



Forward Planning
Planning Department,
Leitrim County Council,
Áras an Chonate,
Carrick-on-Shannon,
Co. Leitrim,

02/09/2026

RE: Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029

Dear Sir/Madam,

The OPW, as lead agency for the coordination of an integrated, 'whole-of-Government' approach to flood risk management in Ireland, welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029.

This submission is made specifically concerning flood risk management. Further submissions on the material alterations may be made by the OPW concerning the estate portfolio, heritage and other areas of responsibility.

Proposed Amendment No. 29

The OPW had previously commented in relation to Amendment no. 29 which proposed rezoning lands at Drummagh in Carrick-on-Shannon from less vulnerable *Agriculture* to highly vulnerable *New Residential*. EPA flow network data indicates a possible watercourse passing adjacent to the lands. The Chief Executive's Report has noted that "*the site is on elevated ground rising away from the watercourse, approximately 20m from the watercourse*". It is concluded that the site would be in Flood Zone C. Leitrim County Council should include these details regarding the watercourse in the SFRA.

Carrigallen

Material alterations No. 7 and No. 9 propose zoning lands as *New Residential*. The EPA Water Feature mapping shows a watercourse in the vicinity of both sites. The SFRA has reviewed this watercourse and undertaken a site visit where it was found that there are remains of the Aghawillin Stream and no evidence of any of the various mill races. The OPW welcomes the review undertaken and that this information has been included in the SFRA.

If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact the OPW (floodplanning@opw.ie).



Yours sincerely,

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Flood Risk Management – Climate Adaptation and Strategic Assessments