PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 Section 20(1)

Preparation of Local Area Plans Arrangements for Preliminary Public Consultation

Cork County Council has commenced the process of preparing a Local Area Plan for each of the eight Municipal Districts which comprise the County:

Ballincollig-Carrigaline Municipal District Local Area Plan Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District Local Area Plan Blarney-Macroom Municipal District Local Area Plan Cobh Municipal District Local Area Plan East Cork Municipal District Local Area Plan Fermoy Municipal District Local Area Plan Kanturk-Mallow Municipal District Local Area Plan West Cork Municipal District Local Area Plan

The intention is to complete the making of these plans before the end of July, 2017.

A Preliminary Consultation Document has been prepared for each Municipal District These documents are available for public consultation from Monday 14th December, 2015 to 4.00 p.m. Monday 25th January, 2016.

<u>It is intended that the new Municipal District Local Area Plans will replace the</u> following plans currently in force:

Local Area Plans	Town Council Plans	Special Local Area Plans
Bandon Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2011	Cobh Town Plan 2013	Cork Airport Special Local Area Plan, 2010
Bantry Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2011	Clonakilty Town Plan 2009	
Blarney Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2011	Fermoy Town Plan 2009	
Carrigaline Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2011	Kinsale Town Plan 2009	
Fermoy Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2011	Macroom Town Plan 2009	
Kanturk Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2011	Mallow Town Plan 2010	
Macroom Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2011	Midleton Town Plan 2013	
Mallow Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2011	Skibbereen Town Plan 2009	
Midleton Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2011	Youghal Town Plan 2009	
Skibbereen Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2011		

A copy of each of the eight Municipal District Preliminary Consultation Documents may be inspected at the following locations:

- 1. Planning Department, Floor 1, County Hall, Cork
- 2. Planning Department, Norton House, Skibbereen, Co. Cork.
- 3. Cork County Council Divisional Office, Annabella, Mallow.
- 4. County Library and Branch Libraries Please check your local library regarding opening times.
- 5. Online at www.corkcoco.ie at all times.

Cork County Council wishes to advise those wishing to inspect the Preliminary Consultation Documents, that during the Christmas period, Council Offices will close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd December, 2015 until normal opening hours on Wednesday 30th December, 2015. The offices will also be closed on Friday 1st January, 2016. However, the Consultation Documents will continue to be available to inspect and download in .pdf format during this time from the Council website www.corkcoco.ie.

The Consultation Documents are also available on cd-rom at the locations listed above or please contact the Planning Policy Unit at 021- 4285900 to receive a cd by post.

The Consultation Documents are also available for purchase from the Planning Department, Floor 1, County Hall, Cork.

Should you have any queries with regards to the policy content of the documents you may also contact the Planning Policy Unit during the consultation period at 021-4285900.

Invitation to make Submissions:

Submissions or observations regarding the content of the Municipal District Preliminary Consultation Documents and other issues which may need to be considered in the preparation of the eight Draft Municipal District Local Area Plans are hereby invited from members of the public and other interested parties. Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are entitled to make submissions or observations.

On the basis that it is proposed to include the former Town Council administrative areas within the Local Area Plan review, <u>parties with an interest in lands within the former Town Council administrative areas should consider the need to make a submission to the County Council as part of this consultative process.</u>

Submissions may be made during the period from 14th December, 2015 to 4 p.m. on 25th January, 2016 in either of the following two ways:

- \bullet $\,$ On-line via $\underline{www.corkcoco.ie}$ following the instructions provided OR
- In written form to the <u>Senior Planner, Planning Policy Unit, Cork</u> County Council, Floor 13, County Hall, Cork, T12R2NC

All such submissions lodged within the above period will be taken into consideration prior to the preparation of the eight Draft Municipal District Local Area Plans.

The Council regrets that for technical reasons, submissions by email **cannot be accepted.**

Because of the large volume of submissions expected the public are advised to make their submissions/observations to the Council <u>well in advance of the closing date.</u>

Signed: Andrew Hind, Senior Planner,

Dated this 14th day of December, 2015