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RE: Proposed Material Amendments to the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to the notice given to the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (the Department) of the publication of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Roscrea Local Ara Plan 2023-2029, the following submission outlines its observations in respect of a number of specific policy areas for which the Department is responsible.

Renewables

The Department welcomes the proposed alterations which recognises the role of domestic scale renewables and appropriately scaled renewable energy development in meeting local demand and also supports the principle of on-site energy generation for self-consumers. (No. 20 and No. 27).



Conclusion

This Department would be grateful if Tipperary County Council would take these observations into consideration in the finalisation of the Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029.

Department officials can make themselves available for a discussion on any matters raised in this submission or any other matters within the remit of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications relevant to the preparation of this plan.

Officials can provide additional support to the County Council in the following areas:

- Climate Action, Engagement and Adaptation
- The Circular Economy
- Energy Generation and Networks
- Energy Use / Demand in the Built Environment
- Communications
- Environmental Policy and Governance
- Natural Resources

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Yours sincerely,

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