

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

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Report

Kildare 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 five theme areas of Governance & Leadership, Built Environment & Transport, Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure, Communities: Resilience & Transition, and Sustainability & Resource Management.

Pursuant to Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, notice of the preparation of the Kildare County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, was given on Thursday, 21st, September, 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 and a day, from Thursday, 21st, September, 2023 to Friday, 3rd, 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 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 will be briefed on the 22nd November 2023 to provide an overview of the Chief Executive's Report and in December 2023 Council Meeting of Kildare 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 have been assessed to determine whether they would have any significant impact on the environment. Taking into account the mitigation measures which have already been integrated into the Draft Plan, it is considered that the modifications proposed on foot of recommendations in this Chief Executive's Report, will not have any significant adverse effect on the environment.

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. 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 significant effect on any Natura 2000 sites.

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.

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.

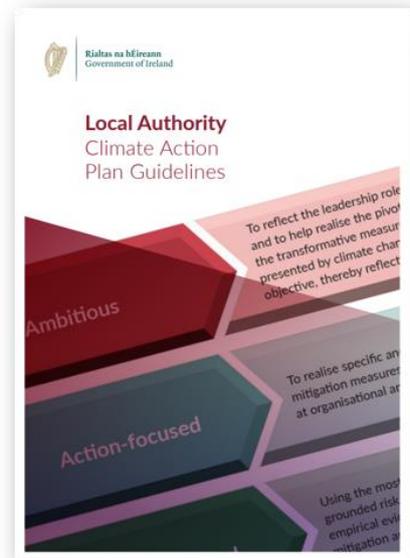
The Draft Climate Action Plan sets a clear pathway for Kildare County Council to:

- 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 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 Plan sets out how Kildare 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 Thursday, 21st, September, 2023 to Friday, 3rd, 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

Kildare County Council conducted non statutory pre-draft consultations in preparation of the draft document and then completed the statutory consultation process with the draft Climate Action Plan. Details on the process are outlined as follows:

2.2.1 Pre-Draft Consultation – (non-statutory)

At the statutory meeting of Kildare County Council in April 2023, elected members were informed of the legislative requirement under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 to prepare and adopt a Local Authority Climate Action Plan for Carlow County Council. Members were advised of the LACAP statutory process, scope and inclusion of a Decarbonising Zone as set out in the aforementioned act and in draft Guidelines issued by the department of the Environment, Climate and Communications.

Additional events were organised including the following.

- 1 No. Workshop Q1 for Senior Management Team
- 1 No. Information session for the Climate Strategic Policy Committee
- 4 No Workshops Q1/Q2 for Kildare County Councils Climate Action and the Energy Management Teams.
- 3 No Workshops in Q2 for various stakeholders on the Decarbonization Zone (DZ)
- 1 No Picnic in the Park public event on 18th June 2023 on the both the DZ and the LACAP

The Maynooth Decarbonization Zone Plan was adopted in late July 2023 to inform the Local Area Plan for Maynooth.

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

The Statutory Public consultation process on the draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 commenced on Thursday 21st September with submissions invited until 4pm on 3rd November 2023, inclusive.

- Newspaper notices as prescribed made in:
Liffey Champion, The Nationalist and Leinster Leader on date of publication before consultation commenced on 21st September 2023
- Kildare County Council Social Media accounts on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram utilised on 18th September 2023 to advertise commencement of consultation.
- Prescribed Bodies notification sent by email to designate email addresses.
- Adjoining Local authorities notified by email prior to commencement of the consultation process.
- Public displays of draft plan and associated documents:
in all 5 municipal district main Libraries - Maynooth, Naas, Leixlip, Athy and Newbridge and Aras Chill Dara for public viewing.
- Drop in Clinics in 5 main libraries advertised via Kildare County Council's Twitter and Facebook accounts on 2nd Oct, 7th Oct, 16th Oct, 23rd Oct, 30th Oct
- Placed on Kildare County Council's Consultation Portal for viewing and submission purposes.

2.3 Public Information Events

During the statutory public consultation period, members of the Climate Action Office facilitated a number of Public Information Events at 5 No. Public Libraries in the county as follows:

- Drop in Clinics in 5 main libraries advertised via Kildare County Council's Twitter and Facebook accounts

Public Consultation Library - Drop In Clinics		Times	Attendance
Wed 27 th Oct	Maynooth Library	10.00am - 12.30pm	5
Tues 03 rd Oct	Naas Library	10.00am - 12.30pm	2
Tues 10 th Oct	Leixlip Library	2.00pm – 4.30pm	1
Wed 18 th Oct	Athy Library	2.00pm – 4.30pm	2
Thurs 26 th Oct	Newbridge Library	5.00pm – 7.30pm	4

2.4 Engagement with Key Stakeholders and Young People

PPN put the notification Letter on their social media website.

3 Details of the Submissions

3.1 Introduction

A total of 35 valid submissions and observations were received, the breakdown of which is as follows:

Submission Type	Number
Online Portal Submissions	32
Posted / Handed Submissions	0
Email Submissions	3
Total Submissions	35

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 Appendix 2.

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 1 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 35 valid submissions and observations received for the **Kildare** County Council Draft Climate Action Plan;

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Submission were received from the following stakeholders.

- **Internal KCC** - Transport, Mobility and Open Spaces
- **Government Departments** - Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Department of Transport, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- **Public Representatives** – Cllr. Pádraig McEvoy
- **Organisations** – Uisce Éireann, BnM, an Taisce, Maynooth Cycling Campaign, Community Gardens Ireland
- **Members of the Public** – Individuals and Community Groups, e.g. Kilcullen For Climate Action, Maynooth Community Council, Not Here Not Anywhere

Full summaries of all of the issues raised in the submissions and observations are set out in Appendix 2. Issues have been summarised under the relevant submission and thematic area, together with the responses and recommendations of the Chief Executive in Section 3.4 of this report.

Submission Issue Breakdown

By Theme

General Submission

[Submissions 16](#)
[Observations 24](#)

Governance and Leadership

[Submissions 5](#)
[Observations 6](#)

Built Environment and Transport

[Submissions 12](#)
[Observations 22](#)

Communities: Resilience and Transition

[Submissions 7](#)
[Observations 9](#)

Sustainability and Resource Management

[Submissions 8](#)
[Observations 10](#)

Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure

[Submissions 10](#)
[Observations 14](#)

3.4 Chief Executive's Responses and Recommendations

The Chief Executive has prepared a 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.

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 local area plans, county development plan development sites or specific local authority projects undertaken. Such matters are best addressed under the various planning processes 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:

The implementation, monitoring and future updates of the local authority Climate Action Plan will be consistent with and have regard to the national Climate Action Plan and any future such Plans.

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

~~**The Council shall adopt the following actions in regard to domestic waste.**~~

4 Categorisation, Summary and Chief Executives Responses and Recommendations to Issues Raised

All 35 valid submissions and observations were read, analysed, and summarised. The report takes the following format to address issues raised in the submissions and observations received. Listing of minor modifications which have been proposed by the Chief Executive, on foot of public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan are included.

4.1 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. All proposed modifications have been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening. The list contained in this section is for ease of reference and should be read in conjunction with the full Chief Executive's Report.

Note: Environmental Guidance Principles EGP1 and EGP3 are quoted in table below under the column titled 'SEA & AA Assessment'. The definition of each is as follows:

EGP1: 'Promote climate action projects that support and maximize environmental co-benefits, such as biodiversity protection and enhancement; improved air, water or soil quality; or enhanced recreation, amenity and cultural heritage value, to ensure win-win benefits are gained.'

EGP3: will serve to mitigate the potential effects of development supported by this action: 'Ensure all development underpinned or supported by climate action is planned and implemented in a manner that appropriately considers the potential for environmental co-benefits, potential environmental impacts and environmental protection requirements. No climate action related development project that is likely to have significant negative effects on the receiving environment shall be supported.'

Draft CAP Section and Page	Proposed Modifications	SEA & AA Assessments
1. Executive Summary P1	<p><i>This Plan has been prepared to address the requirements of each of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Climate Action Plan under the Climate Act 2021;</i> • <i>The Decarbonising Zone under the Climate Action Plan 2019/2021;</i> • <i>The Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan under the EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy; and</i> • <i>The Green Communities Low Carbon Community Plan in collaboration with An Taisce.</i> 	N/A
1. Executive Summary Chapter 4 P3	98 107 individual Actions	N/A
1. Executive Summary Chapter 4 P3	<p>Climate Action Vision for Kildare</p> <p><i>Kildare County Council will deliver climate action across all council functions and will lead the community of County Kildare in the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral local economy.</i></p>	N/A
2. Introduction P5	<p><i>This Plan has been prepared to address the requirements of each of the following obligations and commitments which apply to the Council:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Climate Action Plan under the Climate Act 2021;</i> • <i>The Decarbonising Zone under the Climate Action Plan 2019/2021;</i> • <i>The Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan under the EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy; and</i> • <i>The Green Communities Low Carbon Community Plan in collaboration with An Taisce.</i> 	N/A

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2. Introduction P5/P6	<p><i>In addition to the national obligations, the Council is a signatory to the EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy which is a voluntary initiative supported by the European Commission. As such, the Council is committed to reducing its own emissions by 50% by 2030 compared to the baseline year to be achieved through developing a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP). This Plan also fulfils the SECAP function for the County.</i></p> <p><i>Through the development of this Plan the Council has collaborated with An Taisce on developing this Plan as a Green Communities Low Carbon Community Plan for Maynooth. The Council will build on this collaboration to work with An Taisce on the monitoring of implementation of DZ actions in Maynooth.</i></p>	N/A
2. Introduction P6	<p><i>This Plan has been prepared to address the requirements of each of the following obligations and commitments which apply to the Council:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Climate Action Plan under the Climate Act 2021;</i> • <i>The Decarbonising Zone under the Climate Action Plan 2019/2021;</i> • <i>The Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan under the EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy; and</i> • <i>The Green Communities Low Carbon Community Plan in collaboration with An Taisce. added</i> 	N/A
2.1 Consultation on this Plan P7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific engagement in Maynooth with citizens, business groups, <i>land owners, representatives from the agriculture sector</i> and the university on the implementation of the decarbonisation zone; • <i>Statutory consultation on the draft Plan undertaken between September to November of 2023.</i> 	N/A

Draft CAP Section and Page	Proposed Modifications	SEA & AA Assessments
2.2 Overview of Climate Change P7	<i>Error! Reference source not found.</i> added	N/A
2.2 Overview of Climate Change P8	<i>New research at Maynooth University's ICARUS Climate Research Centre shows clear evidence that humans are changing Ireland's climate and highlights the need for climate adaptation measures, particularly in flood protection.</i>	N/A
2.3 Climate Policy Context P9	<i>Error! Reference source not found.</i> corrected	N/A
2.3.1 International Climate Change Policy P11	<i>Error! Reference source not found.</i> added	N/A
2.3.1 International Climate Change Policy P11	All actions proposed in Chapter 4 (for the County) and Chapter 5 (for Maynooth DZ) of this Plan are mapped against these SDG <i>and this mapping is shown in Appendix D.</i>	N/A
2.3.1 International Climate Change Policy P11/P12	<i>Also included in Appendix D is the mapping of the actions within this Plan against chapters of the Climate Action Plan 2023 and the goals listed in the Delivering Effective Climate Action 2030 (DECA2013) document prepared by the CCMA and CARO on behalf of the local authority sector. These DECA2030 goals are shown in Figure 2-5.</i>	N/A
2.3.1 International Climate Change policy P12	Added <i>Figure 2 5: Delivering Effective Climate Action 2030 Goals</i>	N/A
2.3.2 Climate Change Policy Ireland P14	<i>Error! Reference source not found.</i> added	N/A
2.3.2 Climate Change Policy Ireland P15	the Council is committed to reducing its own emissions by 50% by 2030 compared to the baseline year <i>and realise the vision of complete decarbonisation by 2050.</i>	N/A
2.3.3 Current National baseline and Target Compliance P16	<i>Error! Reference source not found.</i> . added	N/A

Draft CAP Section and Page	Proposed Modifications	SEA & AA Assessments
2.5 Structure of the Climate Action Plan P17	<p><i>Appendix D maps each of the CAP and DZ actions in this Plan against the UN SDG, DECA2030 Goals and the CAP23 Chapter titles.</i></p> <p><i>Appendix E includes further detailed on the baseline emissions inventory for the County derived from MapEire and Appendix F provides supplementary information on the Tier 3 baseline inventory data.</i></p>	N/A
3.2 Climate Change Risk Assessment P19	<i>Error! Reference source not found..</i> added	N/A
3.2.1 Current Climate risk Assessment P19	<p><i>To inform the risk assessment an evaluation of historic climate hazards within the County has been undertaken. The results of all climate hazard events recorded within the County over the past 30 years are shown in Figure 0-1.</i></p>	N/A
3.2.1 Current Climate risk Assessment P19	<i>Figure 0-1: 30 year record of Climate Hazards in Kildare</i> Added	N/A
3.2.1 Current Climate risk Assessment P22	<i>Error! Reference source not found...</i> added	N/A
3.2.1 Future Climate Risks and Impacts P23	<i>Error! Reference source not found..</i> added	N/A
3.2.1 Future Climate Risks and Impacts P24	<i>Error! Reference source not found..</i> added	N/A
3.3 Summary of Baseline Emissions Inventory P24	using the <i>Tier 3</i> methodology	N/A
3.3 Summary of Baseline Emissions Inventory P25	<i>Error! Reference source not found. and further details are included in Appendix F.</i>	N/A
3.3 Summary of Baseline Emissions Inventory P26	to inform this <i>Tier 3</i> assessment or the baseline for the DZ in Chapter 5 <i>but for reference the MapEire baseline analysis is included in Appendix E.</i>	N/A
3.3 Summary of Baseline Emissions Inventory P26	for the County are presented in <i>Error! Reference source not found.</i> and graphically in <i>Error! Reference source not found.</i>	N/A
3.3 Summary of Baseline Emissions Inventory P26	When social housing, <i>the Councils</i> municipal <i>outputs,.....</i>all stakeholders in the County to address remaining 974.48% of emissions	N/A
3.3.1 Transport P27	<i>Error! Reference source not found..</i> added	N/A

Draft CAP Section and Page	Proposed Modifications	SEA & AA Assessments
3.3.2 Residential P28	<i>Error! Reference source not found..</i> added	N/A
3.3.3 Commercial P28	<i>Error! Reference source not found..</i> added	N/A
3.3.4 Municipal P29	<i>Error! Reference source not found..</i> added	N/A
3.3.4 Social Housing P29	<i>Error! Reference source not found..</i> added	N/A
3.3.7 Waste P30	<i>Error! Reference source not found..</i> added	N/A
3.3.7 Agriculture P30/P31	<p><i>Agriculture accounted for 232,230 tCO₂e or 13.8% of overall emissions within the County and each of the key sources of methane emissions are shown in Figure 0-2.</i></p> <p><i>Emissions for agriculture were calculated using crop and herd data specific for the County. This data was sourced from the CSO Census of Agriculture and the Land Parcel Identification System (LPIS) from the Department of Agriculture. The emission factors used were from the IPCC, DEFRA and the National Inventory Report.</i></p> <p><i>Land use in the county was predominantly used for livestock as 66% was used for permanent pasture and low impact permanent pasture. The largest proportion of cereal crops were winter-wheat and winter barley at 10% and 7.5% respectively.</i></p> <p><i>Livestock emissions were calculated by combining the methane emissions from manure management and enteric fermentation along with the estimated operational emissions from energy usage on site (e.g. milking/heating).</i></p> <p><i>Cereal crops, field vegetables and horticulture emissions were calculated using emission factors associated with cultivation per hectare of land under use.</i></p> <p><i>Methane emissions from livestock accounted for 87% of overall emissions while the remaining 13% was accounted for through energy usage required for livestock upkeep and arable farming.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Figure 0-2: Kildare Agricultural Emissions</i></p>	N/A
3.3.8 <u>3.3.9</u> Baseline Summary P31	total emissions equates to 5.2 <u>2.6</u> % of the 2018 inventory. the County to address the remaining 94.8 <u>97.4</u> % of emissions	N/A

Draft CAP Section and Page	Proposed Modifications	SEA & AA Assessments
4.2 Plan Vision and Mission P32	<p><i>Climate Action Vision for Kildare</i></p> <p><i>Kildare County Council will deliver climate action across all council functions and will lead the community of County Kildare in the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral local economy.</i></p>	N/A
4.3 Plan Goals, Objectives and Actions P33/P34	Error! Reference source not found... added	N/A
Table 0-1: CAP Actions for Governance & Leadership P36	<p>Kildare CAP Strategic Goal 1: Governance & Leadership</p> <p><i>Kildare County Council will show leadership in mitigating climate emissions to achieve our 51% target by 2030, enabling a climate resilient County by mainstreaming climate action, governance change and awareness across all of our services.</i></p>	N/A
Table 0-2: CAP Actions for Governance & Leadership P36	1.1 G1 to 1.11 G11 numbering revised	N/A
Table 0-3: CAP Actions for Governance & Leadership P36/P37	<p>1.1 G1 / 1.2 G2 / 1.4 G4 / 1.9 G9 Ongoing <u>to 2029</u></p> <p>1.3 G3 / 1.5 G5 / 1.7 G7 Annual <u>to 2029</u></p> <p>1.8 G8 Ongoing <u>to 2029, 2024</u></p>	1.4 This amendment enhances community engagement action proposed under the plan and may better support climate positive behaviour change. This has inherent benefits to the receiving environment; however, it is in keeping with the environmental effects identified in the existing NIR. There are no additional sources for effects; therefore, no further considerations are required in that regard
Table 0-4: CAP Actions for Governance & Leadership P36	1.4 G4 - through <i>events such as Earth Hour and</i> the.... <u>Q3 2024</u>	This amendment enhances community engagement action proposed under the plan and may better support climate positive behaviour change.
Table 0-5: CAP Actions for Governance & Leadership P37	1.6 G6 - between key community, business, <i>defence</i> , and education	N/A
Table 0-6: CAP Actions for Governance & Leadership P37	1.9 G9 - Other Las <i>IFI NPWS</i>	N/A
Table 0-7: CAP Actions for Built Environment and Transport P39	<p>Kildare CAP Strategic Goal 2: Built Environment and Transport</p> <p><i>The Council will deliver on obligations and targets to reduce emissions, in Council owned built environment, transport assets and promote the transition of private assets to deliver a climate resilient and low carbon County.</i></p>	N/A

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Table 0-8: CAP Actions for Built Environment and Transport P39/P45	2.1 B1 to 2.24 B28 numbering revised.	N/A
Table 0-9: CAP Actions for Built Environment and Transport P39/P45	<p>2.5 B5 / 2.6 B6 / 2.8 B8 / 2.9 B9 / 2.11 B11 / B11 / B12 / B14 / B15 / 2.13 B17 / 2.16 B20 / 2.17 B21 / 2.18 B22 / 2.19 B23 / 2.20 B24 / 2.22 B26 / 2.23 B27 / 2.1 B1 / Ongoing <u>to 2029</u></p> <p>2.1 B1 / 2.2 B2 / 2.3 B3 / 2.4 B4 / 2.7 B7 / 2.24 B28 /..... Annual <u>to 2029</u></p> <p>B13 / 2.12 B16 / 2.14 B18 / 2.15 B19 / 2.21 B25 /..... Q4 2024</p>	<p>2.22 These amendments give better effect to the action and will better support modal shift and the use of public transport, potentially resulting in a greater magnitude of positive effect on local air quality and climate.</p> <p>2.23 The target for this action has been made more ambitious. Making the action more ambitious in nature has the potential to lead to greater local air quality, climate and population and human health related benefits.</p>
Table 0-10: CAP Actions for Built Environment and Transport P41/P42	2.10 – deleted text	N/A
Table 0-11: CAP Actions for Built Environment and Transport P42	<p><u>B11</u> <u>Require that all new large scale development (more than 10 houses or equivalent) within the County provides a life cycle analysis of carbon impact in line with the standard PAS 2080 Carbon Management In Infrastructure and ISO 19650 - Building Information Modelling (BIM) as part of the planning application. 1 / Miti / % New Developments Subject to Assessment / PEEDAC / None / Ongoing to 2029 / Private Funding and Investment / 12.2</u></p>	This additional action has the potential to support climate positive construction practices, leading to a positive effect on the climate environment
Table 0-12: CAP Actions for Built Environment and Transport p42	<p><u>B12</u> <u>Support the development of sustainable, energy efficient cohousing or other semi-communal housing projects at appropriate locations within the county where access to active travel and/or public transport is readily available. / 1 / Miti. / No. of units / PEEDAC / Approved Housing Bodies / Ongoing to 2029 / Funding / 11.1</u></p>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3

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Table 0-13: CAP Actions for Built Environment and Transport P42	<p><u>B13</u> <u>Undertake a feasibility study of the potential for district heating or energy from key sources within the County including data centres, wastewater treatment plants and large industry, ensuring such a report as appropriate regard to planning and environmental protection considerations. / 1 / Miti. / Study Delivered / PEEDAC / CCEW / Q4 2024 / Funding / 13.1</u></p>	<p>This additional action is supportive of renewable energy projects. Such projects may lead to the occurrence of negative environmental effects The SEA process to date has however considered Plan Action supportive of renewable energy development. Mitigation has been defined to ensure such projects do cause negative environmental effects (e.g., Environmental Governance Principle 3)</p>
Table 0-14: CAP Actions for Built Environment and Transport P42/P43	<p><u>B14</u> <u>Ensure all developments including car parks are designed in such a manner as to support EV charging, promote carbon sequestration, green infrastructure, and nature-based surface water drainage solutions. Work with relevant bodies to identify optimum locations and provide suitable EV charging points for Public Transport Vehicles in town centres and key points on inter rural bus routes. Advocate and exert influence and control, as appropriate, to ensure such development promotes climate action co-benefits and does not contravene relevant environmental protection criteria or cause significant negative environmental effects. / 1 / Miti. / % Developments with EV infrastructure / PEEDAC / NTA, TFI Local Link, Bus Operators / Ongoing to 2029 / Private Funding and Investment / 11.3</u></p>	<p>Covered under EGP1 / EGP3</p>
Table 0-15: CAP Actions for Built Environment and Transport P43	<p><u>B15</u> <u>Ensure all new residential or high human occupancy developments are located in areas whereby direct access to active travel routes and/or public transport modes are available and/or provide reserved space for shared cars. / 2 / Miti. / % Developments with Sustainable Transport access / PEEDAC / NTA, TFI Local Link, Bus Operators / Ongoing to 2029 / Private Funding and Investment / 11.3</u></p>	<p>Covered under EGP1 / EGP3</p>
Table 0-16: CAP Actions for Built Environment and Transport P43	<p>2-12 <u>B16</u>..... Total km/m² of Road Space Reallocated</p>	<p>N/A</p>
Table 0-17: CAP Actions for Built Environment and Transport P44	<p>2-18 <u>B22</u>..... Network Integration) <u>and Energy Performance and Building Directive initiatives,</u></p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Table 0-18: CAP Actions for Built Environment and Transport P44	2-19 <u>B23</u> improved town and <u>school bus</u> services	These amendments give better effect to the action and will better support modal shift and the use of public transport, potentially resulting in a greater magnitude of positive effect on local air quality and climate.
Table 0-19: CAP Actions for Built Environment and Transport P45	2-23 <u>B27</u> the Council to ensure that <u>support 420%</u> of resource hours	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
Table 4 3: CAP Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P47	Kildare CAP Strategic Goal 3: Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure <u>Protect and enhance the natural environment and green infrastructure within the County to support biodiversity and natural water systems, reduce the risk of negative impacts of climate change and enhance health and well-being for all citizens.</u>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
Table 4 3: CAP Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P47/P54	3-1 <u>N1</u> to <u>N28</u> numbering revised	N/A
Table 4 3: CAP Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P47/P54	N4 / 3-11 <u>N12</u> / 3-15 <u>N15</u> / 3-16 <u>N17</u> / 3-17 <u>N18</u> / 3-18 <u>N19</u> / 3-19 <u>N20</u> / 3-20 <u>N21</u> / 3-22 <u>N23</u> / 3-23 <u>N24</u> / 3-25 <u>N26</u> / <u>N28</u> / Ongoing <u>to 2029</u> 3-1 <u>N1</u> / 2-2 <u>B2</u> / 2-3 <u>B3</u> / 2-4 <u>B4</u> / 2-7 <u>B7</u> / 2-24 <u>B28</u> /..... Annual <u>to 2029</u>	3.16 The inclusion of this specific, measurable, and time bound KPI for this Plan Action better supports the delivery of the action, which has the potential to support peatland restoration, resulting in positive effects for climate, biodiversity, and environmental/ecosystem health. 3.17 The inclusion of this specific, measurable, and time bound KPI for this Plan Action better supports the delivery of the action, which has the potential to support peatland restoration, resulting in positive effects for climate, biodiversity, and environmental/ecosystem health.
Table 4 3: CAP Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P48	<u>N4</u> <u>Require all new development within the County to undertake an inventory of baseline biodiversity and set a target for 10% biodiversity gain as part of any planning application for development. / 1 / Both / % Natural Capital Gain / PEEDAC / CCEW / Ongoing to 2029 / Private funding / 11.4</u>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3

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Table 4 3: CAP Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P49	3.7 N8 ... to promote <i>natural and</i> nature based solutions	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
Table 4 3: CAP Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P49	3.9 N10.... wetlands (eg. Pollardstown Fen) identified in the County Kildare Wetland Survey 2012-2014 (<i>including Pollardstown Fen</i>). This plan shall be developed by a competent ecology <i>team and</i> shall have due regard to the need to appropriately protect,	N/A
Table 4 3: CAP Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P50	3.12 N13... a Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) <i>and incorporate</i> Surface Water	N/A
Table 4 3: CAP Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P50	3.14 N15... retain existing native <i>provenance</i> trees, support the planting of native <i>provenance trees</i> , and identify sites for large-scale native and mixed woodland planting. Set targets to maintain existing and plant new native <i>provenance</i> trees in urban	This amended action supports the maintenance and planting of tree that of native provenance. The amended action will support biodiversity protection and enhancement and promote Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission sequestration
Table 4 3: CAP Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P52	3.18 N19... to increased tillage, <i>horticulture</i> or alternative land uses.	N/A
Table 4 3: CAP Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P53	<u>N27</u> <i>Explore the feasibility of the development of allotments and community gardens in the County to support sustainable food production. / 4 / Both / Number of Allotments Delivered / CCEW PEEDAC / None / Annual to 2029 / Lands Available / 13.1</i>	This additional action has the potential to increase the level of sustainable food production and has the potential to lead to a positive effect on the climate environment.

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Table 4 3: CAP Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P54	<u>N28</u> <u>Support the tourism industry in the sustainable delivery of the objectives of Ireland's Ancient East Regional Tourism Development Strategy 2023 – 2027 through enabling reductions in the carbon footprint of the tourism sector, supporting creation of transformational green infrastructural assets and growing sustainable, green and eco-tourism in the area. / 1 / Both / Ecotourism Visitors / Into Kildare / Failte Ireland. Tourism Sector PEEDAC / Ongoing to 2029 / None / 13.2</u>	The environmental impacts of Ireland's Ancient East Regional Tourism Development Strategy 2023 – 2027 have been considered and mitigated under SEA and AA produced for that Strategy.
Table 4 4: CAP Actions for Communities: Resilience and Transition P55	Kildare CAP Strategic Goal 4: Communities: Resilience & Transition <u>Mobilise climate action in local communities through increasing climate literacy to build capacity for climate action and a just transition for citizens in the County.</u>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
Table 4 4: CAP Actions for Communities: Resilience and Transition P55/P60	4.1 R1 to 4.23 R23 numbering revised	N/A
Table 4 4: CAP Actions for Communities: Resilience and Transition P55/P60	4.1 R1 / 4.4 R4 / 4.5 R5 / 4.8 R8 / 4.9 R9 / 4.10 R10 / 4.11 R11 / 4.12 R12 / 4.21 R21 / 4.22 R22 / 4.23 R23 / Ongoing <u>to 2029</u>	N/A
Table 4 4: CAP Actions for Communities: Resilience and Transition P56/P57	4.8 R8 / 4.9 R9 / 4.12 R12 / 4.13 R13 / OPW <u>IFI</u>	N/A
Table 4 4: CAP Actions for Communities: Resilience and Transition P57	4.10 R10 nature based solutions such as <u>blue</u> /green roofs, ponds, wetlands, and shallow vegetated channels (swales) <u>and include provision for rainwater harvesting.</u>	N/A
Table 4 4: CAP Actions for Communities: Resilience and Transition P57	4.12 R12 European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology, visual amenity and recreation and amenity value. <u>All new drainage works to be in line with best practice principles informed by SUDs Interim Guidance Document and Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD).</u>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
Table 4 4: CAP Actions for Communities: Resilience and Transition P58	4.15 R15 The study will identify sites for large-scale native and mixed woodland planting and set targets for planting and maintaining native <u>provenance</u> trees in urban and rural areas	This amended action supports the maintenance and planting of tree that of native provenance. The amended action will support biodiversity protection and enhancement and promote GHG emission sequestration.

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Table 4 5: CAP Actions for Sustainability & Resource Management P61	Kildare CAP Strategic Goal 5: Sustainability & Resource Management <i><u>Embed the principles of sustainability and the circular economy within all Council functions, empower citizens and business within the County to make informed sustainable, circular and climate positive choices.</u></i>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
Table 4 5: CAP Actions for Sustainability & Resource Management P61/65	5.1 S1 to <u>S17</u> numbering revised	This action has been amended to ensure the action better aligns with renewable energy targets defined in the National Planning Framework. The amendment will not result in additional, likely significant environmental effect as a result of renewable energy development not already considered and mitigated against under the SEA and AA processes. There are no additional sources for effects; therefore, no further considerations are required in that regard.
Table 4 5: CAP Actions for Sustainability & Resource Management P61/P64	5.3 S3 / 5.4 S4 / 5.7 S7 / 5.8 S8 / 5.9 S9 / 5.12 S13 / 5.13 S14 / 5.15 S16 / 5.3 S3 / Ongoing <u>to 2029</u> 5.13 S14 / ... CPCS <u>None</u>	5.8: This amended action better supports heat recovery projects at data centres and will lead to positive effects on climate by optimizing energy usage. The amendment will not result in any additional, likely, significant environmental effects not already considered in the SEA and AA processes and mitigated against.
Table 4 5: CAP Actions for Sustainability & Resource Management P61	5.1 S1 <i>County that is informed by the national-renewable-Electricity-Spatial-policy Framework <u>National Planning Framework targets</u> to support sustainable development</i>	This action has been amended to ensure the action better aligns with renewable energy targets defined in the National Planning Framework. The amendment will not result in additional, likely significant environmental effect as a result of renewable energy development not already considered and mitigated against under the SEA and AA processes.
Table 4 5: CAP Actions for Sustainability & Resource Management P62	5.5 S5 existing electricity use <u>and efficiency</u> and <u>to</u> target appropriate	N/A

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Table 4 5: CAP Actions for Sustainability & Resource Management P62/P63	<p>5.8 S8 (including demand management, energy efficiency, <u>utilisation of waste heat</u> or auto generation... Require data centres to include strong energy efficiency measures (including demand management, utilisation of waste heat or auto generation) to reduce operational carbon footprints using sustainable sources of energy generation in the first instance and then the use of renewable sources of energy to power operations, where it is confirmed through appropriate environmental assessment that associated renewable energy development will not have any significant environmental effect.</p>	N/A
Table 4 5: CAP Actions for Sustainability & Resource Management P64	<p><u>S12</u> <u>Engage with Uisce Eireann to determine the feasibility of using waste water sludges in Anaerobic Digestion plants for recovery of biomethane within the County. / 3 / Miti. / Study Delivered / CCEW / Uisce Eireann / Q4 2024 / Sludge Availability / 12.4</u></p>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
Table 4 5: CAP Actions for Sustainability & Resource Management P65	<p><u>S17</u> <u>Support the introduction of bioeconomy infrastructure and initiatives that align with the policies of this Plan and the National Bioeconomy Action Plan 2023-2025. / 2 / Miti / No. Initiatives Introduced / CCEW / Private Industry / Ongoing to 2029 / Private Funding and Engagement / 12.6</u></p>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
5. Decarbonising Zone 5.1 Overview P66	<p><u>Technical Annex D</u></p>	N/A
5.2. Maynooth Decarbonising Zone P66	<p>Error! Reference source not found.. added</p>	N/A
5.3. Maynooth Decarbonising Zone P68	<p>Error! Reference source not found.. Error! Reference source not found.. / added Error! Reference source not found.. Error! Reference source not found.. added</p>	N/A

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5.4. Decarbonising Zone Vision <u>and Mission</u> P70	<p><u><i>Vision for Maynooth DZ</i></u> <i>To make our Maynooth Decarbonising Zone climate neutral together by 2050 for a sustainable tomorrow.</i></p> <p><i>As with the CAP vision, a supporting mission statement has been devised as an action-oriented focused statement that establishes the overarching priorities of the Council in delivering the vision for SZ implementation in Maynooth. This mission is stated as follows:</i></p> <p><u><i>Mission for Maynooth DZ</i></u> <i>To deliver a suite of ambitious sectoral actions that can reduce emissions in the DZ in line with the prescribed targets for each sector and achieve a 51% reduction in emissions within Maynooth by 2030 and to employ these proven actions in other 'Fast Follower' towns in the County.</i></p>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
5.5. Register of Opportunities P71	<i>Table 5-2.</i> added	N/A
Table 5 3: DZ Actions for Governance & Leadership P75	<p>Maynooth DZ Strategic Priority Area 1: Governance & Leadership <u><i>Kildare County Council will show leadership in mitigating climate emissions to achieve our 51% target by 2030, enabling a climate resilient County by mainstreaming climate action, governance change and awareness across all of our services.</i></u></p>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
Table 5 3: DZ Actions for Governance & Leadership P75/P76	1-1 DZG1 to 1-8 DZG8 numbering revised	N/A
Table 5 3: DZ Actions for Governance & Leadership P75/P76	1-3 DZG3 / 1-6 DZG6 / 1-8 DZG8 / Annually <u>to 2029</u>	N/A
Table 5 4: DZ Actions for Built Environment and Transport P76	<p>Maynooth DZ Strategic Priority Area 2: Built Environment and Transport <u><i>The Council will deliver on obligations and targets to reduce emissions, in Council owned built environment, transport assets and promote the transition of private assets to deliver a climate resilient and low carbon County.</i></u></p>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3

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Table 5 4: DZ Actions for Built Environment and Transport P76/P79	2.1 DZB1 to 2.14 DZB14 numbering revised	N/A
Table 5 4: DZ Actions for Built Environment and Transport P76/P79	2.3 DZB3 / 2.4 DZB4 / 2.7 DZB7 / 2.8 DZB8 / 2.9 DZB9 / 2.10 DZB10 / 2.12 DZB12 / 2.13 DZB13 / Annually <u>to 2029</u>	N/A
Table 5 4: DZ Actions for Built Environment and Transport P78	2.12 DZB12 / ZEV1 , Private Developer	N/A
Table 5 5: DZ Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P80	Maynooth DZ Strategic Priority Area 3: Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure <u><i>Protect and enhance the natural environment and green infrastructure within the County to support biodiversity and natural water systems, reduce the risk of negative impacts of climate change and enhance health and well-being for all citizens.</i></u>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
Table 5 5: DZ Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P80/P81	3.1 DZN1 to 3.10 DZN10 numbering revised	N/A
Table 5 5: DZ Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P80/P81	3.1 DZN1 / 3.2 DZN2 / 3.6 DZN6 / 3.7 DZN7 / 3.8 DZN8 / 3.9 DZN9 / Annually <u>to 2029</u>	N/A
<i>Table 5 5: DZ Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P80</i>	3.2 DZN2 CCEW NPWS	N/A
<i>Table 5 5: DZ Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P80</i>	3.6 DZN6 <i>strategic planting of native <u>provenance</u> species</i>	This amended action supports the maintenance and planting of tree that of native provenance. The amended action will support biodiversity protection and enhancement and promote GHG emission sequestration.
<i>Table 5 5: DZ Actions for Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P81</i>	3.10 DZN10 <i>natural form to mitigate flood risk. <u>Soft-Engineering</u></i>	N/A
Table 5 6: DZ Actions for Communities: Resilience & Transition P82	Maynooth DZ Strategic Priority Area 4: Communities: Resilience & Transition <u><i>Mobilise climate action in local communities through increasing climate literacy to build capacity for climate action and a just transition for citizens in the County.</i></u>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3

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Table 5 6: DZ Actions for Communities: Resilience & Transition P82	4.1 DZR1 to 4.7 DZR7 numbering revised	N/A
Table 5 6: DZ Actions for Communities: Resilience & Transition P82	4.1 DZR1 / 4.2 DZR2 / 4.7 DZR7 / Annually <u>to 2029</u>	N/A
Table 5 6: DZ Actions for Communities: Resilience & Transition P82	4.6 DZR6 <i>the town as an information hub <u>including feasibility of a local Energy Agency</u></i>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
Table 5 7: DZ Actions for Sustainability & Resource Management P83	Maynooth DZ Strategic Priority Area 5: Sustainability & Resource Management <u>Embed the principles of sustainability and the circular economy within all Council functions, empower citizens and business within the County to make informed sustainable, circular and climate positive choices.</u>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
Table 5 7: DZ Actions for Sustainability & Resource Management P83/P84	5.1 DZS1 to 5.9 DZS9 numbering revised	N/A
Table 5 7: DZ Actions for Sustainability & Resource Management /P84	5.5 DZS5 / Annually <u>to 2029</u>	N/A
6. Implementing and Reporting P85	<u>Table 6-1 added</u> <u>While the Council has limited direct control on current emission sources, the Council will play a key leadership role within the County as an advocate for positive climate action and through exerting influence to ensure co-benefits for climate action and the wider environment.</u>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3
6.4 Reporting Requirements and Arrangements 6.4.1 Internal Reporting P88	. <u>The local authority will also facilitate reporting to Elected Members on an annual basis and the frequency of reporting may be increased where relevant data is made available on a more frequent basis.</u>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3

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6.4.2 Monitoring and reporting (M&R) P88	<i><u>The Council will continue to report on energy performance and emission targets annually to the SEAI. To track progress on the DZ implementation the Council will continue to engage with the An Taisce Green Communities Low Carbon Planning team to collaborate in the delivery of the DZ Register of Opportunities for Maynooth.</u></i>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3		
6.6 Collaboration P89	<i>The Council will support all citizens in transitioning Kildare into a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy. <u>The Council will facilitate and provide the necessary leadership where feasible.</u></i>	Covered under EGP1 / EGP3		
Appendix A Glossary P90	<u>ET Enteric Fermentation</u>	N/A		
Appendix B Abbreviations P95	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px;"><u>Enteric Fermentation</u></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><u>Enteric Fermentation is fermentation that takes place in the digestive system of animals, in particular ruminants (cattle, sheep, goats).</u></td> </tr> </table>	<u>Enteric Fermentation</u>	<u>Enteric Fermentation is fermentation that takes place in the digestive system of animals, in particular ruminants (cattle, sheep, goats).</u>	N/A
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Appendix D Mapping of Actions with UN SDG, CAP23 Chapters and DECA2030 Goals P99/101		N/A		
Appendix E MapEire Baseline Data P102		N/A		
Appendix F Supplementary Details on Baseline Emissions inventory P103/104		N/A		

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 to consider this Chief Executive's Report, in accordance with the requirements of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021. Elected Members were briefed on the 22nd November 2023 to provide an overview of the Chief Executive's Report and on 18th December 2023 Council Meeting of Kildare 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 Kildare 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 1: List of Persons, Organisations and Bodies who made Submissions

Submission Reference	Name	Body / Organisation represented
KCC-C198-C2023-1	Test	
KCC-C198-C2023-2	M O Neill	
KCC-C198-C2023-3	N Flaherty	
KCC-C198-C2023-4	M Black	
KCC-C198-C2023-	D Carr	
KCC-C198-C2023-6	R Moss	An Taisce the National Trust for Ireland
KCC-C198-C2023-7	R Martin	
KCC-C198-C2023-8	L Benson	
KCC-C198-C2023-9	R Maher	
KCC-C198-C2023-	M Burke	
KCC-C198-C2023-11	D de Paor	
KCC-C198-C2023-12	E Ryan	
KCC-C198-C2023-13	J Costello	Ballyshannon Action Group
KCC-C198-C2023-14	Manager DAU	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
KCC-C198-C2023-	C Murray	
KCC-C198-C2023-16	G Dornan	Maynooth Cycling Campaign
KCC-C198-C2023-17	E Cullen	
KCC-C198-C2023-18	Community Gardens Ireland	Community Gardens Ireland
KCC-C198-C2023-19	S Parker	
KCC-C198-C2023-	Kilcullen For Climate Action	
KCC-C198-C2023-21	S Keane	Uisce Éireann
KCC-C198-C2023-22	D Hall	
KCC-C198-C2023-23	O O'Mahony	
KCC-C198-C2023-24	Ó Hennessy	Not Here Not Anywhere
KCC-C198-C2023-	Kildare Co Co Transport	Kildare County Council TMOS
KCC-C198-C2023-26	F Mulcahy	
KCC-C198-C2023-27	C Collins	Sea Fisheries coordination DAFM
KCC-C198-C2023-28	D Lane	
KCC-C198-C2023-29	E Murray	
KCC-C198-C2023-	U Phillips	Maynooth Community Council
KCC-C198-C2023-31	C Carter	Bord Na Mona Plc
KCC-C198-C2023-32	O O'Mahony	
KCC-C198-C2023-33	P McEvoy	
KCC-C198-C2023-34	C Ó Ciarúáin	Department of Transport
KCC-C198-C2023-	B Batt	Department of Environment, Climate & Communications
KCC-C198-C2023-36	M MacDonagh	The National Monuments Service and the National Built Heritage Service

Appendix 2: Submissions Summary by Thematic Areas and Submission Reference

Submission Reference:	Thematic Areas	Submission Summary	CE Response and Recommendation
KCC-C198-C2023-02	Built Environment and Transport	Vehicle emissions and school traffic	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged.</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed, and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Vehicle emissions. <u>Response:</u> This is a local traffic issue largely relating to air quality and falls outside the scope of the Plan.</p> <p>2. School access issues. <u>Response:</u> School access issues are addressed under Action (2.22) B26 of the Climate Action Plan states 'Promote and implement the Safe Routes to School Programme to create safer walking and cycling routes within communities, alleviate congestion at the school gates and increase the number of students who walk or cycle to school by providing safe infrastructure...' and is in line with the Maynooth and Environs Area Based Transport Assessment Decarbonising Report actions to decarbonising transport in Maynooth. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-09	Built Environment and Transport	Avoid-Shift-Improve principal	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. The National sustainability Mobility Policy - emphasis to be placed on Avoid and Shift rather than Improve.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Much of the transport policies included for the CAP and DZ are devised under the framework of the Avoid and Shift principles. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-09	Built Environment and Transport	Action 2.13 Town Bus Services	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Ensure quality & comfort of town bus services</p> <p><u>Response:</u> The comment is welcomed and encouraged. The buses are provided transport sector. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-09	Built Environment and Transport	Action 2.17 Docking hubs for micro mobility elements	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Docking locations for shared micro mobility options & bicycles at grocery sector locations to effect behavioural change.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Action (2.17) B21: <i>Prioritise a model for bike share schemes and micro mobility options (including the potential for electric bikes) in regional growth centres and key towns. Provide key docking locations such as places of education, employment recreation and public transport hubs.</i></p>

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			<p><i>Investigate potential of coordination of such schemes through the TFI Local Link Transport Coordination Unit (TCU).</i> The action refers to these hubs at regional growth centres and key towns but does not specify more precise locations such as retail centres. While this submission is correct in highlighting grocery business as a traffic centre, the current wording of the action is sufficiently broad to include such business without modification of this action. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-09	Built Environment and Transport	Action 2.20 Regional Bus connectivity	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Develop regional north-south connectivity links. <u>Response:</u> The current wording of Action (2.20) <i>B24 Support the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan to ensure that the public transport network encourages and supports changes in demand for transport, improves regional connectivity and provides an enhanced alternative to the private car.</i> is open to simply supporting the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan. There is no more granular information included such as directional rural transport corridors like north-south and east-west. While the submission is noted, it is not proposed to amend this action as improving the north-south link is covered more generally through 'improves regional connectivity': Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-09	Built Environment and Transport	Action 2.23 remote working targets	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Remote working targets should be raised to 40% of resource hours. <u>Response:</u> In principle this is agreeable with consideration being given to operational needs. Action (2.23) B27 proposed amendment: <i>Revise working practices within the Council to support 40% of resource hours can achieve remote working as per the National Remote Work Strategy.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-13	Built Environment and Transport	The need for monitoring and measurement of the extractive industry in Kildare to limit the impact of this carbon heavy industry on our climate action targets	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged.</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Extractive Industries and climate action. <u>Response:</u> While the Quarrying/Extractive Industry have a potentially large environmental footprint, the direct operation of these facilities are not a significant climate action risk unlike operations that have been addressed such as data centres. While transport of materials from the Quarrying/Extractive Industry can be significant, there are a wide number of transport mitigation measures listed in this Plan. It is agreed that cement and concrete products are a key climate concerns and these are addressed nationally through the EU ETS - Emissions Trading System (for cement Plants) and through new procurement criteria for public spending to specify low carbon concrete and cement products. This submission is heavily focused in the consenting and regulation of these industries. While this is a key consideration for the Council's function, there is no requirement for the revision of the Plan to specifically address climate action from the Quarrying/Extractive Industry. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p>

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			<p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-15	Built Environment and Transport	Transport Emissions are overwhelming	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Due to the high emissions associated with transport actions required to alleviation the problem. <u>Response:</u> Air quality falls outside the scope of the Plan. Transport intersects national, regional, local policies and strategies. Taken together with high private car ownership this is a complex sector. The Plan considers items that can be actioned, promoted or supported locally. Action (2.13) B17: Town Bus services and Park & Ride services. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>2. Action (2.15) B19: welcomed utilise Cycle Network NTA's Cycle Design Manual. <u>Response:</u> Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>3. Action (2.19) B23: Public Service Obligation bus service. <u>Response:</u> Noted. PSO bus services are under national bodies remit. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>4. Action (2.23) B27: Suggest 40% remote working. <u>Response:</u> Action revised as follows: Revise working practices within the Council to support 40% of resource hours can achieve remote working as per the National Remote Work Strategy. Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p>

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			<p>Action (2.24) B28: Remote working hubs and bus network. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-16	Built Environment and Transport	Observations on Built Environment and Transport	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>The main theme of the submission is transport based with active and public transport modes being prioritised. This theme is threaded throughout the Plan.</p> <p>1. Local traffic largely relating to air quality. <u>Response:</u> Air quality falls outside the scope of the Plan. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>2. School access issues. <u>Response:</u> are addressed under Action (2.21) B25 of the Climate Action Plan states 'Promote and implement the Safe Routes to School Programme to create safer walking and cycling routes within communities, alleviate congestion at the school gates and increase the number of students who walk or cycle to school by providing safe infrastructure...' and is in line with the Maynooth and Environs Area Based Transport Assessment Decarbonising Report actions to decarbonising transport in Maynooth. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>3. Emission reductions and data collection including use of WHO's H.E.A.T. tool. <u>Response:</u> The KPI's of the associated actions measure data. Implementation methods associated with actions are for the lead department associated. Tools may be considered where appropriate. The resulting emission reductions will be calculated to assess progress. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>4. Maynooth DZ - make active travel modes attractive, number of vehicles, monitoring and reporting. <u>Response:</u> The Plan together with the Maynooth ABTA and Local Area Plan in development outline measures for place making/town centre first concept strengthening active travel measures. The number of vehicles is recorded as a KPI under Action (2.20) B24 and monitoring and reporting is central to the Plan. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-17	Built Environment and Transport	Sharing of transport services and public transport	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Action (2.19) B23: Support improved town and school bus services and auxiliary supports. <u>Response:</u> Action amended to include school bus services. Auxiliary supports such as real-time information while supported are in the remit of national services. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>2. Action (2.9) B9: Consider co-housing to conserve resources and shared facilities. <u>Response:</u> Action B12 added Support the development of sustainable, energy efficient cohousing or other semi-communal housing projects at appropriate locations within the county where access to active travel and/or public transport is readily available. Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>3. Action (2.20) B2: Car sharing app. <u>Response:</u> This is an item for the private sector. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-19	Built Environment and Transport	Hybrid public / personal transport options and good pathway etiquette	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Road etiquette and road & path space usage <u>Response:</u> Outside the scope of the Plan. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>2. Increase in hybrid transport usage and facilities to accommodate same. <u>Response:</u> Transport considerations are threaded throughout the Plan. Actions (2.17) B21 provides for the use of docking stations and micro-mobility options associated with public/active travel hubs and places of high usage. Action (2.20) B24 supports the Rural Mobility Plan. The design of commuter trains is a national item and outside the scope of the Plan. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-20	Built Environment and Transport	Built Environment and Transport - shared car services and improved public transport infrastructure	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Action (2.17) B21 to include private car sharing service. <u>Response:</u> This is an opportunity for private individuals or private enterprise is not already in play to establish. Throughout the Plan transport options are considered. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>2. Action (2.19) B23 Support provision of bus shelters. <u>Response:</u> Action amended to include school bus services. Comment welcomed. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-25	Built Environment and Transport	Review of Table 4.2 by KCC TMOS Section & DZ Actions for Built Environment and Transport in relation to Maynooth ABTA	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Simplify wording associated with a number of actions. <u>Response:</u> Wording required as per SEA/AA requirements and cannot be simplified. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>2. Consider alternative KPI's <u>Response:</u> Action (2.12) B16: KPI amended to include m2. Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>3. Amend action wording. <u>Response:</u> Action (2.18) B22 Energy Performance and Building Directives initiatives removed as not associated with action. Other actions reviewed. Noted and considered. Amendment proposed to the Plan.</p> <p>4. DZ actions and consideration of Maynooth ABTA table 5.1. <u>Response:</u> Table 5.1 Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-28	Built Environment and Transport	Financing of Built Environment and Transport	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Funding of decarbonising projects be in plain English to assist applications and provide facilitate payment for administrative and project management associated. <u>Response:</u> Funding schemes within the Council's remit is accessible to all and assistance is provided to applicants as they require. This is a funding criteria and operational matter and falls outside the scope of the Plan. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>2. Community EV bus, Skytrain and light rail introduction and shelters associated with public transport in new housing developments.</p>

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			<p><u>Response:</u> Transport considerations are threaded throughout the Plan. Actions (2.9) B9 provides for provision of transport services in new housing developments. The provision of bus services (in the main), lightrail or sky train are for national consideration and outside the scope of this Plan. Procurement of bus services by community groups is outside the scope of this Plan. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>3. Embodied carbon of building, green procurement in construction sector, training associated including supervision of retrofitting of building including heritage buildings, Green Energy agency, promote Bio-economy including seed sovereignty.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Table 4-2 outlines various actions regarding lowering of carbon in construction. A new action required and added for embodied carbon - Action B11: <i>Require that all new large scale development (more than 10 houses or equivalent) within the County provides a life cycle analysis of carbon impact in line with the standard PAS 2080 Carbon Management In Infrastructure and ISO 19650 - Building Information Modelling (BIM) as part of the Planning application.</i> Action (1.7) G7 Green procurement is reinforced including training for contractors. Action (2.5) B5: <i>Develop projects to promote adaptive reuse of historic structures - using exemplar retrofitting projects and carbon budgets to demonstrate climate value and publish relevant case studies, having appropriate regard to the need to protect and conserve the architectural or cultural heritage value that may be associated with such buildings, and protected species that may be present in such buildings.</i> Actions DZ (4.5) DZR5 & (4.6)DZR6 include green hubs and action DZR6 has been strengthened to include 'feasibility of a local Energy Agency'. Promotion of Bio-economy has been consider and Action S17 has been added <i>Support the introduction of bioeconomy infrastructure and initiatives that align with the policies of this Plan and the National Bioeconomy Action Plan 2023-2025.</i> Seed sovereignty is already undertaken nationally by the Botanic Gardens and others. Action (5.13) S14 promotes seed libraries. Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-28	Built Environment and Transport	Pollution	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. National health study effect of plastics on Irish population. <u>Response:</u> Outside the scope of the Plan. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>2. Transport emissions and ill health campaign. <u>Response:</u> Transport considerations are threaded throughout the Plan including reduction of car travel at school locations and alternative transport measures for example Action(2.22) B26: <i>Promote and implement the Safe Routes to School Programme.....</i> Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>3. Water pollution from general pollutants and sewage. <u>Response:</u> Pollution, flood measures and sewage are based on national policy and services and therefore are outside the scope of the Plan. Assistance is provided by local authorities with inspections of private septic tank systems. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-29	Built Environment and Transport	Concrete and Steel	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Consideration of the carbon emissions associated with building/construction & renovations in particular steel & concrete.</p> <p>Response: For clarity, embodied carbon in the construction of buildings and infrastructure is not included in the baseline as the availability of input data was limited and the DECC guidance focused on the operational emissions over the full life cycle. The submission is correct in noting that steel and concrete have a significant carbon footprint. An additional action has been added - B11: <i>Require that all new large scale development (more than 10 houses or equivalent) within the County provides a life cycle analysis of carbon impact in line with the standard PAS 2080 Carbon Management In Infrastructure and ISO 19650 - Building Information Modelling (BIM) as part of the Planning application.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-29	Built Environment and Transport	Mass Aerial Thermal Survey	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Mass aerial thermal survey of Maynooth to target communications to households who could benefit most from increased insulation measures. <u>Response:</u> This innovative suggestion is welcomed and may be actioned by the Council in the future dependent on funding and may be used to recalibrate the baseline and track annual progress in retrofitting within the DZ. This will be assessed during Plan implementation, but it is not required to revise the Plan. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-29	Built Environment and Transport	District Heating from Intel	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Public Private Partnership to provide heating from Intel's waste heat to Leixlip/Maynooth. <u>Response:</u> While this facility is outside the DZ boundary it may have value for the CAP in the Leixlip area. A Spatial Energy Demand Analysis has been carried out to investigate any potential areas of waste heat that can be exploited in hot spot areas within Maynooth but this excludes the Intel facility. The Plan has been amended to include new action B13 <i>Undertake a feasibility study of the potential for district heating or energy from key sources within the County including data centres, wastewater treatment Plants and large industry, ensuring such a report as appropriate regard to Planning and environmental protection considerations.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-29	Built Environment and Transport	Shifting from Coal and Oil to Gas	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Moving heating systems up the efficiency chain (to Gas) and banning coal and peat in favour of wood/wood pellets. Affordability factor in changing behaviour.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Regarding the DZ. The initial prioritization for the residential sector is fabric first retrofitting. A review of the domestic heating requirements will be undertaken under the Clean Air Strategy For Ireland which may seek to ban or limit certain types of fuels and/or technologies. Such a move requires national legislation and cannot be delivered through local regulation.</p> <p>With regard to affordability the council is supporting retrofitting in public housing - Action (2.4) DZB4. Retrofitting of private housing addressed under Action (2.5) DZB5. Noted and considered. No changes to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-32	Built Environment and Transport	Improved bus services - suggestions	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Improvement and enhancement of bus network for local and rural bus services.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> The improvement of the bus network for local and rural bus services is established through Action (2.19) B23 including support for operators to enhance services such as real time data. Night link buses could be considered under the action's wording '<i>implementation of improved town (and school bus) services</i>'. It is proposed to amend the action to include school bus services. It should be noted public transport services are nationally decided. Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-06	Communities: Resilience and Transition	Legacy4LIFE Green Communities Delivery of DZ Register of Opportunities for Maynooth	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to the Plan should manage and mentor delivery of the DZ Register of Opportunities for Maynooth working with An Taisce Green Communities Low Carbon Planning Response.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> This item is an omission in the Plan and additional comments added under section 6.4.2. Monitoring & Reporting -<i>The Council will continue to engage with the An Taisce Green Communities Low Carbon Planning team to aid in managing the delivery of the DZ Register of Opportunities for Maynooth.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-09	Communities: Resilience and Transition	SP No. 4.15	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comment relates to Tree Cover Survey and Policy which should be primarily focused on native trees.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> comments to native trees addressed with text referencing native provenance trees under Actions (3.14) N15/(4.15) R15 and (DZ3.6) DZN6. Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-19	Communities: Resilience and Transition	Local Authority Climate Action Plan	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. The Archival history of commercial entities. <u>Response:</u> outside the scope of the LACAP. Noted and considered no change to this Plan.</p> <p>2. Flooding <u>Response:</u> is covered in the CCRA for the county. Noted and considered no change to this Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-20	Communities: Resilience and Transition	Communities: Resilience and Transition	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Action (3.3) N3: The phasing out of glyphosate. <u>Response:</u> Practices in the reduction in use of herbicide has commenced with allowance for invasive weed control. Noted and considered. No change to this Plan.</p> <p>2. Action (3.23) N24: The development of allotments and community gardens. <u>Response:</u> Allotments/Community Gardens are considered under Action (DZ 3.3) DZN3 and to reinforce the item a new action N27 is proposed <i>Explore the feasibility of the development of allotments and community gardens in the County to support sustainable food production.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-24	Communities: Resilience and Transition	Energy and communities: a better way forward	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Community Energy projects. <u>Response:</u> is considered under (DZ5.3) DZS3 and strengthened at a county level by the proposed Action B13 <i>Undertake a feasibility study of the potential for district heating or energy from key sources within the County including data centres, wastewater treatment Plants and large industry, ensuring such a report as appropriate regard to Planning and environmental protection considerations.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed change to this Plan.</p> <p>2. Comments relate to Plan should incentivise community energy projects. Prioritise safeguarding against Energy poverty. Include measures that energy demand is managed, energy is a public good and prioritise essential services and involve rapid retrofitting, decarbonisation, increase accessibility to public transport. Community energy projects / new energy infrastructure decision making process should be participatory and included marginalised groups. <u>Response -</u> The comments made align with the goals of the Plan. The co-benefits of transition to low carbon economy covered in Actions (1.10) G10 / (4.20) R20 / (5.1) S1 and (DZ1.7) DZG7. Noted and considered. No change to this Plan</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-28	Communities: Resilience and Transition	Inclusive Charter	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Access for All and Just Transition as key themes. <u>Response:</u> Section 2 of the Plan states '<i>In a changing climate, the aim is to become more resilient to all future possibilities, allowing local communities to thrive and work towards real solutions that are meaningful, inclusive, fair and accessible for all, thereby prioritising a just transition.</i>' this is further strengthened by Action (4.18,4.19, 4.20) R18, R19, R20 and (DZ4.7) DZR7. Noted and considered. No change to this Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-28	Communities: Resilience and Transition	Local resources	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to Ecological Integrity - zero waste, Sensible Shopping, Green procurement for eco products, and create community resilient plans employment mapping. <u>Response:</u> Items such as sensible shopping, community resilient Plans under Ecological integrity are outside the scope of the Plan. Zero waste and green procurement area addressed under Actions (1.4) G4, and (1.5) G5, (1.7) G7, (DZ 1.3) DZG3 respectively. Employment mapping is outside the scope of this Plan but is represented in such policies as the Kildare's Local Economic Community Plan (LECP), Local Just Transition Plan for West Kildare and others. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-28	Communities: Resilience	Local Markets	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p>

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	and Transition		<p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to KCC supporting local markets and local growers. <u>Response:</u> comments are addressed under Action (3.23) N24. Promote innovative solutions in the agri-food sector to reduce the carbon intensity of agri-food products on Kildare farm enterprises. Noted and considered. No change to this Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-29	Communities: Resilience and Transition	Allotments	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Provision of allotments. <u>Response:</u> Comments addressed under Action (DZ3.3) DZN3. Additional new Action added N27. <i>Explore the feasibility of the development of allotments and community gardens in the County to support sustainable food production.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-05	General Submission	Maynooth DZ	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to Tier 3 level of detail for DZ baseline stated in Section 5.3 and relate to retrofitting of private housing, DZ Action (DZ2.5) DZB5 commits the Council to “Promote” the retrofit of private housing which can include a range of actions such as advocating national schemes, technical support, advising on funding mechanisms, etc. Response: The current wording of the action can include for the actions listed in the submission. Reference to Tables 5-2 and Figure 5-3. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>2. Comments related to spatial planning in LAP and CDP. <u>Response:</u> Comment relating to the Local Area Plan 2024-2030 is noted but this is an issued for the LAP rather than this Plan. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p>

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			<p>3. Comment related to memorandum of understanding between LA and climate expertise based in Maynooth University. <u>Response:</u> DZ Action (DZ1.2) DZG2 includes an action for collaboration and engagement with education bodies such as the University - Create and support formal linkages between key community, business and education bodies to facilitate collaborative climate action. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-05	General Submission	Mapping Plan Actions to the SDG Targets	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comment commends KCC in relation to level of detail for targets such as SDG's. <u>Response:</u> Welcomed. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-05	General Submission	Chapter 6 - Implementation and Reporting	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comment related to reporting mechanisms, Covenant of Mayors and SECAP. <u>Response:</u> In relation to Section 6.4.1, as analogous internal reporting mechanisms are in place this section is kept brief as no requirement for detailed documentation of the reporting mechanisms. This Plan is designed to achieve the multi purpose of CAP, DZ, SECAP and Low Carbon Community Plan and it is proposed to add wording to the introduction to emphasis this further - <i>This Plan has been prepared to address the requirements of each of the following obligations and commitments which apply to the Council:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Climate Action Plan under the Climate Act 2021;</i> • <i>The Decarbonising Zone under the Climate Action Plan 2019/2021;</i> • <i>The Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan under the EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy; and</i> • <i>The Green Communities Low Carbon Community Plan in collaboration with An Taisce.</i> <p>Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-08	General Submission	Baseline Emissions	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comment related to BEI and peatland cutaway bogs. <u>Response:</u> the government's guidance on the BEI methodology employed does not include for such peatland sources and it is not proposed to revise the BEI to account for these sources in the final Plan. The Plan includes a specific objective as well as a number of Actions (3.15) N16, (3.16) N17 and (3.17) N18 in relation to peatland restoration, carbon sequestration and other items. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p>

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			<p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-08	General Submission	KPIs	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comment related to peatlands and KPI's for (3.16) N17 and (3.17) N18 to include comment. <u>Response:</u> 3.16 and 3.17 to include the following KPI: <i>Delivery of Agreement with stakeholders to designate 70% of bog land for nature and biodiversity by means of a Nature Reserve or Park or Special Amenity Area order.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-08	General Submission	Monitoring and Reporting	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comment related to Climate Emergency and dynamic quarterly reporting regime. <u>Response:</u> currently national datasets occur on an annual basis (SEAI or EPA) and the Plan aligns with the current national dataset reporting. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-09	General Submission	Acknowledgement of Intent	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comment related to acknowledgement of the intent of the Plan is welcomed <u>Response:</u> Welcomed. Noted and considered. No change to the Final Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-09	General Submission	Baseline Emissions Inventory excludes peatlands	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comment related to bare cutaway peat and peatlands. <u>Response:</u> As noted in response to Submission KCC-C198-C2023-8, while these comments are noted and agreed, the governments guidance on the BEI methodology employed does not include for such peatland sources and it is not proposed to revise the BEI to account for these sources in the final Plan. Regardless this Plan includes several measures specific to the rehabilitation of peatlands. Noted and considered. No change to the Final Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-10	General Submission	Carbon	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comment relates to Climate Action being a hoax and reducing carbon in the atmosphere we would lose our Plant life. <u>Response:</u> this submission is classed as frivolous and is not considered further. Noted and considered. No change to this Plan.</p>

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			<p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-11	General Submission	Submission re KCC Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comments welcoming the Climate Action Plan and dissemination of positive actions to 'Fast Follower' locations. <u>Response:</u> Welcomed. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-14	General Submission	Heritage related observations/recommendations	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comments relate to establishment of an adaptation/resilience strategy for heritage. <u>Response:</u> While Heritage is dealt with extensively in the plan it was deemed this aspect is outside the scope of the Plan. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-16	General Submission	Observations on General Submission	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comments relate to establish monitoring and reporting to track progress of carbon reduction in the DZ. <u>Response:</u> It is proposed to implement and track this item in Maynooth DZ carbon reduction implementation plan. The results of this will be recorded annually with a BEI produced at 5-year</p>

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			<p>intervals and measured against the KPIs (Chapter 6). Noted and considered. No change proposed to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-20	General Submission	Public information	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comments relate to climate stress and provision of a drop-in office to inform advise the public. <u>Response:</u> Information can be made available regularly on KCC website and Action (5.12) S13 (bring/take centre) could provide this service. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-21	General Submission	Uisce Éireann Submission on the Kildare County Council Climate Action Plan with regard to water management	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comments relate to Uisce Eireann considerations, such as Sustainable Urban Drainage and Integrated Urban Wastewater Management Plans Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas – Best Practice Interim Guidance Document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National (Infrastructure) Guidelines and Standards Group recent NGSG Circular 1 of 2023, and DMURS Advice Note 5 Road and Street Drainage using Nature Based Solutions Design • Greening and Nature-based SuDS for Active Travel Schemes - National Transport • Guidance for Urban watercourses by Inland Fisheries Ireland. <p>Water Demand National Water Resource Plan (NWRP) gives us a framework. Energy Efficiency improvement key sustainability measure to help ensure water and wastewater services are resilient to climate change and for developing a low greenhouse gas (GHG) emitting water and wastewater service. Circularity and bio-economy initiatives are being progressed.</p> <p><u>Response::</u> Water including wastewater is considered throughout the body and actions within the Plan. Under thematic area 'Governance and Leadership' water is acknowledged under objective 3.</p>

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			<p><i>Align objectives and actions for climate, water and biodiversity within Local Authority work programmes to maximise impact and efficiency from existing resources and collaborate with other local authorities to encourage climate action initiatives. To strengthen the Plan an additional action is proposed S12: Engage with Uisce Eireann to determine the feasibility of using wastewater sludges in Anaerobic Digestion Plants for recovery of biomethane within the County. Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</i></p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-23	General Submission	Safe routes to school programme	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to safe routes to school. <u>Response:</u> Action (2.22) B26 includes this item under Safe Routes to School Programme. Action (2.19) B23 is proposed to be amended to include school bus services as follows: <i>Support the Planning and implementation of a programme of improved town and school bus services and commence delivery of an enhanced bus stop and bus shelter programme for regional and rural services.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan. .</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-24	General Submission	Conclusion and references	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Applaud ambitious Plan and list of references provided. <u>Response:</u> Welcomed. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-24	General Submission	Information on authors of submission	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comments relate to information on the authors of the submission. <u>Response:</u> Noted and considered. No change to the Final Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-29	General Submission	Time to Act	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comments relate to the Climate crisis, good will towards KCC and the expectations of the actions being taken by Local Government in Kildare and Maynooth. <u>Response:</u> Welcomed. Noted and considered. No change to the Final Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-30	General Submission	Climate Action Plan – Actions and effectiveness	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to the Actions in the LACAP generally and their effectiveness with specific suggestions for initiatives in Maynooth.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> It is a requirement of this Plan to implement national policy, it is not exclusively national policy that has been adopted with local measures included based on comments from the Council, the general public and other stakeholders during development of the Plan.</p> <p>Furthermore, the purpose of the publication of the draft Plan is to allow for statutory consultation and meaningful engagement. Under the legislation the Council is obligated to take all submissions into consideration in the development of the final Plan. Environmental assessment is not the role of the Plan.</p> <p>The actions listed in the Plan include for both direct action of known issues and some action is for a more Planned determination of issues before action. This is an essential precursor to effective action and hence the inclusion of such measures in this Plan. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-31	General Submission	Local Authority Climate Action Plan	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to Bord na Mona's work in relation to their climate related initiatives.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Action (5.7) S7 support for Bord na Mona '<i>Support Bord na Móna with the redevelopment of the headquarters at Newbridge with a view to promoting the area as a Green Energy Hub...</i>'</p> <p>Noted and considered. No change to the Plan</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-31	General Submission	Local Authority Climate Action Plan collaboration	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to Bord na Mona's work and their commitment to climate action initiatives. <u>Response:</u> a core part of the Plan is collaboration between the Council and other parties within the County such as Bord na Mona and engagement between bodies/sectors in developing a Green Infrastructure Master Plan. Noted and considered. No change proposed to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-34	General Submission	Department of Transport submission on draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. The comments relate in the main to transport policies including decarbonising their fleet, develop local area networks for EV charging, deliver active travel programmes, facilitate the alternatives to the private car into the design of local communities. Include for Public engagement, Smart sustainable mobility workshops and SMP workshops, parking policy and air quality and sustainable mobility, active travel infrastructure, DMURS and accessibility to public realm, integrated land use and transport Planning, climate adaptation, EV Charging infrastructure. <u>Response:</u> The Plan prioritises the accessibility and safety of the active travel actions within the DZ and CAP Actions. For example, covered in (DZ2.8) DZB8, and throughout the Plan and in particular table 4-2 Actions for Built Environment and Transport. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-35	General Submission	Department of Environment, Climate & Communications acknowledgement letter	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. The comments submitted acknowledge the work of the Climate Action Plan and outline the process and full support of the LA.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> welcomed. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-36	General Submission	National Monuments Services review Local Authority Climate Change Adaptation Strategy	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments submitted relate to consideration for the Built and Archaeological heritage in relation to identification, risk assessment, disaster-risk reduction policies, resilience and adaptation strategies and skills capacity to address adaptation/ mitigation and emergency management.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Heritage is threaded throughout the actions of the plan to safeguard same. Noted and considered. No change to the Final Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-5	General Submission	Transparency regarding the Baseline Reports and Pre-Draft Stakeholder Engagement	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to detailing the BEI, CCRA and pre-draft stakeholder consultation processes. <u>Response:</u> Guidance does not require details on BEI and CCRA details to be made available. Pre-draft stakeholder consultation were summarised as required, there was no requirement to publish a full suite of each engagement. Noted and considered. No change to the Final Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-08	Governance and Leadership	Exerting Influence and Aligning Objectives	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to Section 6.6 and suggested comment "The Council will facilitate and provide the necessary leadership where required". Additionally comment on alignment of climate, water and biodiversity. <u>Response:</u> the introductory paragraph of Section 6 states: <i>The implementation and reporting phase will commence immediately upon adoption and publication of the final Plan and the key phases for implementation are presented in Figure 6.1 and summarised in the following sections.</i></p> <p>While the Council has limited direct control on current emission sources, the Council will play a key leadership role within the County as advocate for positive climate action and through exerting influence to ensure co-benefits for climate action and the wider environment.</p> <p>In relation to the alignment of objectives and actions for climate, water and biodiversity, this is clear through the current Climate Action Vision for Kildare and the suggestion that this is not explicit in the Plan is incorrect. <i>Kildare County Council will deliver climate action across all council functions and will lead the community of County Kildare in the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral local economy</i></p> <p>Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p>

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			<p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-16	Governance and Leadership	Organisational Structures	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comment related to the Planning Dept failure to maintain appropriate climate action policy, targets for transport modal shift. <u>Response:</u> The issues raised are in relation to the County Development Plan and not the Climate Action Plan. The council is committed to providing the relevant authorities with the appropriate resources needed to carry out the CAP actions through the correct organizational structures. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-17	Governance and Leadership	Evaluation	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comments related to targets in section 1.5 but will these be reviewed and Action (1.3) G3 includes quantitative assessment of the impacts. <u>Response:</u> A quantitative assessment of the interventions are presented in Climate Action Plan (Chapter 6 Monitoring and Reporting). The results are to be recorded annually and measured against the KPIs (Chapter 6). Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan made as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-28	Governance and Leadership	Sustainable Development Goals - SDGs	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to SDG's being recorded. <u>Response:</u> The Kildare Local Authority Climate Action Plan is developed with the guidance of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and adhered to them as such. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-28	Governance and Leadership	EU Covenant of Mayors, Senior Staff investments	<p><u>CE Response:</u> The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>Comments related to 1. Kildare Mayors decarbonise their travel and Councillors report their Energy use and measures taken to decarbonise</p> <p>2. Councillors and Snr Managers and consultants in/ and to KCC to report their shareholding in companies with detrimental effect on climate.</p> <p>3. KCC staff be given training and opportunities to divest from fossil fuels.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> 1. Elected members utilise claim for travel however the emissions from their travel is not calculated. Their mode of transport is a personal matter.</p> <p>2. Declaration of Interest is completed annually by required staff and elected members.</p> <p>3. All council staff and members have been offered training</p> <p>Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-33	Governance and Leadership	Submission from Padraig McEvoy on Climate Action Plan	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to LA Just transition decision making at policy and operational levels to take account of contributions to worsening climate change, comment on Doughnut economics workshop and systems level thinking, suggest KPI's for elected members regarding choices made with climate friendly approaches, training for members on climate legislation, periodical reports from internal departments contributions to changing customs, practice and culture.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Members role regarding CAP is to lead by example to create behavioural change. Auditing processes monitor expenditure. Training made available to members. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
CC-C198-C2023-20	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to phasing out of glyphosate and develop community allotments.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> (3.3) N3 use of herbicide where only required has commenced with allowance for invasive weed control. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>2. Action (3.23) N24: Farm Innovation and reduced carbon footprint.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Decarbonising steps in farming are in the remit of other bodies. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-03	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	SP No. 3.14 Local Authority Climate Action Plan	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged.</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to SP 3.14 "native provenance locally sourced fruits, flowers and vegetables". <u>Response:</u> this is supported by KCC in three actions. It is proposed to add the word <i>provenance</i> as follows:(3.14:) N15 <i>Devise a county native tree management Plan which seeks to retain existing native provenance trees, support the Planting of native provenance trees, and identify sites for native and mixed woodland Planting. Set targets to maintain existing and Plant new native provenance trees in urban and rural areas, to enhance carbon storage, biodiversity and landscape, air quality, and urban heat island mitigation. Increase range of edible native provenance locally sourced fruits, flowers and vegetables in Council Parks, rooftops and open spaces.</i>(4.15:) R15 <i>Carry out a 'Tree Cover Survey and Policy' on lands managed by the Council, in accordance with an agreed methodology. The study will identify sites for large scale native and mixed woodland planting and set targets for planting and maintaining native provenance trees in urban and rural areas, to enhance carbon storage, biodiversity and landscape, air quality, and urban heat island mitigation. Where possible tree pits should integrate into the surface water drainage to provide water quality benefits.</i>(DZ3.6:) DZN6 <i>Support carbon sequestration through strategic Planting of native provenance species for all new developments, underutilised lands or farms to promote biodiversity gain and ecological connectivity within Maynooth.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendments to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-04	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	Re-wilding Castletown House Demesne	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged.</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to rewilding of Castletown House Demesne</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Castletown House and management of the lands associated is in the remit of the OPW . Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-17	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	Biodiversity and carbon	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to suggest phrase to be included in (3.3) N3 "with a view to eventually eliminating the use of pesticides" and welcomes actions (3.5) N6 Support Citizen Science and (3.9) N10 but noted Pollardstown fen not mentioned and (3.20) N21 more assistance for locally produced food in terms of advertising and general support.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> 3.3: Phrase not added, however use where only required has commenced with allowance for invasive weed control. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>- 3.5: comment welcomed. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>- 3.9: Covered in 3.9 and 3.6 but, with Pollardstown Fen specifically mentioned as example in 3.9. Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>- 3.20: Advertising is not within the scope of this Plan. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-18	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	Support for more allotments and community gardens	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: Comments related to work of Community Gardens Actions suggested</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action 3.3 (N3) community gardens to be considered county wide. 2. KCC increase number of community allotments with KPI. 3. include idle, vacant and derelict land. 4. open and support seed library. 5. celebrate National Allotments and community gardens week <p><u>Response:</u> 1& 2. amended Plan by adding new action N27. <i>Explore the feasibility of the development of allotments and community gardens in the County to support sustainable food production.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>3. Presently the council is scoping the potential location of allotments/community gardens. Outcome to be produced. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>4. Seed library is considered under Action (5.13) S14. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>5. events are included under (1.4) G4. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-19	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	Local Authority Climate Action Plan	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: Comments related to wildlife corridors and breeding ground for lapwing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community gardens potential. 2. Organic and small scale for producers. 3. Bog trains / track networks of Bord na Mona <p><u>Response:</u> the area proposed for Lapwings is outside the scope of this Plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action (3.3) N3 considers community garden county wide. Presently the council is scoping the potential location of allotments/community gardens. Outcome to be produced. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan. 2. Organic Farming covered in Action (3.20) N21 and (DZ 3.3) DZN3: to promote sustainable food production through community farming/gardening. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan. 3. Action (3.16) N17: to diversify the former peatland along green infrastructure master plan covers reuse of train tracks in the Bord na Mona areas. Noted and considered. No change to the Final Plan. <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-22	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-29	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged.</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows: 1. Comments related to Nature based solutions.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Natural/Nature based solutions are threaded throughout the Plan. Specially action (2.13) B17, (3.7) N8, (4.8) R8, (4.9) R9, (4.10) R10 and others. Noted and considered. No change to this Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-26	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	Native trees on small plots of KCC land	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to identify small plots of land suitable for native tree Planting <u>Response:</u> Covered in Action (3.14) N5. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-28	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	Bog Tourism	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to Kildare becoming a Bog, Fen and wetland supporting community by restoring and repairing bogs. Turf cutting families be offered supports to become SECS, and The Curragh be declared a protected area for green and eco-tourism. <u>Response:</u> There are a number of actions (3.15-3.17) N16 - N17 listed that relate to the protection and/or rehabilitation of peatlands and this is well addressed within the Plan. This Plan cannot include an action for turf cutting which has a negative climate impact however Just Transition actions have been included. Protecting the Curragh is a matter for the CDP and is not an issue for inclusion in this Plan. Additional action proposed: <i>N28 Support the tourism industry in the sustainable delivery of the objectives of Ireland's Ancient East Regional Tourism Development Strategy 2023 – 2027 through enabling reductions in the carbon footprint of the tourism sector, supporting creation of transformational green infrastructural assets and growing sustainable, green and eco tourism in the area.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-28	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	Curragh Aquafer	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to protect the Curragh aquafer and the military waste and carbon footprints be calculated.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> this action would fall under broader action of (3.9) N10. Military aspect outside the remit of this Plan. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-28	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	Education	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to KCC to be leader in education for eco and green measures, circular and bioeconomies, implement Donut economy based plan for CAO and CARO office. Honour earth hour as part of standing orders in Kildare to take eco Earth Hour actions.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> The leadership aspect is noted throughout the plan. Action 1.4 revision proposed to note the importance of promoting Earth Hour: (1.4:) <i>G4 Promote greater community and business engagement on climate action, circular economy, energy, water conservation, sustainable mobility and biodiversity through events such as Earth Hour and the Community Climate Action Officer, Climate Team and support tools to enable the required behaviour change. The LEO will promote Green Micro, Lean programmes, focused Energy Efficiency Briefing Series and capital programmes demonstrating circular economy principles with a focus on SMEs.</i></p> <p>Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-28	Natural Environment	Extension of DZ Zone to all MDs	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p>

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	and Green Infrastructure		<p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to Action Plan focus for each MD, engagement with all inclusive communities using different methods such as hybrid, in different languages, consultations recorded and acted upon. LA housing stock - those who purchased LA houses offered group rate pricing to decarbonise. Reporting tool to capture transport, commercial and public waste sector and awards</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Purchased LA housing stock is a private matter. Award scheme Champion identified under (4.3) <i>DZR3 Identify, train, resource and promote community, education and sectoral business champions in climate action</i>. Training and outreach is identified for example under (4.3) <i>R3 Identify ways to provide training and information support for community groups/ community event organisers on Climate Action measures, for example those relating to water conservation/ rainwater harvesting, nature-based solutions, circular economy, active travel, sustainable mobility and sustainable event planning, etc.</i> Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-28	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	Agrobiodiversity economies	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to Bioeconomy such as Hemp growing, natural dyes and textiles. <u>Response:</u> To support the bioeconomy it is proposed to add action <i>S17 Support the introduction of bioeconomy infrastructure and initiatives that align with the policies of this Plan and the National Bioeconomy Action Plan 2023-2025</i>. Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-31	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	Local Authority Climate Action Plan	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged.</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to Bord na Mona's showing positive works undertaken. <u>Response:</u> The submission from Bord na M6na is welcome and the positive works undertaken since the cessation of industrial peat extraction in 2021 are noted and have a positive impact for climate action and biodiversity. This ongoing rehabilitation of peatlands is supported through three actions welcomed by Bord na M6na which will be retained with no revision: (3.15:) <i>N16 Deliver the enhanced rehabilitation of former industrial peatlands within the County in line with Ireland's National Recovery and Resilience Plan, whilst advocating and exerting influence to ensure such projects promote climate action co-benefits and do not contravene relevant environmental protection criteria or cause significant negative environmental effects.</i> (3.16:) <i>N17 Engage with Bord na M6na to explore the appropriate and sensitive diversification of former cutaway peatlands and development of alternative uses such as rewetting and recreational</i></p>

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			<p><i>facilities under the brown to green agenda under the National Strategy on Outdoor Recreation, whilst advocating and exerting influence to ensure such projects promote climate action co-benefits and do not contravene relevant environmental protection criteria or cause significant negative environmental effects.</i></p> <p><i>(3.17:) N18 Engage with Bord na Móna to develop a Green Infrastructure MasterPlan to inform the delineation of core areas, steppingstones and corridors to support the development of the Bog of Allen Nature Reserve, Special Amenity Area Order and/or National Peatlands Park.</i></p> <p>Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-07	Sustainability and Resource Management	Kildare County Council Climate Action Plan Data centres and capping of energy supply.	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to Data Center considerations, data storage, utilise waste heat, amount of energy taken from the grid should be capped.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Action 5.8 includes for a series of energy obligation requirements for data centres (originally taken from CDP). This action covers most of the contents of the submission but does not include reference to utilizing waste heat. This is a key issue with data centres and the national policy base is moving towards district heating options for this waste heat. While district heating is covered in DZ Action 5.3, it is recommended that this is also included in Action 5.8 below:</p> <p><i>(5.8) S8 Require data centres to include strong energy efficiency measures (including demand management, energy efficiency, utilisation of waste heat or auto generation) to reduce operational carbon footprints through the use of sustainable sources of energy generation in the first instance and then the use of renewable sources of energy to power operations, where it is confirmed through appropriate environmental assessment that associated renewable energy development will not have any significant environmental effect.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-12	Sustainability and Resource Management	Suggestions for long term planning to mitigate climate damage and protect resources for communities.	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged.</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to 1. infrastructure projects, 2. water protection, 3. seed banks.</p> <p>Response: 1. Regarding infrastructure projects, the Plan includes a series of actions to upskill the Council staff on addressing climate action through the Council's functions. Action (1.7) G7 includes a commitment for all Council procurement of services (including construction of infrastructure) to comply with GPP principles: <i>1.7 Embed climate considerations in budgeting process and accommodate trade off on budgetary constraints, to be an exemplar in green procurement such as through specifying low carbon methods and materials in construction. Consider testing a construction Circular Economy public procurement training clause in the tendering process utilising BUSGoCircular.</i></p> <p>2. Uisce Eireann rather than the Council is charged with the supply of drinking water to households and other users. To this end, this Plan cannot include any action to set priority for residential users over commercial users during drought events. Such an action would lie with Uisce Eireann's management Plans.</p> <p>3. Seed banks are utilised by various bodies such as the National Botanic Gardens.</p> <p>Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-17	Sustainability and Resource Management	Wind energy	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged.</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to community owned wind farms. <u>Response:</u> Action (5.2) S2: Wind is covered in the implementation of the Kildare County Council Wind Energy Strategy and (5.3:) S3 Any small-scale energy generation would have to be assessed on a case by case basis against existing planning and environmental legislation. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-19	Sustainability and Resource Management	Local Authority Climate Action Plan	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged.</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>Comments related to 1. composting and organic waste, 2. Green Hub at Bord na Mona, 3. eco tourism initiatives.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> 1. DZ Action (5.7/5.8:) DZS7/DZS8: Option of community composting bank being explored along with the circular economy model. Maynooth can be a pathfinder for other Kildare Towns. 2. is supported under action (5.7) S7 <i>Support Bord na Móna with the redevelopment of the headquarters at Newbridge with a view to promoting the area as a Green Energy Hub...</i> 3. Action N28 proposed to be added - <i>Support the tourism industry in the sustainable delivery of the objectives of Ireland's Ancient East Regional Tourism Development Strategy 2023 – 2027 through enabling reductions in the carbon footprint of the tourism sector, supporting creation of transformational green infrastructural assets and growing sustainable, green and eco tourism in the area.</i></p> <p>Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p>

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			<p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-20	Sustainability and Resource Management	Sustainability and Resource Management	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments related to support communities to harvest rainwater and expand to new housing developments</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Action (3.8) DZN8, (4.3) R3 support rainwater harvesting and action (4.10 (R10) is proposed to be enhanced to include harvesting as follows: <i>Require all new development within the County to comply with the requirements of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems as a minimum and to promote the development of nature based solutions such as blue/green roofs, ponds, wetlands, shallow vegetated channels (swales) and include provision for rainwater harvesting.</i></p> <p>Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p>

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			<p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-20	Sustainability and Resource Management	Sustainability and Resource Management -2	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged.</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comments related to support community owned wind farms and 2. explore community composting <p><u>Response:</u> 1. Action (5.1) DZS1 includes community energy - <i>Enable the replacement of fossil fuel through supports for the development of micro-generation, small-scale and community-owned renewable generation within Maynooth, where it is confirmed through appropriate environmental assessment that associated renewable energy development will not have any significant environmental effect.</i></p> <p>2. Community composting is considered under Action (5.7) DZS7 <i>Regulate waste service providers to ensure the rollout of organic waste bins across household, commercial and public collections in Maynooth and explore the option of a community composting bank.</i> Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above..</p>

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KCC-C198-C2023-24	Sustainability and Resource Management	Fossil fuels and fossil fuel infrastructure	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged.</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to prevent additional construction of large scale fossil fuel infrastructure. <u>Response:</u> These actions have been delivered by national policy. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-24	Sustainability and Resource Management	Data Centres	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to Data centres and cap on energy demand, their general operation re flexibility to the grid when wind and solar energy is low, and powered by direct renewable power source, off site renewable power, and renewable infrastructure to comply with best practice in public participation. <u>Response:</u> The provision of Planning for data centres will align with the national Legislation regarding the powering of these facilities along with the potential for waste heat transfer for nearby district heating projects. Covered in Action (5.8) S8. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

Submission Reference:	Thematic Areas	Submission Summary	CE Response and Recommendation
KCC-C198-C2023-27	Sustainability and Resource Management	Draft Climate Action Plan and Coastal Fisheries / Aquaculture	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to sea fisheries and aquaculture considerations for sustainable coastal communities and energy transition within the sector.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> This is beyond the scope of the Plan and part of national policy. Noted and considered. No change to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>
KCC-C198-C2023-31	Sustainability and Resource Management	Local Authority Climate Action Plan and Bord Na Mona regarding energy creation in the main.	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Draft item(s) detailed and response(s) as follows:</p> <p>1. Comments relate to Bord na Mona and waste management, anaerobic digestion, renewable energy generation and reference to the CDP and renewable energy policy</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Regarding Action 5.11, while it is true that waste policy does not differentiate between composting and anaerobic digestion (as both are circular systems) in terms of climate policy anaerobic digestion offers a clear preference through the generation of renewable energy and for this reason it is expressly stated in this action :(5.11:) <i>S11 Implement a wider roll out of segregated brown bin collection systems across the County to capture this resource for treatment in Anaerobic Digestion Plants for recovery of biomethane in line with the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy.</i> It is understood that the National Planning Framework will be launched for consultation in late 2023 and will include renewable energy targets for regional delivery within Ireland based on a detailed evaluation of the supporting policy. These regional targets will be used to establish county level targets through the Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategies. As such, it is considered premature to set targets in this Plan that will be superseded by the National Planning Framework. However, this action needs to be revised as follows: (5.1:) <i>S1 Prepare and implement an overall Renewable Energy Strategy for the County that is informed by the national Renewable Electricity Spatial Policy Framework National Planning Framework to support sustainable development of onshore wind and solar within the County, whilst advocating and exerting influence</i></p>

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			<p><i>to ensure such projects promote climate action co-benefits and do not contravene relevant environmental protection criteria or cause significant negative environmental effects.</i> Noted and considered. Proposed amendment to the Plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Climate Action Plan proposed as per the reasons set out above</p>

Appendix 3: Public Notice of Draft Plan Public Consultation

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

Notice is hereby given that Kildare 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 Climate Action Plan sets out how the local authority can promote a range of mitigation, adaptation, and other climate action measures, 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

The Kildare County Council Draft Climate Action Plan, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report, will be on display from **Thursday, 21 September 2023 to 4:00 p.m. Friday, 3 November 2023**, at the following locations:

- online at <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/kildare-county-council-climate-action-plan>
- at Kildare County Council, Level 1, at the address below Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).
- Kildare County Council Libraries (Maynooth, Leixlip, Naas, Athy and Newbridge Libraries) during their respective normal opening hours during the consultation period.
- Public Consultation Drop-In Clinics are as follows:
 - Maynooth Library, Wednesday, 27 September from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Naas Library, Tuesday, 3 October from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Leixlip Library, Tuesday, 10 October from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Athy Library, Wednesday, 18 October from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Newbridge Library, Thursday, 26 October from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Any further public consultation events will be advertised during the consultation period on **Facebook:** Kildare County Council, **X:** @KildareCoCo, **Instagram:** @kildarecountycouncil, **LinkedIn:** Kildare County Council.

Submissions/Observations

Written submissions or observations regarding the Draft Climate Action Plan, SEA Environmental Report and AA Natura Impact Report, are invited from members of the public and other interested parties. You can make a submission or observation between **Thursday, 21 September 2023 to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 3 November 2023** inclusive, through the following options only:

- A written submission can be made electronically through the Council's Public Consultation Portal <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/kildare-county-council-climate-action-plan> up to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 3 November 2023;
- or
- In writing to the Climate Action Coordinator at the address below.

All submissions are to be concise, clear, succinct and to the scope of the plan.

The closing date for receipt of submissions or observations is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 3 November 2023. Please make your submissions or observations by one medium only i.e. online or hard copy.

Submissions or observations 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 or observations regarding the foregoing.

Written submissions or observations with respect to the Draft Plan that are made within the period stated, will be taken into consideration before the making of the Plan.

Please note late submissions or observations will not be considered. You are strongly advised to make your submission or observation as early as possible.

Data Protection

Kildare County Council is subject to the provisions of Freedom of Information (FOI) Acts 1997 and 2014. Details can be accessed at <https://kildarecoco.ie/YourCouncil/GovernanceandCompliance/FreedomofInformation/>

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Privacy statement for management of submissions made under public consultation processes in the making of the preparation of the Kildare County Council's Climate Action Plan can be accessed at: <https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/ClimateAction/GDPRPrivacyStatement/>

Dated: 6th September 2023

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DÚNADH SEALADACH BÓITHRE FÓGRA CINNTÍ

ACHT NA mBÓITHRE, 1993 RIALACHÁIN NA mBÓITHRE, 1994

Tugann Comhairle Contae Chill Dara fógra, thar ceann Chlub Mótair an Gharda Síochána, agus i gcomhréir le hAcht 75 d'Acht na mBóithre, 1993, agus de Rialacháin na mBóithre 1994, go bhfuil sí chun na bóithre seo a leanas a dhúnadh Dé Domhnaigh, an 22 Meán Fómhair 2023 chun reachtáil crocadóirwacht/raib mhótar a éascú.

Uimh.	Bóithre le bbeith Dúnta	Ó (Acomhal le)	Go (Acomhal le)	Fad an Dúnta (ag aon tráth ar leith)
1	L4007	L8070 Crois Choill Dhubh	L8024 Crois Sceithrí	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
2	L8024	R418 Crois Ard Scál	L8024 Crois Sceithrí	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
3	L8070	R418 Crois Ard Scál	L8070 Crois Choill Dhubh	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Bealaí Eile:

Cuirfear trácht atá ag dul ó thuaidh ar an L4007 ar mhálairet sí ar dheis ag Crois Fhearann Gearaltach go Crois Bhaile an Ruiséalaigh, casfaidh sé ar chlé agus rachaidh sé ó thuaidh go Crois Bhaile an Fhóntaigh, casfaidh sé ar chlé, agus leanfaidh sé an R415 go Crois na Buailte ag an acomhal le L4007.

Leanfaidh trácht ó dheas an R415 go Crois Bhaile an Fhóntaigh leis an R418, casfaidh sé ar dheis agus leanfaidh sé i dtreo Bhaile Átha I. Ag Crois Bhaile an Ruiséalaigh, cas ar dheis, agus lean an bóthar go Crois Fhearann Gearaltach ag an acomhal leis an L4007.

Déanfar málairet sí a chomharthú go soiléir, faoi mar a aontodh leis an gComhairle agus leis an nGarda Síochána. Beidh rochtain eigeandála agus rochtain áitiúil teoranta fós i bhfeidhm.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS NOTICE OF DECISION

ROADS ACT, 1993 ROADS REGULATIONS, 1994

Kildare County Council, on behalf of An Garda Síochána Motor Club, gives notice in accordance with Section 75 of the Roads Act, 1993 and the Roads Regulations, 1994 that it will close the following roads on **Sunday, 22 October 2023** to facilitate the running of a motor hillclimb/sprint.

No.	Road to be Closed	From (Junction with)	To (Junction with)	Duration of Closure (at any one time)
1	L4007	L8070 Blackwood Crossroads	L8024 Skerries Crossroads	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
2	L8024	R418 Ardscull Crossroads	L8024 Skerries Crossroads	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
3	L8070	R418 Ardscull Crossroads	L8070 Blackwood Crossroads	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Alternative Routes:

Northbound traffic on the L4007 will be diverted right at Geraldine Crossroads to Russelstown Crossroads, R418, turn left and proceed north to Fontstown Crossroads, turn left, proceed along the R415 to Boley Crossroads at the junction with the L4007.

Southbound traffic will proceed along the R415 to Fontstown Crossroads with the R418, turn right and proceed south towards Athy. At Russelstown Crossroads turn right and proceed to Geraldine Crossroads at the junction with the L4007.

Diversionary routes will be clearly signposted, as agreed with the Council and An Garda Síochána. Emergency access and restricted local access will be maintained.

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Appendix 4: SEA Screening Conclusion and Determination and AA Screening Conclusion and Determination

SEA Screening Conclusion and Determination

It has been concluded that a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Plan Action revision is not required. It has been concluded based on the pre-screening check, and review against environmental significance criteria as set out in Annex II of the SEA Directive that a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Plan Action revision is not required.

The principal reason is the Plan Action revisions are broadly intended to provide clarification on existing information and give better effect to the LACAP. They have the potential to maximise positive effects associated with the plan. They will not result in any additional, likely significant environmental effects not already considered or mitigated against under the SEA and AA processes.

AA Screening Conclusion and Determination

Stage 1 Screening for AA of the Plan revisions to SEA Screening was carried out to determine the need for a full AA for the Plan Action revisions to the Draft LACAP in this case. It has been demonstrated that the implementation of the Plan Action revisions are not foreseen to have any significant effects on any European Site. The principal reason is the Plan Action revisions are broadly intended to provide clarification on existing information and give better effect to the LACAP. They will not result in any additional sources for likely significant effects, including effects on ecological processes or European sites, not already considered by the existing NIR for the Draft LACAP.

It is concluded that the Plan Action revisions will not give rise to any adverse effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects. Consequently, a Stage 2 AA is not required for the Plan Action revisions.