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Tipperary County Council,
Civic Offices,
Emmet Street,
Clonmel,
Co Tipperary,
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18/12/2023

RE: Draft Thurles Local Area Plan 2024-2030

Dear Sir/Madam,

The OPW, as lead agency for flood risk management in Ireland, welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Material Alterations to the Draft Thurles Local Area Plan for the period 2024 – 2030.

This submission is made specifically concerning flood risk management. Further submissions on the Material Alterations to the Draft Plan may be made by the OPW concerning the estate portfolio, heritage and other areas of responsibility.

The following comments highlight opportunities for the Draft Plan before it is finalised.

Flood Zones

Proposed amendment no 54 includes an image of the updated Flood Zone mapping. The OPW welcomes the updated mapping which ignores the presence of flood defences and includes the area of 1% AEP NIFM extents previously omitted which now have been considered in establishing the Flood Zone Mapping. The updated mapping however also includes the defended area, which is the area protected by defences. As flood zones are defined ignoring the presence of flood defences showing the defended area on the Flood Zone Map may lead to confusion and Tipperary County Council may consider omitting the defended area from this map.

Consideration of Climate Change Impacts

As previously stated in the OPW submission on the Draft Plan “The draft Plan states “*Overlays Land Use Zoning and National CFRAM potential future scenario mapping have been included in the SFRA*, while future scenario mapping for the National CFRAM Study has been provided in the SFRA, it has not been overlaid with the land use maps. It should be noted that future scenario mapping is also have for National Indicative Fluvial Mapping Programme”. This comment has not been addressed in the proposed Material Alterations.



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

Yours sincerely,

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pp Conor Galvin
Flood Risk Management – Climate Adaptation and Strategic Assessments