



Planning Department,
County Buildings,
Athy Road,
Carlow,
Co. Carlow.

02/07/2024

RE: OPW Submissions Carlow Graiguecullen Joint LAP 24-30

Dear Sir/Madam,

On the 14 June 2024 a meeting was held between with representatives from Laois County Council and the Office of Public Works (OPW) in relation to the submission made by the OPW on the Material Alterations to the Draft Carlow-Graiguecullen Joint Urban Local Area Plan for the period 2024 – 2030.

In response to issues raised at the meeting, the OPW carried out a review of the National Indicative Fluvial Mapping (NIFM) datasets in the vicinity of Carlow. This review has found an error in the computation model used to produce the indicative fluvial mapping in the Graiguecullen area.

Due to the error in the computation model in this location, the OPW recommend that the NIFM datasets **should not** be used as a source of information to produce the Flood Zones as part of Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) prepared for the Draft Carlow-Graiguecullen Joint Urban Local Area Plan for the period 2024 – 2030 and, as discussed at our subsequent meeting on the 24 June 2024, the OPW recommend amending the SFRA to reflect this.

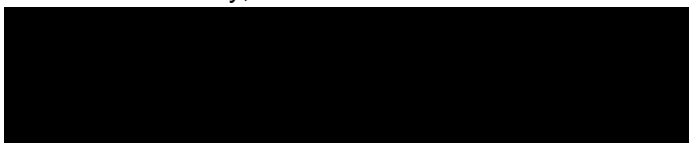
In particular, the OPW comment in relation to Material Alteration 63 to the Draft Carlow-Graiguecullen Joint Urban Local Area Plan for the period 2024 – 2030, as set out in our written submission dated 31/05/2024, can be disregarded.

We apologise that this issue with the NIFM datasets has come to light at such a late stage in the preparation of your plan and we are examining how we can ensure that this type of issue does not arise again.

If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact the OPW (floodplanning@opw.ie) in advance of the completion of the Draft Carlow-Graiguecullen Joint Urban Local Area Plan 2024-2030.



Yours sincerely,



Conor Galvin

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