

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Notice of Proposed Variation No. 4 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied) to give effect to an updated Landscape Character Assessment (2025) to replace the Landscape Character Assessment (2004)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 58(7)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended), that Kildare County Council proposes a variation to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied) (hereafter referred to as 'the Plan').

In accordance with Section 58 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended), it has been determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is not required for the Proposed Variation, and an Appropriate Assessment (AA) is also not required for the Proposed Variation.

Reason for Proposed Variation No. 4

This Proposed Variation has been prepared to update the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied) (hereafter referred to as 'the Plan') by replacing the Landscape Character Assessment (2004) with the recently completed Landscape Character Assessment (2025), which was carried out in response to Action LR A1 of the Plan.

Content of Proposed Variation No. 4

This Variation No. 4 comprises of the following amendments:

- An updated Chapter 13 (Landscape, Recreation & Amenity) to replace the Landscape Character Assessment (2004) with the Landscape Character Assessment (2025). The changes include new landscape character types, landscape character areas, guidance principles for development, and updated objectives, where relevant.
- An updated Wind Energy Strategy (Appendix 2 of the Plan) to have regard to the Landscape Character Assessment (2025).
- Include Landscape Character Assessment (2025) as a new Appendix (Appendix 13) to the Plan.

The Proposed Variation is accompanied by the following environmental reports:

- A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report in accordance with the SEA Directive (DIR 2001/42/EC) and pursuant to the Land Use Planning – Strategic Environmental Assessment Regulations 2025. (S.I. 456/2025).
- An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report in accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (DIR 92/43/EEC).

Display of Proposed Variation No. 4

A copy of Proposed Variation No. 4 and supporting documents may be inspected from **9:30am on Thursday 12th February to 4pm on Thursday 12th March 2026** at the following locations:

- At Kildare County Council's Consultation Portal – <http://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/browse>
- Planning Office, Kildare County Council Office, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare during opening times of 9.30am-4.00pm, Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays).

Please note, the consultation portal <http://consult.kildarecco.ie/en/browse> remains open at all times during the statutory consultation period.

How to Make a Submission

Written submissions or observations may be made in respect of the Proposed Variation and environmental reports, before **4pm on Thursday 12th March 2026** and will be taken into consideration before the making of the Variation. Your name and address should be stated in your submission, and where relevant, the body or organisation represented. Children or groups/associations representing the interests of children are welcome to make submissions. Please make your submission in **one** of the following ways **only**:

- Online at: <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/browse> or
- In writing to: Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department, Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Late submissions, e-mail or faxed submissions will not be accepted.

Submissions will be published on the Council's Consultation Portal. A report will be prepared on submissions received and will include the names of those who made submissions. This report will be published on our website. Details of your privacy entitlements and obligations under GDPR can be read here:

www.kildarecoco.ie/YourCouncil/GovernanceandCompliance/DataProtection/

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Submissions **MUST be received by 4pm on Thursday 12th March 2026.**

Signed:

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