4.8.5.2.1, 4.8.5.2.2, 4.8.5.2.3, 4.8.5.2.4, 4.8.5.2.5, 4.8.5.2.6, 4.8.5.2.7 and 4.8.5.2.8 in relation to nature based and environmentally friendly solutions to water resource management. It is recommended that the plan modifies text in relation to wetland habitats and natural flood management.</p> <p>CE Recommendation</p> <p>Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modifications No's. 4.16 and 4.21</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financially awarding farmers for allowing fields to flooding helping flood management. Plan has no specifics targets or timelines on Nature Based solutions and installations. No mention of managed retreat within the Plan. 	
Support for communities dealing with the Green Transition including decarbonisation	The submission questions how collaboration with partners will be fostered and how will rural enterprises be fully supported in the green transition and the mapping out of an action plan. Submission requests community support from the Council in addressing decarbonisation.	<p>CE Response: It is considered that the draft plan makes provision under Action 4.5.3.2.7 in assisting communities in dealing with environmental challenges including decarbonisation.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Coastal Vulnerability Assessment	Submission requests Coastal Vulnerability Assessment be undertaken for specific settlement.	<p>CE Response: The Coastal Vulnerability Assessment for Co Cork is addressed under Action 4.5.2.3.1.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Reuse of vacant buildings and retrofitting buildings	<p>Submissions raise the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council recognise the environmental benefit of reuse of our vacant buildings and address the specific challenges of retrofitting historic buildings. Need to focus on the retrofit of existing commercial buildings. Retrofitting solar PV for all households and community buildings. Supporting a greater re-use/use of the existing building stock, and to bring as many vacant/underused properties back into use through high quality renovations, introduction of financial incentives to support reuse and low carbon developments, how the Council could better use its 	<p>CE Response: It is considered that the draft plan makes provision under Action 4.5.3.1.3, 4.8.3.1.1, 4.8.3.1.2, 4.8.3.1.3, in assisting the retrofitting of existing buildings.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>

	<p>existing building stock and supporting the re-use of construction materials and the reuse of public buildings for other purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages the Council take actions to address whole life carbon emissions in the built environment. • Council use the Build Upon Energy Renovation Framework to capture data on the impact of its renovation programme. 	
Economy (Agriculture, Industry, Tourism and Business)		
Sustainable Tourism	<p>Submission from Fáilte Ireland seeks to ensure the enhancement of tourism in the County, and the wider region, during the Plan period and is supportive of the Plan and welcomes opportunities to engage with the Council on programmes and initiatives proposed in the Plan which align with own work programmes and activities. Submission welcomes Goal 4.6.1 and is supportive of the actions set out in Section 4.6.2 and the commitment to supporting businesses and workers to become resilient to shifting industry practices due to climate change. Submission commends the Draft Plan and reiterates the commitment of Fáilte Ireland to work with the Local Authority on achieving the Plan objectives over the coming years.</p> <p>Cork's eco-tourism offering is poor, but the County has real potential.</p> <p>The Plan needs to be honest on failings and how the county assesses and supports certain modes of tourism (e.g. air travel, cruise travel) as opposed to objective 4.6.1.1.7 re sustainable tourism.</p> <p>Submission raises the issue of frequent, reliable and cost-effective transport options needed to encourage those visiting to travel sustainably. Submission states that the introduction of a sustainable tourism certification would encourage businesses operating within the tourism industry to strive for greener standards.</p> <p>Submission states that there is a lack of evidence that Cork is a sustainable tourist destination and businesses reliant on tourism should be encouraged</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that the draft plan under Section 4.6 and Action 4.6.1.1.7 makes adequate provision for the promotion of sustainable tourism.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>

	<p>and supported by the Council to form a lobbyist/advocacy group for the just transition of international transport industries such as aviation and shipping. Festivals and events can be made single-use plastic free with collective buy-in from local business and commercial groups.</p>	
<p>Support for Community Energy Initiatives</p>	<p>Submission requests that the plan include actions which incentivise community energy projects which should be designed in a participatory way to facilitate community ownership.</p> <p>Submission raises the issue introduction of pilot energy initiatives in settlements.</p>	<p>CE Response: The issues raised in this submission have been noted. It is considered that the draft plan under Action 4.4.1.1.1 provides adequate support for communities on Climate Action to work with existing community models (e.g. SEAI Sustainable Energy Communities).</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
<p>Remote Working Hubs</p>	<p>Submission raises the issue of the specific designation of remote working hubs within settlements.</p> <p>Submission welcomes further investment in remote working hubs.</p>	<p>CE Response: The development of remote working hubs is addressed in Action 4.6.1.4.1.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
<p>Agriculture and Sustainable Food Production</p>	<p>Submission states that farmers are a key asset to all citizens and need to be supported to make the necessary changes to provide quality food produced locally and sustainably.</p> <p>Submission raises the issue of collaboration on local food initiatives and traceable food sources to minimise food miles and create a local market hub.</p> <p>Submissions outlines the challenges for agriculture as the highest emissions emitter, by sector, and the need for a response and assistance to the</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that the draft plan under Action 4.6.1.5.4 and 4.6.1.5.5 makes adequate provision for agriculture and sustainable food production.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>

	<p>community in attaining the emission standards that can protect the environment but must also support and sustain agriculture. Submission raises the opportunity of partnering with organisations such as Teagasc to carry out communication and information campaigns and create programmes to engage the agri-food industry in Cork in the transition.</p>	
<p>Sustainable Business and Climate Action</p>	<p>Submission states the Council consider guidance on how to become a 'Generous business' and grant aid from the LEOs and the Economic Development Fund should only be awarded to businesses which have a sustainable business management plan designed for 'Generous businesses', and which commit to minimising waste (both physical and emissions). Profit making business could contribute to a local community environmental action fund, which could be distributed as seed funding for 'generous' enterprises or actions that result in community-oriented decarbonisation and biodiversity recovery.</p> <p>Submission requests more support for social enterprises who are the current organisations delivering practically for the Circular Economy.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that there is adequate provision in the draft plan under Objective 4.6.1.1: 'commit to supporting businesses and workers to become resilient to shifting industry practices due to climate change', Objective 4.6.1.2: 'Commit to embed climate action into all economic plans' and Objective 4.6.1.3: 'Commit to promoting Climate Action to enterprises in Cork County'.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
<p>Transportation</p>		
<p>Strengthen commitment to 'Avoid-Shift-Improve' approach</p>	<p>Submissions requests strengthening the term 'consider' in relation to the 'Avoid-Shift-Improve' approach to demonstrate a serious commitment, advocating for CCC to lead and prioritise road space for both Active Travel and Public Transport. Submission welcomes the fact that the 'Avoid-Shift-Improve' approach is stressed in the Plan. Submission states that the 'Avoid-Shift-Improve' table lacks any reference to reduction. Submission references plans for modal shift in Cork.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered that the draft plan should make provision to strengthen the commitment to 'Avoid-Shift-Improve' approach.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No. 4.26</p>

<p>Climate Change Adaptation for transport infrastructure</p>	<p>Submission requests that the Draft Climate Action plan considers the implementation of climate change adaptation measures for transport infrastructure and networks.</p> <p>Submission states that LA climate action plans should recognise the need to identify additional measures including the identification and implementation of further road space reallocation opportunities and reference relevant supports.</p>	<p>CE Response: The issues raised have been noted. It is considered that the draft plan should make provision for Climate Change Adaptation for transport infrastructure.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No. 4.29</p>
<p>Promotion of Active Travel</p>	<p>Submissions raise the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the Draft Plan's active travel policies • LA climate action plans should recognise the need to identify additional measures including pedestrian and cycling enhancement plans as well as various demand management measures and reference relevant supports. • Supports Draft Plan actions which seek to 'develop Active travel projects throughout the county and which can deliver greatest behavioural change' and to 'develop Local Transport Plans for larger towns with at least/near 10,000 population'. • Requests provision of suitable active travel infrastructure within towns and villages. • Requests the Council listen to communities about their transport needs and assist communities in active travel initiatives and monitor and report annually on the provision of cycleways/ footpaths across rural and urban areas. • Proper walking and cycling facilities should be available for all. • Council listen to communities about their transport needs and assist communities in active travel initiatives. • Bicycle parking in County Hall is not adequate. 	<p>CE Response: The issues raised have been noted. It is considered that the draft plan makes provision for the promotion of Active Travel under Actions 4.7.1.2.1, 4.7.1.2.2, 4.7.1.2.4, 4.7.1.2.6, 4.4.1.8.1, 4.7.1.8.2, 4.7.1.8.3 and 4.7.1.8.4. It is recommended that text be modified in relation to local transport plans.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No. 4.31</p>

<p>Link between Spatial Development (including Housing Density) and Transport Planning</p>	<p>Submission outlines that Local Authorities have significant potential to directly support national climate action in the transport sector by taking both an inward (organisational) and an outward (community) focus, promoting and implementing sustainable mobility projects and services, and ensuring development aligns to the objectives for high-density settlement patterns and compact growth. The submission states that appropriate spatial and land use planning, including the delivery of transport infrastructure, has a critical role to play in encouraging people to switch from the private car to more sustainable modes of transport. Submissions states that the Transport chapter of the national Climate Action Plan 2023 (CAP 23) includes a focus on the need for systemic action to achieve targets for the sector and the AVOID-SHIFT-IMPROVE (ASI) framework for transport sustainability has been applied to categorise all actions in CAP23, and to emphasise the crucial role of spatial and land-use planning in designing transport systems that can support our net-zero ambition. Plan should highlight importance and role of Integrated Land Use and Transport Planning.</p> <p>Submission states that the plan does not address sufficiently the role of spatial development in driving demand for transport.</p> <p>Submission states that more could be achieved through planning and density has a key role to play in facilitating a more effective use of both existing and any new transport infrastructure and would contribute to a reduction in transport emissions. The Council should ensure all new homes are delivered in walkable areas with good access to public transport and car-sharing schemes and all new developments must be designed to enable low carbon lifestyle.</p> <p>Submission states that in order to reduce transport emissions, actions regarding compact settlement and housing to reduce journey distances is a priority and parking should be limited and not free in all cases.</p>	<p>CE Response:</p> <p>The issues raised in the submissions are noted. The Council has a pivotal role in enabling and delivering positive climate action measures including decarbonising their own vehicle fleets, developing local area networks for EV charging infrastructure, delivery of active travel programmes including shared mobility services, and enhancing the public realm to increase safety and connectivity, facilitate the integration of safe and convenient alternatives to the private car into the design of local communities and support and advocate for change in travel behaviour amongst their communities through public engagement and community liaison activities. While some of the issues raised (e.g. housing density, compact growth) are more appropriately dealt with under the County Development Plan, which guides the future growth and development of the County, the climate action plan will maximise climate action opportunities, through the integration of transport and land uses. It is recommended that in the interests of clarity the reference to density in relation to transport policy should be omitted.</p> <p>CE Recommendation</p> <p>Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No. 4.32</p>
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<p>Sustainable Transport and Sustainable Mobility</p>	<p>Submission states that Local Authority should acknowledge their central role in influencing, and advocating for, climate action with respect to sustainable transport policy and Smart and Sustainable Mobility Workshops / SMP “Accelerator” Workshop programme.</p> <p>Submission states that existing transport infrastructure does not work effectively and all public transport services across Cork must be urgently improved and expanded upon to not only account for our climate commitments but growing demand.</p> <p>Submission requests the Council collaborate with relevant stakeholders regarding delivery of Cork Luas/Light Rail and the Cork Area Commuter Rail Programme and advocate and facilitate for improved bus services beyond the Cork Metropolitan Area.</p> <p>Submission from the PPN requests the monitoring and reporting annually on improvements to public transport across the county, including local link.</p> <p>Submission states that public transport must be accessible to all.</p> <p>Submission states that there are no plans for better public transport system and there seems no effort to reduce the number of cars and lorries on our roads.</p> <p>Submission states that people’s transport need to be provided for in a sustainable way for both young and old and for those with cars to have sustainable options.</p>	<p>CE Response: The issues raised have been noted. It is recommended that the draft plan references CCC role in influencing, advocating for climate action with respect to sustainable transport policy. It is also recommended the plan includes text in relation to the National Sustainable Mobility Policy and associated programmes.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No’s. 4.25 and 4.27</p>
<p>EV charging Points and Electric Bikes</p>	<p>Submission requests that in relation to EV Charging Infrastructure all related national policy objectives and Local EV Infrastructure targets are adequately reflected in the CAP.</p>	<p>CE Response: The issues raised have been noted. It is considered that the draft plan Actions 4.7.1.4.1, 4.7.1.4.2 and 4.8.1.3.2 address the use of EV’s and associated infrastructure. It is recommended the plan includes text to recognise relevant</p>

	<p>Submission raises the issue of bio-solar roof's at EV charging stations, community profit EV charging infrastructure and community information board for local events to be available.</p> <p>Submission requests enhanced EV charging points for specific settlement.</p> <p>Submission states that electric bikes, which are very important in rural areas providing a transport alternative are not mentioned.</p>	<p>national, local EV infrastructure targets and related policies in achieving transport emission targets.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modification to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No. 4.28</p>
<p>Safe Routes to Schools</p>	<p>Submission asserts that safe routes to school are a fundamental right for every child, the wording in the plan is insufficiently determined and the existing program needs to be accelerated to enable children to safely cycle or walk to school.</p> <p>Submission recommends engagement with the Green Schools Travel Programme.</p>	<p>CE Response: The issues raised have been noted. It is considered that the draft plan Actions 4.7.1.2.5 adequately addresses the safe routes to school initiative.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
<p>Low Emission Fuels</p>	<p>Submissions raises the issue of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) playing a key role in the decarbonisation of Heavy Goods Vehicles, particularly when combined with biomethane, and contribute to air quality improvement and requests the feasibility into the benefit of procuring bio CNG powered vehicles be carried out.</p>	<p>CE Response: The issues raised in this submission are noted. Objective 4.7.1.4 of the CAP promotes the use of Electric Vehicles / low emission fuels with Action 4.7.1.4.5 promote the use of sustainably sourced low emission fuels. In addition, objective 4.3.1.1 of the CAP seeks a 51% reduction in Green House Gases from the 2016/2018 baseline resulting from the council's transport use with the wording of Action 4.3.1.3.3 to 'assess opportunities to utilise low emission fuels where available and financially viable to identify projects for annual implementation programme, whilst ensuring energy/fuel used to power low emission vehicles is sustainably sourced'. The</p>

		<p>inclusion of these objectives and actions are considered sufficient to highlight the importance of low emission fuels for transport and it is not considered necessary to include additional wording.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Need for greater ambition in reducing transport emissions	Submission states the absence of specific targets raises doubts about achieving the mandated 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.	<p>CE Response: The issues raises have been noted.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed</p>
Built Environment (Infrastructure, Buildings, Housing & Heritage)		
Renewable Gases	<p>Submissions raise the issue of the replacement of natural gas with renewable gases, such as biomethane from anaerobic digestion to substantially reduce the country's carbon emissions while ensuring a secure energy supply and the role of Green Hydrogen in reaching the Country national climate objective and request inclusion in the CAP Actions. Submission also requests the Council commits to purchase a proportion of biomethane to offset the Council's gas consumption, conduct a feasibility into the benefits of treating grass cuttings through anaerobic digestion, support a public biomethane awareness day and work to facilitate installation of connections to the gas distribution and transmission systems and compressed natural gas refuelling infrastructure.</p> <p>Submission raises the issue of the importance of agriculture in relation to mobilising the county's anaerobic digestion resources, to enhancing the industry's sustainability, reducing GHG emissions,</p>	<p>CE Response: The Council's policy in relation to Bioenergy and Hydrogen Energy is set out in the Cork County Development Plan (CDP). The CAP includes objective 4.8.1.1 to 'support the development of renewable energy infrastructure' and an overall action 4.8.1.1.2 to 'promote renewable energy generation, storage, and distribution infrastructure in accordance with the CDP in the County...' It is not considered appropriate to make a modification here to reference specific renewable energy types.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>

District Heating Systems	Submissions raise the issue of preference for the provision of renewable district heating systems.	<p>CE Response: The issues raised in this submission are noted. It is considered that the wording of Action 4.8.1.2.1 to 'explore opportunities for establishing district heating to serve council assets including social housing in the county....' is sufficient to cover the provision of renewable district heating systems.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Renewable Energy	<p>Submission raises the issue of Council plans to establish a governance structure for offshore renewable energy to drive the development of renewable energy and need for joined up approach with other stakeholders.</p> <p>Submission raises the issue that the plans actions should support the installation of renewable energy including onshore wind, offshore wind and solar.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered the Actions 4.8.1.1.1 and 4.8.1.1.2 are adequate to support the development of renewable energy infrastructure.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Community Resilience Planning	Submission welcome the support of CCC in working with OPW and Met Eireann in developing a community resilience plan for Youghal in relation to rising sea levels and flooding.	<p>CE Response: The issues raised are noted having regard to Action 4.8.5.1.2.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
Solid Waste		
Litter Waste	Submission raises the issue of using a Litter data collection platform and outlines how citizen science and data collection by the public can be utilised	<p>CE Response: The issues raised in this submission are noted. The Climate Action Plan includes specific</p>

	<p>for Environmental monitoring.</p> <p>Submission raises the issue of the use of single use coffee cups and enhancing the availability of responsible vape disposal facilities, raising awareness of the environmental impact of such products and support a national ban.</p>	<p>objectives under the goal to 'reduce solid waste disposal and resulting emissions'. A series of dedicated Actions which will be subject to monitoring are included under objective 4.9.1.1 'to promote and support the Circular Economy' and objective 4.9.1.2 'to work with communities and stakeholders to eliminate littering and dumping'. The Climate Action Plan also makes provision for the promotion of citizen science initiatives including those relating to biodiversity, habitats and water quality.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>
<p>Waste Management and Recycling</p>	<p>Submission requests the Council address waste management and promote the circular economy and waste reduction.</p> <p>Submission states the burden of waste reduction, is already placed on communities and the private individual and the real responsibility for reduction in waste starts at source with the government at every level failing to acknowledge this.</p> <p>Submissions requests the use of recycling points for rubber.</p> <p>Submission states that some actions are vague and more actions relating to construction and demolition waste are needed.</p> <p>Submission raises the issue of waste to be discarded resource and civic amenity sites should be resource recovery centres.</p>	<p>CE Response: It is considered the Actions under Objectives 4.9.1.1 – 'Promote and support the Circular Economy' and 4.9.1.4 – 'Work stakeholders to ensure options available for the segregated disposal of waste' are sufficient regarding waste management and recycling. The issues raised will also be addressed in the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy due to be published in 2024.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>

4.4.5 Section 5 Decarbonisation Zone

Issues Raised	Submission Summaries	CE Response and Recommendation
<p>Designation of Macroom as a Decarbonisation Zone</p>	<p>Submissions welcome the designation of Macroom as Cork County's first Decarbonising Zone to sets out a range of climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures within this area which will encourage citizen engagement and community leadership.</p> <p>Submission requests the Council commit to shared learning of actions/outcomes from the Decarbonisation Zone.</p> <p>Submission states Map at Figure 5.1 could be updated.</p> <p>Submission states that the area of the decarbonisation zone does not seem to include the recently completed 22km Macroom bypass, uses 2016 data for commuter traffic through the DZ which will change by the bypass. Any study of the Macroom decarbonisation zone should incorporate the principle of full cost accounting for the wider area and the presence of the bypass.</p> <p>Submission also questions the rationale behind the selection of Macroom as a Decarbonisation Zone.</p>	<p>CE Response:</p> <p>The issues raised in the submission are noted. Macroom has been designated as the DZ for Cork County Council based on its socio-economic and physical environmental characteristics which have been deemed an appropriate fit against a set of defined DZ criteria. Decarbonising zones are intended to be the focus for a range of climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures in each local authority administrative area and will help to identify projects which will contribute to the delivery of the national climate objective. The Council is committed to shared learning of actions/outcomes from the Decarbonising Zone which can be used as a location to trial different adaptation actions, for assessment, before they are considered for implementation in other parts of the county.</p> <p>CE Recommendation</p> <p>No Change to the Draft Plan</p>
<p>Implementation Actions / Projects</p>	<p>Submission from the PPN requests commitment to shared learning of actions/outcomes from the Decarbonisation Zone with communities, to introduce and trial test measures to promote</p>	<p>CE Response:</p> <p>The issues raised in this submission are noted. Cork County Council will develop an annual implementation plan of climate actions specific to</p>

	<p>active travel and the 10-minute town concept in the Decarbonization Zone and inform all communities of the actions and activities of the Macroom Decarbonisation Zone.</p> <p>Submission suggests ambitious projects to address dereliction, vacancy and under-used buildings could be considered.</p>	<p>Macroom Decarbonising zone. These actions will focus on the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation and biodiversity issues as identified in the Draft Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan.</p>
Community Co-Operation	<p>Submissions raised the designation of the Macroom Decarbonisation Zone as an opportunity in its role as a service town for the Múscraí Gaeltacht area and highlighted the importance of communication and co-operation.</p>	<p>CE Response: The issues raised in this submission are noted.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No Change to the Draft Plan proposed.</p>

4.4.6 Section 6 Monitoring and Reporting

Issues Raised	Submission Summaries	CE Response and Recommendation
Monitoring, implementation and community accountability.	<p>Submissions raised the issue of the Council reviewing all LACAP actions, creating a cross sector response to correct any failing actions, provide updates and progress reports and being accountable to communities.</p> <p>Submission states that national guidance needed on the development of carbon budgets and accounting for actions/objectives in council plans to ensure consistency with the sectoral carbon targets.</p> <p>Submission stresses the importance of collaboration with neighbouring counties.</p>	<p>CE Response: The issues raised have been noted. The Council will each year prepare an Annual Implementation programme, which will align with the annual budgetary process and enable national developments in relation to grants and funding to be taken into account and to allow for regular monitoring of the plans progress. It is recommended that monitoring and reporting on the plan's actions be ringfenced by the inclusion of new text as a modification.</p> <p>The issue of national guidance on carbon budgets is outside the scope of this plan. It is proposed to</p>

		<p>reflect the importance of collaboration with adjoining local authorities in the text of the plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Modifications to the Draft Plan proposed.</p> <p>See Proposed Modification No’s. 4.02 and 6.01</p>
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4.4.7 Appendices 1-4

Issues Raised	Submission Summaries	CE Response and Recommendation
None	None	None

4.5 Summary of Chief Executive’s recommendations for Proposed Modifications

The following provides a list of minor modifications which have been proposed by the Chief Executive, on foot of public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan. The proposed modifications are listed by the relevant submission / Draft CAP section heading. Proposed modifications have been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening, full details of which are outlined in the SEA Screening Report and Appropriate Assessment Screening Report which accompany this Chief Executive’s Report. The list contained in this section is for ease of reference and should be read in conjunction with the full Chief Executive’s Report.

Draft CAP Section and Page	Proposed Modifications
Chapter 2	Introduction

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<p>Section 2.0 Pg. 8</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 2.01</u> Modify Text to paragraph 4 in relation to updating the population and percentage increase to population.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text paragraph 4 and include modified text as follows: Cork County Council's population is 358,898 360,152 (CSO 2022) which represents an 8.5% increase compared to 2016. <i>This is a text change only</i></p>
<p>Section 2.0 Pg. 8</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 2.02</u> Modify Text after paragraph 6 in relation to a reference to the County Development Plan.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify and include the text as follows as new paragraph 7: Spatial planning has a pivotal role in enabling and delivering positive climate action measures. The Council's commitment to climate action is a core consideration of the Cork County Development Plan 2022 which shapes the plan as an important climate action tool, ensuring that all development considers climate change mitigation and adaptation, and that the location of development seeks to promote climate action and maximise climate action opportunities, particularly through the integration of transport and land uses. <i>This is a text change only</i></p>

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<p>Section 2.3 Pg. 12</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 2.03</u> Modify Text to paragraph 4 in relation to the EU Taxonomy for sustainable activities.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by a submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify and include the text as follows at the end of paragraph 4.</p> <p>The European Climate Law made these targets legally binding, which also includes achieving a reduction in net greenhouse gas emissions of at least 55% by 2030. The EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities is a classification system that sets out standards that economic activities must meet in order to be deemed environmentally sustainable.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
<p>Chapter 3</p>	<p>Evidence Based Climate Action</p>

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Section 3.2 Pg. 35	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 3.01</u> Modify Table 3.19 for Clarity of Text</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Update Table 3.19 by including text for Pluvial Flooding in Coastal Erosion and then amalgamating River and Pluvial Flooding to one item.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="331 608 1525 1098"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 608 490 778">Coastal Erosion</td> <td data-bbox="490 608 1402 778"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rising sea levels projections under a high emissions scenario indicate an increase of up to 0.26 m by 2050 which will increase the frequency of coastal inundation for Cork County. A rising sea level is strongly linked with an increase in coastal erosion and increases the risk of inundation of coastal areas. </td> <td data-bbox="1402 608 1525 778">Increase</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 778 490 852">Pluvial Flooding</td> <td data-bbox="490 778 1402 852">A rising sea level is strongly linked with an increase in coastal erosion.</td> <td data-bbox="1402 778 1525 852">Increase</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 852 490 991">Pluvial/ River Flooding</td> <td data-bbox="490 852 1402 991"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projections indicate an increase in the frequency of heavy rainfall days (days with precipitation >30mm) for Cork County with some areas projected to see increase of up to 52%. This will likely result in an increased frequency of associated fluvial and pluvial flooding. </td> <td data-bbox="1402 852 1525 991">Increase</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="331 991 490 1098">Ground-water Flooding</td> <td data-bbox="490 991 1402 1098"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projections of changes in groundwater flooding are currently not available, therefore there is uncertainty in the change in groundwater flooding frequency that can be expected. </td> <td data-bbox="1402 991 1525 1098">Same</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>	Coastal Erosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rising sea levels projections under a high emissions scenario indicate an increase of up to 0.26 m by 2050 which will increase the frequency of coastal inundation for Cork County. A rising sea level is strongly linked with an increase in coastal erosion and increases the risk of inundation of coastal areas. 	Increase	Pluvial Flooding	A rising sea level is strongly linked with an increase in coastal erosion.	Increase	Pluvial/ River Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projections indicate an increase in the frequency of heavy rainfall days (days with precipitation >30mm) for Cork County with some areas projected to see increase of up to 52%. This will likely result in an increased frequency of associated fluvial and pluvial flooding. 	Increase	Ground-water Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projections of changes in groundwater flooding are currently not available, therefore there is uncertainty in the change in groundwater flooding frequency that can be expected. 	Same
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Section 4.2 Pg. 43	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.01</u> Modify Text to paragraph 2 in relation to the alignment of the CAP with other high level plans.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the SEA and a submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of paragraph 2 by including additional text as follows:</p> <p>As Climate Change is a challenge that exists across the entire range of the Council’s functions and activities, Cork County Council will support a multi-disciplinary approach to climate action, delivered through a clearly defined governance structure. Existing governance structures will be utilised, and new structures will be developed, where necessary. The governance structure will be supported by strong leadership, commitment, and accountability by Cork County Council. All Council plans, policies and strategies will be aligned to this Climate Action Plan. The Council is committed to ensuring this plan remains aligned with other high-level plans (i.e., National Climate Action Plan and the National Planning Framework) and programmes. The National Climate Action Plan will be taken into consideration when developing annual implementation programmes. Strengthened internal and external monitoring and reporting frameworks will be fundamental to accountability and to sustained implementation.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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Section 4.2 Pg. 44	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.02</u> Modify Text to paragraph 6 in relation to collaboration with adjoining local authorities.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Environment Directorate and submissions.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of paragraph 6 by including additional text as follows:</p> <p>There are numerous organisations that are working on their own Climate Action Plans including other local authorities, NGO's, business and community network groups and other state agencies. Climate action is a complex undertaking and engaging and collaborating with other stakeholders where work often overlaps or has an influencing affect upon one another, will strengthen the delivery of our climate action objectives. Cork County Council will also collaborate with adjoining local authorities in relation to climate action mitigation and adaptation measures.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
Section 4.2 Pg. 45	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.03</u> Modify Text in relation to Environmental Governance Principles.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the SEA.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of paragraph 1 by including additional text as follows:</p> <p>ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES</p> <p>The following Environmental Governance Principles will be implemented to underpin all Climate Action.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>

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<p>Section 4.2 Pg. 45</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.04</u> Modify Text by adding text before section 4.2.1 in relation to Environmental Reporting.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the SEA and a submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text by adding the following text before section 4.2.1 as follows:</p> <p>The EPA’s State of the Environment Report (SOER) 2020 identifies thirteen ‘Key Messages for Ireland’ in delivering Ireland’s long-term sustainable development and environmental objectives. The EPA are currently preparing the next iteration of the SOER report, which is due to be published in 2024. Cork County Council will take account of any relevant recommendations in the SOER 2024 report, once published, in implementing the Plan over its lifetime.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
<p>Section 4.2.1 Pg. 46</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 94</p> <p>Appendix 4 Pg. 136</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.05</u> Modify Text of action 4.2.1.2.1 in relation to Internal Structures.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the EPA submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.2.1.2.1 here, and in Appendix 3, and include additional text as follows:</p> <p>The existing internal structure for the development of this plan will remain in place initially and will be adapted throughout the lifetime of the plan to respond to new challenges as they occur. This structure will nurture inter-departmental co-operation to ensure that progress on the ‘implementation monitoring’ of the plans actions is being reported on to deliver this plan.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>

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<p>Section 4.2 Pg. 46</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 95</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.06</u> Modify Text to Action 4.2.1.2.3 in relation to CAP alignment with other Council plans.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.2.1.2.3 here, and in Appendix 3, and include additional text as follows: Ensure that relevant actions from this Climate Action Plan are incorporated into all Council plans, strategies and policies including departmental work plans, team plans and staff meeting agendas. <i>This is a text change only</i></p>
<p>Section 4.2 Pg. 46</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 95</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.07</u> Modify Text to Action 4.2.1.2.7 in relation to Aligning Climate Action within CCC.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.2.1.2.7 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows: With the support of CARO, the Council will monitor European and national policy developments and incorporate as appropriate to the Council's approach to Climate Action. <i>This is a text change only</i></p>

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<p>Section 4.2 Pg. 46</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 96</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.08</u> Modify Text to Action 4.2.1.3.2 in relation to the Community Climate Action Programme.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Environment Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.2.1.3.2 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows:</p> <p>Support and administer the Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) funded by national Government, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, which will allow communities to apply for grants to enable climate projects at a local level.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
<p>Section 4.4 Pg. 52</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 103</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.09</u> Modify Text to Action 4.4.1.1.1 in relation to supporting communities.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by a submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.4.1.1.1 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows:</p> <p>Support communities to co-create a vision for climate action by working with existing community models/mechanisms (e.g., the SEAI, Sustainable Energy Communities, PPN etc.) and also supporting new models, where appropriate.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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<p>Section 4.4 Pg. 52</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 105</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.10</u> Modify Text to Action 4.4.1.2.9 in relation to water conservation.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by a submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.4.1.2.9 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows: Support and work with LAWPRO to encourage a community response to encourage water conservation and greater water use efficiency in the community, in association with local community.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>

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Section 4.4 Pg. 52	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.11</u> Modify Text to Action 4.4.1.3.1 in relation to the Community Climate Action Programme.</p>
Appendix 3 Pg. 105	<p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Environment Directorate.</p>
Appendix 4 Pg. 138	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.4.1.3.1 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows: Support the delivery of Local Climate Action projects funded through the new Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP). The CCAP will operate under the following themes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home (Community) / Energy • Travel • Food and Waste • Shopping and Recycling • Local Climate and Environmental Action. <p>The fund allocated to Cork County is €1.2 million over a three year period. There will be €600,000 for the first 18 months and €600,000 in the following 18 month period. Promote the need to consider environmental protection requirements during such energy projects.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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<p>Section 4.5 Pg. 55</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.12</u> Modify Text in paragraph 5 in relation to Blue Carbon Sequestration.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by a submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text in paragraph 5 by adding the following text.</p> <p>Measures such as woodland regeneration, restoration of wetlands and conserving healthy soils and vegetation can increase carbon sequestration, while also benefitting biodiversity and the natural environment in its own right. Blue carbon sequestration from coastal and marine eco-systems is also recognised for its role in Climate Change, with many co-benefits. Therefore, a primary an appropriate strategy for climate action is to reduce and manage stresses on species, ecosystems and the natural environment, and to support its enhancement.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
<p>Section 4.5 Pg. 57</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.13</u> Modify Text to Objective 4.5.1.1 in relation to the Biodiversity Action Plan</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Environment Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Objective 4.5.1.1 as follows:</p> <p>Objective: Prepare and Implement the Biodiversity Action Plan with cognisance of the impacts of climate change.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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<p>Section 4.5 Pg. 57</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 108</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.14</u> Modify Text to Action 4.5.1.1.2 in relation to Nature Recovery Opportunities.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.5.1.1.2 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows: Work with stakeholders and communities to identify suitable areas for Neighbourhood Plans for Nature Recovery opportunities.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
<p>Section 4.5 Pg. 57</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 109</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.15</u> Modify Text to Action 4.5.1.1.5 in relation to the National Biodiversity Data Centre.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.5.1.1.5 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows: Work with stakeholders to promote engagement and awareness of National Biodiversity Data Centre projects and initiatives. best practices and recommended actions for citizens, developers, businesses and vendors.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>

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<p>Section 4.5 Pg. 57</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 109</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.16</u> Modify Text to Action 4.5.1.2.2 in relation to Wetland Habitats.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate and a submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.5.1.2.2 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows:</p> <p>Work with stakeholders to carry out a county wide survey to identify and map wetlands; protect and restore wetlands in Local Authority control; and to support landowners and others to protect and restore wetlands in identifying wetlands and promote rewetting and restoration programmes, whilst exerting influence and control, as appropriate, to promote the carrying out of such programmes in accordance with relevant environmental protection requirements, including water quality, habitat and protected species related requirements.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
<p>Section 4.5 Pg. 57</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 110</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.17</u> Modify Text to Action 4.5.1.2.6 in relation to Connectivity of Habitats.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.5.1.2.6 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows:</p> <p>Identify opportunities to preserve, enhance and develop ecological connections between areas of high biodiversity value, via green infrastructure networks, wildlife corridors, etc., via green having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European sites and local air quality.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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<p>Section 4.5 Pg. 57</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.18</u> Modify Text to Objective 4.5.1.3 in relation to Biodiversity retention.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by a submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Objective 4.5.1.3 as follows: Objective: Embed Biodiversity retention and net gain in development and placemaking with a nature positive goal.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
<p>Section 4.5 Pg. 57</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 112</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.19</u> Modify Text to Action 4.5.1.4.5 in relation to Biodiversity enhancement.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate and a submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.5.1.4.5 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows: Recognise natural regeneration of woodland and Identify opportunities for native tree planting and native woodland creation within the Local authority's landbank - and aim to avail of the Creation of Woodland in Public Lands Scheme and other grant aided schemes to extend native woodland cover in the county, particularly where co-benefits can be achieved.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only.</i></p>

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<p>Section 4.5 Pg. 58</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 113</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.20</u> Modify Text to Action 4.5.2.1.1 in relation to Water Quality</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the EPA submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.5.2.1.1, here and in Appendix 3, as follows:</p> <p>Support the Water Framework Directive Regional Operational Committees' activities and assist in the improvement of water quality standards and monitoring arrangements, so that they remain fit for purpose and data generated can be shared with other decision makers.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
<p>Section 4.5 Pg. 58</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 113</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.21</u> Modify Text to Action 4.5.2.1.4 in relation to improvement of Water Quality</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate and submissions.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.5.2.1.4 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows:</p> <p>Utilise natural flood management where feasible and financially viable, having due regard to the need to promote protect environmental sensitivities at these locations, including water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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<p>Section 4.5 Pg. 58</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 114</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.22</u> Modify Text to Action 4.5.2.2.1 in relation to Improvement of Air Quality.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the EPA Submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.5.2.2.1 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows: Implement the National Clean Air Strategy and with the support of central government and the EPA ensure monitoring arrangements remain fit for purpose, so that data generated can be shared with other decision makers.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
<p>Section 4.5 Pg. 58</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 115</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.23</u> Modify Text to Action 4.5.2.3.3 in relation to Protection & Management of Coastlines.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.5.2.3.3 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows: Conduct Beach Sediment Transportation Study to monitor select sites, document coastal change over time, develop and validate predictive models and inform funding and future interventions having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as European sites and biodiversity.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>

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<p>Section 4.5 Pg. 58</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 117</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.24</u> Modify Text to Action 4.5.4.1.2 in relation to Land Use change and Trees.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning and Environment Directorates.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.5.4.1.2 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows:</p> <p>Develop a Native Tree Strategy to support County Development Plan objectives and provide a framework for the planning, protection, planting and management of trees and woodlands on Council property within Cork County, ensuring a focus on native trees and having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as European sites and biodiversity.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
<p>Section 4.7 Pg. 65</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.25</u> Modify Text to paragraph 2 in relation to Sustainable Transport Policy.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by a submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text paragraph 2 as follows:</p> <p>Cork County Council sees the reduction of carbon emissions as a primary goal in its LACAP. It will be guided by the National Climate Action Plan, including key performance indicators and targets outlined for transport, in addressing Transportation issues in its Plan. The Council also acknowledges its role in influencing, and advocating for, climate action with respect to sustainable transport policy.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>

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<p>Section 4.7 Pg. 65</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.26</u> Modify Text to paragraph 3.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Environment Directorate and submissions.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text paragraph 3 as follows:</p> <p>The Council will consider use the Avoid - Shift – Improve approach, to tackling its transportation issues, as suggested in the National Climate Action Plan where relevant.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
<p>Section 4.7 Pg. 65</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.27</u> Modify Text by adding final paragraph at the bottom of the page.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by a submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text to include text as follows at the bottom of the page:</p> <p>The National Sustainable Mobility Policy (2022) sets out a strategic framework to 2030 for active travel and public transport journeys to help Ireland meet its climate obligations. Programmes such as the Sustainable Mobility ‘Pathfinder Programme’ and the Smart and Sustainable Mobility Accelerator programme have been critical in enabling local authorities to support the implementation of national sustainable mobility policy goals.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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Section 4.7 Pg. 66	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.28</u> Modify Text to paragraph 4.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by a submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text paragraph 4 as follows:</p> <p><u>ELECTRIC VEHICLES (EV)</u> The Department of Transport issued the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy 2022-2025 in 2023. The strategy presents a pathway for the delivery of a national EV charging network and this Climate Action Plan recognises and supports the importance of relevant National and Local EV infrastructure targets and related policies in achieving transport emission targets.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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<p>Section 4.7 Pg. 66</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.29</u> Modify Text by adding text as paragraph 10 before section 4.7.1.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by a submission.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text to include text before section 4.7.1 as a final paragraph as follows:</p> <p>Climate Change Adaptation for Transport Infrastructure The Transport Sectoral Adaptation Plan (2019) outlines that consideration and implementation of climate change adaptation measures for transport infrastructure and networks are necessary to enable continued services and maintained infrastructure and to safeguard new assets from longer term impacts by ensuring that current design specifications will adequately address future infrastructure needs. This Climate Action Plan recognises the importance of the adaptation of critical transport infrastructure in the Local Authority area to climate change impacts (including extreme weather events) and the potential for transport adaptation considerations and infrastructure to contribute to wider environmental co-benefits at local and regional level, such as decarbonisation, biodiversity, including through nature-based adaptation solutions etc. The Council will consult with the Climate Adaptation Strategy for Regional & Local Roads (2023), for guidance and methodologies to assist in protecting regional and local roads against climate change into the future.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
<p>Section 4.7 Pg. 66</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 123</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.30</u> Modify Text to Action 4.7.1.1.1 in relation to the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION,</u> Modify the text of Action 4.7.1.1.1 here, and in Appendix 3, and include additional text as follows:</p> <p>Collaborate with communities and stakeholders with in relation to the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (CMATS).</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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<p>Section 4.7 Pg. 66</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 123</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.31</u> Modify Text to Action 4.7.1.1.2 in relation to Local Transport Plans for Towns</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u>, Modify the text of Action 4.7.1.1.2 here, and in Appendix 3, and include additional text as follows: Collaborate with communities and stakeholders with in relation to the Local Transport Plans for towns as the plans are developed by the Council. <i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
<p>Section 4.7 Pg. 67</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 124</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.32</u> Modify Text to Action 4.7.1.3.1 in relation to the Promoting the Benefits of Transport Policy</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate and submissions.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.7.1.3.1 here, and in Appendix 3, as follows: Promote higher levels of density and growth in locations benefitting from existing high quality public transport capacity. <i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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<p>Section 4.7 Pg. 70</p> <p>Appendix 3 Pg. 132</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 4.33</u> Modify Text to Action 4.8.5.2.7 in relation to Reducing the impact of flooding.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of Action 4.8.5.2.7 here, and in Appendix 3, and in Appendix 3 as follows:</p> <p>During the operational lifetime of flood relief schemes, ensure that any upgrades and/or replacements use best available energy efficient technology and/or best practice, including innovative solutions where financially viable.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
<p>Section 5</p>	<p>Decarbonisation Zone</p>
<p>Section 5 Pg. 74</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 5.01</u> Modify Text in relation to the title of the section.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Environment Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the section title as follows:</p> <p>CHAPTER 5 DECARBONISATION DECARBONISING ZONE</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
<p>Section 6</p>	<p>Monitoring & Reporting</p>

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Section 6.0 Pg. 84	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 6.01</u> Modify Text in relation to the opening Paragraph.</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Environment Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the opening paragraph as follows:</p> <p>It is vital that the execution and impact of each of the actions identified in this plan is monitored and reported on an annual basis. CCCs commitment to delivering this climate action plan will be demonstrated through a structured process of implementation with ongoing monitoring and progress reporting.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
Appendix 3 Pg. 105	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.01</u> Modify Text in relation to the Lead Department for Action 4.4.1.3.1</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Environment Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the Lead Department for the Action 4.4.1.3.1</p> <p>Lead Department: Environmental, Climate Change & Emergency Services and Municipal Districts</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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Appendix 3 Pg. 108	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.02</u> Modify Text in relation to the KPI for Action 4.5.1.1.2</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the KPI for the Action 4.5.1.1.2</p> <p>KPI: No. of Nature Recovery Projects undertaken identified.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
Appendix 3 Pg. 110	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.03</u> Modify Text in relation to the KPI for Action 4.5.1.2.3</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the KPI for the Action 4.5.1.2.3</p> <p>KPI: No. of Marine Protected Areas established No of Meetings held.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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Appendix 3 Pg. 110	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.04</u> Modify Text in relation to the time frame for Action 4.5.1.2.6</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the time frame for the Action 4.5.1.2.6.</p> <p>KPI: No. of Green infrastructure/Ecological connections completed No of opportunities identified.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
Appendix 3 Pg. 110	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.05</u> Modify Text in relation to the time frame for Action 4.5.1.3.1</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the time frame for the Action 4.5.1.3.1</p> <p>Timeframe: Within 2 years Annual Review</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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<p>Appendix 3 Pg. 110</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.06</u> Modify Text in relation to the KPI & time frame for Action 4.5.1.3.2</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the KPI & time frame for the Action 4.5.1.3.2</p> <p>KPI: Inclusion of ecological and biodiversity measures in project plans public projects.</p> <p>Timeframe: Within 2 years Annual Review</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
<p>Appendix 3 Pg. 112</p>	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.07</u> Modify Text in relation to the time frame for Action 4.5.1.5.1</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the time frame for the Action 4.5.1.5.1</p> <p>Timeframe: Within 1 year Within 3 years.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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Appendix 3 Pg. 113	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.08</u> Modify Text in relation to the time frame for Action 4.5.2.1.4</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the time frame for the Action 4.5.2.1.4</p> <p>Timeframe: Within 3 years Annual Review.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
Appendix 3 Pg. 115	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.09</u> Modify Text in relation to the KPI Metric for Action 4.5.3.1.2</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the KPI for the Action 4.5.3.1.2</p> <p>KPI: No. of schemes introduced No of information campaigns run.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>

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Appendix 3 Pg. 117	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.10</u> Modify Text in relation to the KPI Metric for Action 4.5.4.1.6</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the KPI for the Action 4.5.4.1.6</p> <p>KPI: No of Green Infrastructure Projects completed Assessment of green infrastructure net gain.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
Appendix 3 Pg. 118	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.11</u> Modify Text in relation to the KPI Metric for Action 4.5.5.1.1</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the KPI for the Action 4.5.5.1.1</p> <p>KPI: No. of Information campaigns run Creation and issuing of guidance notes and tracking pre-planning engagement on these issues.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>

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Appendix 3 Pg. 118	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.12</u> Modify Text in relation to the KPI Metric for Action 4.5.5.1.2</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the KPI for the Action 4.5.5.1.2</p> <p>KPI: No of Information campaigns run Development of Educational Toolkits related to climate action and future proofing new developments.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
Appendix 3 Pg. 123	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.13</u> Modify Text in relation to the Lead Department for Action 4.7.1.2.2</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the Lead Department for the Action 4.7.1.2.2</p> <p>Lead Department: Planning & Development Roads & Transportation</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>

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Appendix 3 Pg. 124	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.14</u> Modify Text in relation to the Lead Department for Action 4.7.1.2.4</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the Lead Department for the Action 4.7.1.2.4</p> <p>Lead Department: Planning & Development Roads & Transportation</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
Appendix 3 Pg. 124	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.15</u> Modify Text in relation to the Lead Department and KPI for Action 4.7.1.2.5</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the Lead Department and KPI for the Action 4.7.1.2.5</p> <p>Lead Department: Planning & Development Roads & Transportation</p> <p>KPI: Complete "Safe Routes to School" Number of Schools Completed.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

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Appendix 3 Pg. 124	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.16</u> Modify Text in relation to the Lead Department for Action 4.7.1.2.6</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the Lead Department for the Action 4.7.1.2.6</p> <p>Lead Department: Planning & Development Roads & Transportation.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
Appendix 3 Pg. 124	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.17</u> Modify Text in relation to the KPI Metric for Action 4.7.1.3.1</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the KPI for the Action 4.7.1.3.1</p> <p>KPI: Inclusion of targets in all county council plans Review number of permitted units within proximity to public transport corridors.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>

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Appendix 3 Pg. 124	<p><i>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.18</i> Modify Text in relation to the KPI Metric for Action 4.7.1.3.2</p> <p><i>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</i> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><i>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</i> Modify the text of the KPI for the Action 4.7.1.3.2</p> <p>KPI: Inclusion of targets in all county council plans No of Plans Completed.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>
Appendix 3 Pg. 126	<p><i>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.19</i> Modify Text in relation to the KPI Metric for Action 4.8.1.1.1</p> <p><i>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</i> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><i>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</i> Modify the text of the KPI for the Action 4.8.1.1.1</p> <p>KPI: No. of applications made for Energy generation Permitted KWHs of offshore wind energy generation.</p> <p><i>This is a text change only</i></p>

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Appendix 3 Pg. 132	<p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION No. 7.20</u> Modify Text in relation to the Lead Department for Action 4.8.5.2.4</p> <p><u>ORIGIN OF MODIFICATION</u> This modification is required to address issues raised by the Planning Directorate.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED MODIFICATION</u> Modify the text of the Lead Department for the Action 4.8.5.2.4</p> <p>Lead Department: Water Services & County Engineer Planning & Development</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>

5 Conclusions

This Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received to the Draft Climate Action Plan, during Public Consultation, is hereby submitted to the Elected Members of the Local Authority, for their consideration.

The Elected Members have up to 6 weeks (from the 12th January 2024) to consider this Chief Executive's Report, in accordance with the requirements of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021. Elected Members will be briefed on the 19th January 2024 to provide an overview of the Chief Executive's Report and in February 2024 Council Meeting / Special Meetings of Cork County Council will take place to decide by resolution, whether to:

- approve, or
- approve, subject to such modifications as they consider appropriate, the local authority climate action plan.

Taking into account the Cork County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, this Chief Executive's Report on Draft Plan Public Consultation, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment Screening of Chief Executive's Recommendations, it is proposed that the Draft Climate Action Plan be approved by the Elected Members, in accordance with the recommendations of this report.

The Elected Members shall give approval for the Climate Action Plan, only after having determined that the Plan shall not adversely affect the integrity of a European Site(s) in line with SI 477 (EU Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended.

Within thirty (30) days of the approval of the final local authority Climate Action Plan by the Elected Members, the Council will publish the final plan. The Climate Action Plan shall have effect for a period of five years from the date on which it is approved by the Elected Members.

Appendix A: List of Persons, Organisations and Bodies who made Submissions

Submission Reference Number	Name
DCAP565120534	Alexandra Archer
DCAP565140397	Andrea Reichstein
DCAP564888679	Angela Deegan Not Here Not Anywhere
DCAP565155247	Bernadette Connolly Cork Environmental Forum
DCAP565109339	Caroline Ní Nualláin Comharchumann Forbatha Mhúscraí
DCAP565105579	Caroline Ní Nualláin Comharchumann Forbatha Mhúscraí
DCAP562813681	Cathal Nolan Nephin Renewable Gas
DCAP564847384	Cllr Alan O'Connor
DCAP564686460	Cllr Marcia D'Alton
DCAP564107507	Colm Clarken
DCAP565148799	Cork Chamber of Commerce
DCAP565154184	Cork County Comhairle na nÓg
DCAP565082892	Deirdre Lane Youghal Blue & Green Community Network
DCAP557648942	Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications
DCAP557640168	Department of Transport
DCAP563196466	Dónal McCormack
DCAP565112716	Dr Eoin Lettice Irish Tree Explorers Network
DCAP562578663	Dr Maria Power Youghal Blue & Green Community Network
DCAP565151044	Dr. Darren McAdam-O'Connell Transport and Mobility Forum, Cork
DCAP564119720	Emily Fitzgerald
DCAP565099164	Fáilte Ireland
DCAP564613660	Gas Networks Ireland

DCAP565146811	Green-Schools Travel
DCAP563989189	Isobel Towse
DCAP564912823	James Clair
DCAP564902155	Jari Howard Limerick City & Co Council
DCAP564887106	John Adams
DCAP565086589	John Murphy Cork County PPN
DCAP564801513	Karen Devilee
DCAP564197304	Kerry County Council
DCAP565138550	Marion Jammet Irish Green Building Council
DCAP564910108	Mark Holland
DCAP557651573	Minister for Finance
DCAP561012031	Mr Cian O'Mahony Environmental Protection Agency
DCAP560930986	Mr Wong
DCAP564859781	Niamh Guiry UCC Green Campus
DCAP563928945	Pat Deasy
DCAP561508389	Robert Clarke
DCAP563190288	Rosie Cargin
DCAP564919096	Ruth Bullough Cycle Sense
DCAP564046338	Sea Fisheries Coordination Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
DCAP563996764	Seán Lynch
DCAP564260902	Uisce Éireann

Appendix B: Public Notice of Draft Plan Public Consultation



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí
Cork County Council

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE PREPARATION OF THE CORK COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2024-2029

Notice is hereby given that Cork County Council has, pursuant to Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, prepared a Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. The Draft Plan is accompanied by an Environmental Report, prepared in accordance with the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 435 of 2004 as amended by S.I. 200 of 2011) for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report, pursuant to Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

The Draft Plan sets out the actions Cork County Council will take to help deliver on the national climate obligations and the Government's overall National Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

Public Consultation

Cork County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Report and Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report, will be on display from Friday 13th October to Monday 27th November 2023, at the following locations:

- Online at www.corkcoco.ie.
- All branches of Cork County Council Libraries during Library opening hours.

Making a Submission

Written submissions regarding the Draft Climate Action Plan, Strategic Environmental Assessment Report and Appropriate Assessment Report, are invited from members of the public and other interested parties. You can make a submission between Friday 13th October 2023 up to 4:00pm on Monday 27th November 2023 inclusive, through the following option:

Written submissions must be made: Electronically through the Council's Public Consultation Portal available at <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/resident/environment/climate-action-plan>

The closing date for receipt of submissions is Monday 27th November 2023. Please note LATE submissions will not be considered. You are strongly advised to make your submission as early as possible.

Submissions should include your name and address and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc, which you represent. Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are particularly encouraged to make submissions regarding the foregoing. Written submissions with respect to the Draft Plan that are made within the period stated, will be taken into consideration before the making of the Plan.

Signed: Louis Duffy
Director of Service, Environment, Climate Change and
Emergency Services
Dated: Friday 13th October 2023

Personal Information may be collected by Cork County Council to enable the processing of your submission. Cork County Council can legally process this information as necessary to comply with its statutory/legal obligations. Such information will be processed in line with the Council's privacy statement which is available at www.corkcoco.ie

FÓGRA POIBLÍ

FÓGRA MAIDIR LE HULLMHÚ DHRÉACHTPHLEAN GNÍOMHAÍOCHTA AERÁIDE CHOMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ 2024-2029

Tugtar fógra leis seo go bhfuil Dréachtphlean Gníomhaíochta Aeráide 2024-2029 ullmhaithe ag Comhairle Contae Chorcaí, de bhun Alt 16 den Acht um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide agus um Fhorbairt Ísealcharbóin (Leasú) 2021. Tá Tuarascáil Timpeallachta ag gabháil leis an Dréachtphlean, de réir Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Measúnacht Timpeallachta ar Phleananna agus ar Chláir Áirithe) 2004 (A.I. 435 de 2004 arna leasú ag A.I. 200 de 2011) le haghaidh Measúnacht Straitéiseach Timpeallachta (MST) agus an Tuarascáil Tionchair Natura leis an Mheasúnacht Chuí (MC), de bhun Airteagal 6 den Treoir maidir le Gnáthoga 92/43/CEE.

Leagann an Dréachtphlean amach na gníomhartha a dhéanfaidh Comhairle Contae Chorcaí chun cabhrú le seachadadh na n-obleagáid náisiúnta aeráide agus Cuspóir Foriomlán Aeráide Náisiúnta an Rialtais, a sheachann le tabhairt faoin aistriú chuig geilleagar atá seasmhach ó thaobh na haeráide de, saibhir ó thaobh na bitheagsúlachta de, inbhuanaithe ó thaobh an chomhshaoil de, agus neodrach ó thaobh na heráide de, agus é a bhaint amach, tráth nach déanaí ná deireadh 2050.

Comhairliúchán Poiblí

Beidh Dréachtphlean Gníomhaíochta Aeráide Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí 2024-2029, an Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnacht Straitéiseach Timpeallachta agus an Tuarascáil Tionchair Natura leis an Mheasúnacht Chuí, ar taispeántóir Dé hAoine 13ú Deireadh Fómhair go Dé Luain 27ú Samhain 2023, ag na suíomhanna seo a leanas:

- Ar líne ag www.corkcoco.ie.
- Gach brainse de Leabharlanna Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí le linn uaireanta oscailte na Leabharlainne.

Aighneacht a Dhéanamh

Tá fáilte roimh aighneachtaí scríofa maidir leis Dréachtphlean Gníomhaíochta Aeráide, an Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnacht Straitéiseach Timpeallachta agus an Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnacht Chuí, ó bhaill den phobal agus ó pháirtithe leasmhara eile. Is féidir leat aighneacht a dhéanamh idir Dé hAoine 13ú Deireadh Fómhair 2023 suas go dtí 4:00in Dé Luain 27ú Samhain 2023 agus an lá sin san áireamh, tríd an rogha seo a leanas:

Caithear aighneachtaí scríofa a dhéanamh: Go leictreonach trí Thairseach Comhairliúcháin Phoiblí na Comhairle atá ar fáil ag <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/resident/environment/climate-action-plan>

Is é an dáta deiridh le haighneachtaí a fháil ná Dé Luain 27ú Samhain 2023. Tabhair le fios le do thoil nach mbreithneofar aighneachtaí DÉANACHA. Moltar go láidir duit d'aighneacht a dhéanamh chomh luath agus is féidir.

Ba chóir go mbeadh d'ainm agus seoladh san áireamh sna haighneachtaí agus, nuair is cuí, sonraí aon eagraíochta, grúpa pobail nó comhlachta srl, a ndéanann tú ionadaíocht dóibh. Moltar go háirithe do leanaí, nó do ghrúpaí nó cumainn a dhéanann ionadaíocht ar leasanna leanaí, aighneachtaí a dhéanamh maidir leis an méid thuasluaite. Cuirfead san áireamh aighneachtaí scríofa maidir leis an Dréachtphlean a dhéanfar laistigh den tréimhse luaithe, sula ndéanfar an Plean.

Sínithe: Louis Duffy
Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse, Comhshaoil, Athrú Aeráide agus
Seirbhísí Éigeandála
Arna dhátú: Dé hAoine 13ú Deireadh Fómhair 2023

Féadfaidh Comhairle Contae Chorcaí faisnéis phearsanta a bhailiú chun d'aighneacht a phróiseáil. Is féidir le Comhairle Contae Chorcaí an fhaisnéis seo a phróiseáil go dléathach de réir mar is gá chun a cuid oibleagáidí reachtúla/dlíthiúla a chomhlíonadh. Próiseálfar faisnéis dá leithéid de réir ráiteas príobháideachta na Comhairle atá ar fáil ag www.corkcoco.ie

Appendix C: SEA Screening Conclusion and Determination and AA Screening Conclusion and Determination

Modifications to the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 for the CORK COUNTY COUNCIL functional area

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination under SEA Directive 2001/42/EC as transposed into Irish law under the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 435/2004), as amended

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL has prepared a Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) for the CORK COUNTY COUNCIL functional area for the years 2024 – 2029 under Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021.

A screening determination for the need for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been made by CORK COUNTY COUNCIL for the Modifications to the Draft LACAP under Directive 2001/42/EC. The screening assessment was carried out using the criteria for determining the likely significance of effects as set out in Schedule 1 of S.I. 435/2004, as amended.

The Modifications to the Draft LACAP have been made following a review of the issues raised during the prescribed public consultation period for the Draft LACAP from 13 October 2023 to 27 November 2023 and subsequent consideration by CORK COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Draft LACAP has been informed by a SEA and an SEA Environmental Report has been prepared outlining the likely environmental effects of the Plan in accordance with the SEA Directive 2001/42/EC. Measures have been integrated into the Draft LACAP that provide for and contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development.

Following assessment of the criteria and having regard to the nature of the Modifications to the Draft LACAP and the potential for likely significant environmental effects associated with the Modifications, CORK COUNTY COUNCIL has concluded that the Modifications to the Draft LACAP will not give rise to likely significant effects on the environment.


This determination has been made following consideration of the information contained in an SEA Screening Report for the Modifications to the Draft LACAP, and the criteria set out in Schedule 1 to S.I. 435/2004, as amended. The principal reasons the Modifications to the Draft LACAP will not give rise to likely significant effects on the environment are as follows:

- The modifications are only intended to provide clarification on existing Climate Actions defined in the Draft LACAP and make the LACAP more operative and focussed.
- The modification are not material and will not result in any additional, likely significant environmental effects not already considered in the SEA Environmental Report for the Draft LACAP.

Taking account of the above, it is determined that full SEA is not required to be undertaken for the Modifications to the Draft LACAP.

An SEA Statement will be prepared following adoption of the LACAP, which will detail the SEA process undertaken for the LACAP.

Signed by:


Date: 8 JAN 2024

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Modifications to the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 for the CORK COUNTY COUNCIL functional area

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination under the EU's Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC Article 6(3) as transposed into Irish law under Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477/2011), as amended

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL has prepared a Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) for the CORK COUNTY COUNCIL functional area for the years 2024 – 2029 under Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021.

A screening determination for the need for Appropriate Assessment (AA) has been made by the Council in respect of the Modifications to the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan in accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the Directive 92/43/EEC (Habitats Directives) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended).

The Modifications to the Draft LACAP have been made following a review of the issues raised during the prescribed public consultation period for the Draft LACAP from 13 October 2023 to 27 November 2023 and subsequent consideration by CORK COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Draft LACAP has been informed by an AA and a Natura Impact Report has been prepared outlining the likely environmental effects of the Plan on European sites in accordance with the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC. Measures have been integrated into the Draft Plan that mitigate its potential effects on any European site.

Following assessment and having regard to the nature of the Modifications to the Draft LACAP and the potential for likely significant environmental effects associated with the Modifications, CORK COUNTY COUNCIL has concluded, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of conservation objectives, that the Modifications to the Draft LACAP will not give rise to any likely significant effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

This determination has been made following consideration of the information contained in an AA Screening Report for the Modifications to the Draft LACAP. The principal reasons the Modifications to the Draft LACAP do will not give rise to any likely significant effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, are as follows:

- The modifications are only intended to provide clarification on existing Climate Actions defined in the Draft LACAP and make the LACAP more operative and focussed.
- The modification are not material and will not result in any additional, likely significant environmental effects, including effects on ecological processes or European sites, not already considered in the NIR for the Draft LACAP.

Taking account of the above, it is determined that full AA is not required to be undertaken for the modifications to the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029.

An AA Conclusion Statement will be prepared following adoption of the Plan, which will detail the AA process undertaken for the Plan.

Signed by:

Date:



Appendix D: Errata for Cork County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

After the publication of the Draft Climate Action Plan, some errors were identified in the resolution of images and minor typographical errors and omissions in the text of the plan. The errors in question are identified in this Errata Document.

<p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text proposed for removal of Draft LACAP contains Strikethrough • Proposed replacement Text is highlighted in bold

SECTION OF DRAFT CAP	DRAFT CHANGE
All Chapters	Correction of all grammatical, formatting and typographical errors. <i><u>This is a text change only</u></i>
All Chapters	Correct images to improve resolution for improved readability. <i><u>This is an image update only</u></i>
All Chapters	Change the word Decarbonisation to Decarbonising in all places. <i><u>This is a text change only</u></i>
All Chapters	Modify the following: Replace Corporate Affairs with Corporate Services . <i><u>This is a text change only</u></i>
Chapter 2	Introduction
Pg. 7	Delete repeated word “the” at last line of the page. Figure (i) illustrates the the scope of the local authority’s responsibility on climate action. <i><u>This is a text change only</u></i>
Pg. 10	Delete additional number in the year 1991. The 30-year period from 199 1-2020 shows a 7% increase in the average annual rainfall in Ireland when compared to the previous 30 years of 1961-1990. <i><u>This is a text change only</u></i>
Pg. 12	Modify sentence in paragraph 6. The Climate Action Plan 2023, launched on the 21st of December 2022, <i><u>This is a text change only</u></i>
Pg. 22	Modify Wording under image.

SECTION OF DRAFT CAP	DRAFT CHANGE
	<p>Figure 3.45: Tier 1 Methane emissions per sector</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
<p>Pg. 23</p>	<p>Improve readability of Figure 3.7 by adjusting wording and image.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
<p>Pg. 25</p>	<p>Align text correctly on step 1 of the section titled Agriculture.</p> <p>1) the emissions from the agriculture sector was taken from the MapEire database.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>
<p>Appendix 3</p>	
<p>All Pages</p>	<p>Change the word Adaption to Adaptation where it appears in all places in column 4.</p> <p><i><u>This is a text change only</u></i></p>