



Senior Executive Officer,
Planning Department,
Kildare County Council,
Áras Chill Dara,
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Naas, Co. Kildare.

31st October 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

The OPW welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Material Alterations to the Draft Leixlip Local Area Plan 2020-2026. Comments were made by OPW in May 2019 regarding the Draft LAP for Leixlip and those comments remain valid and should be read in conjunction with this submission. The following comments are offered in relation to the proposed Material Alterations and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Addendum document:

- OPW acknowledge the recommended insertion based on the Chief Executive's Recommendation of objective CON 1.5 in Section 12.8 Confey. The inclusion of this objective in the final document and fulfillment of this objective in the long term will be of critical importance for the sequential and sustainable development of the Confey area. Please note that this recommendation is **currently not included** in the Proposed Material Alteration Report Final (under MA 56) and Objectives 1.1 – 1.4 have been removed and replaced. **Please ensure this statement is included in the final document.**
- OPW notes the inclusion/expansion of Open Space & Amenity and Strategic Open Space zonings included in Map Ref: 6 (200/19/1002).
- OPW are concerned with material alteration No. 57 to rezone agricultural land for residential development in the Leavalley and Walterstown area where previous assessment has demonstrated that there is considerable flooding in the area in both the 1% and 0.1% AEP fluvial events. The area identified as The Moor of Meath (Stream) is also in close enough proximity to the watercourse to warrant further investigation. No justification test nor additional technical information has been provided within the addendum to demonstrate that these additional lands will pass the development plan justification test nor development management justification test.

While OPW recognises that a balanced view of land use and flood risk should be taken, it considers that this can be achieved in full compliance with the Guidelines. For further information please refer to the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) or contact OPW Design Section.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Jones".

Stephen Jones (Flood Relief Design Section)

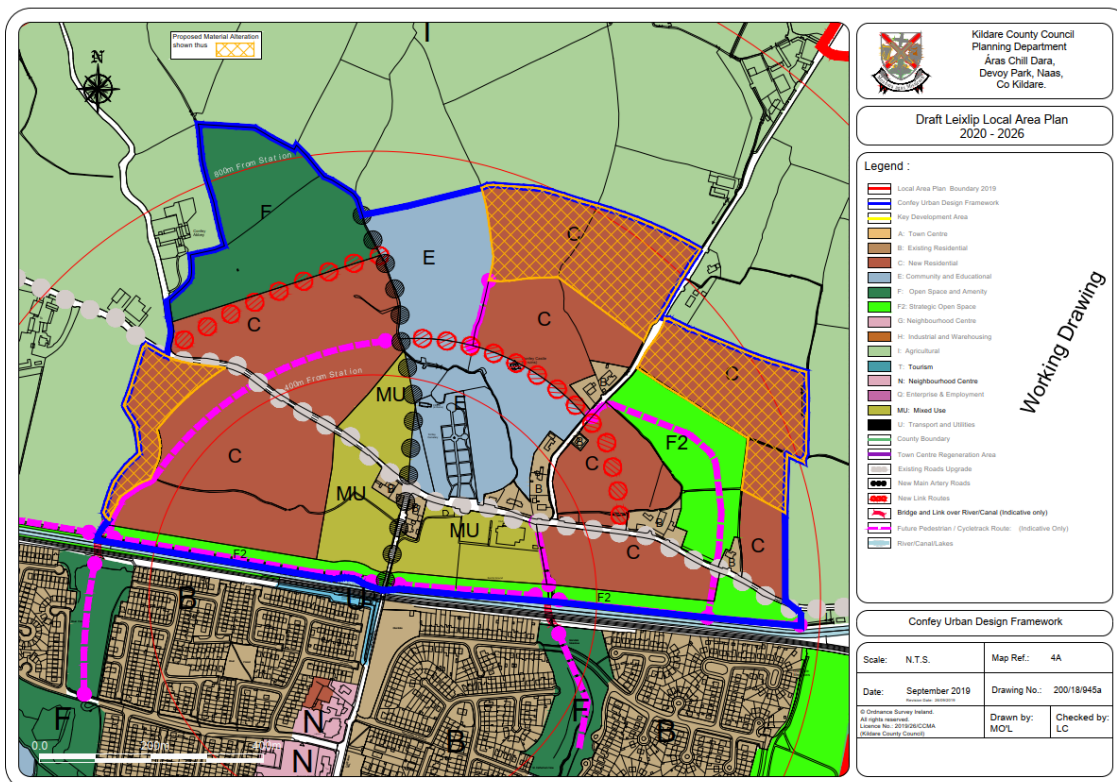


Figure 2 - New Residential Zonings Map

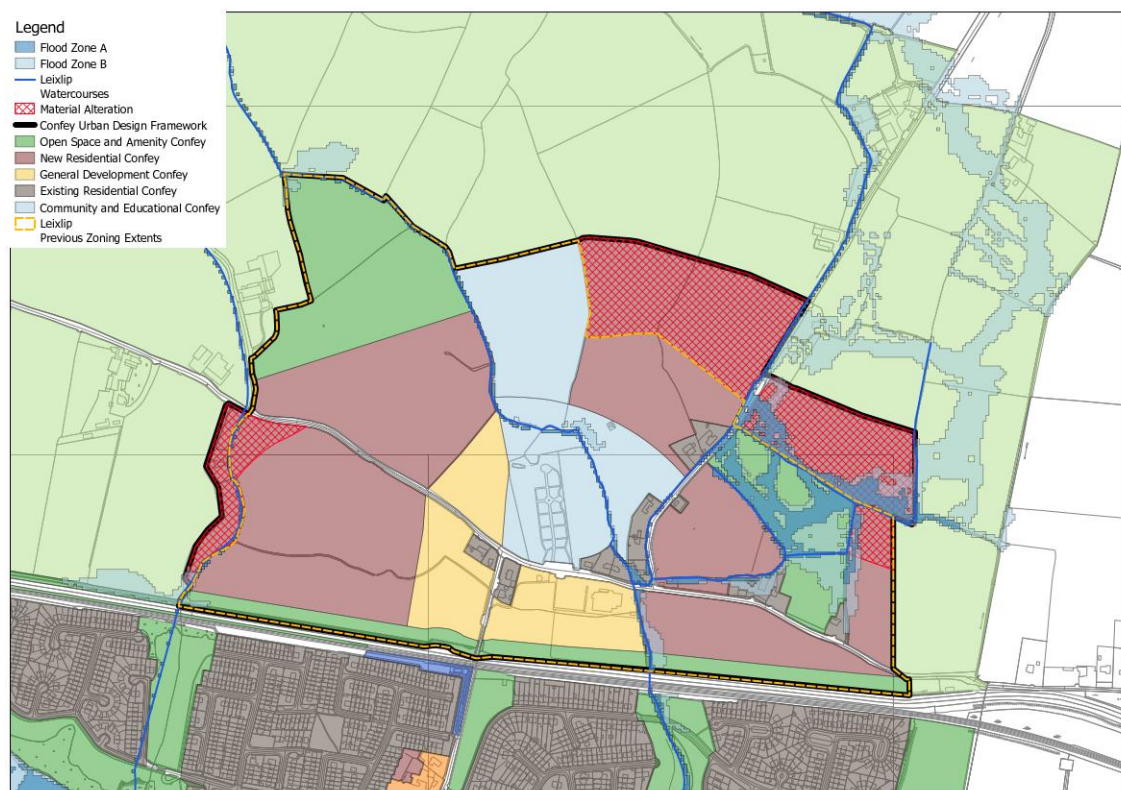


Figure 1 - Flood Extents showing fluvial inundation on and within close proximity to 'New Residential' sites