



**Cavan County Council
Local Authority
Climate Action Plan
2024-2029**

Chief Executive's Report



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Submissions Received to the Draft Cavan County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Report

Cavan County Council has prepared a Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. The Draft Plan sets out mitigation, adaptation and other climate action measures, to create a low carbon and climate resilient County. This is aligned to the Government's overall National Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

The Draft Plan includes a range of actions across the five theme areas of Governance & Leadership, Built Environment & Transport, Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure, Communities: Resilience & Transition and Sustainability & Resource Management.

Pursuant to Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, notice of the preparation of the Cavan County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, was given on 26th October 2023. Submissions or observations with regard to the Draft Plan and Environmental Reports (Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment) were invited for a period of just over 6 weeks, from 26th October 2023 to 8th December 2023 inclusive.

In accordance with the requirements of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021, this Chief Executive's Report summarises and details the outcome of the Public Consultation process on the Draft Climate Action Plan, as follows:

- lists the persons, organisations or bodies who made submissions or observations on the Draft Climate Action Plan;
- summarises the issues raised by the persons, organisations or bodies in the submissions or observations;
- gives the response and recommendation of the Chief Executive to the issues raised; and
- outlines any proposed modifications to the Draft Plan, on foot of the Public Consultation process.

This Chief Executive's Report on Submissions Received is hereby submitted to the Elected Members of the Local Authority, for their consideration. The Elected Members have up to 3 weeks to consider this Chief Executive's Report, in accordance with the requirements of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021.

Elected Members will be briefed on the 12th February 2024 to provide an overview of the Chief Executive's Report. During the February 2024 Council Meeting of Cavan County Council will be a motion to decide by resolution, whether to:

- approve, or
- approve, subject to such modifications as they consider appropriate, the local authority climate action plan.

Within thirty (30) days of the approval of the final local authority Climate Action Plan by the Elected Members, the Council will publish the final plan. The Climate Action Plan shall have effect for a period of five years from the date on which it is approved by the Elected Members.

1.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment

(AA)

An Environmental Report accompanies the Draft Climate Action Plan. The Environmental Report contains a detailed analysis of the Draft Climate Action Plan and how the implementation of the Plan would impact on its receiving environment. The Chief Executive's recommendations as set out in this report (including recommendations on the Environmental Authorities submissions detailed in Section X), have been assessed to determine whether they would have any significant impact on the environment. Taking into account the mitigation measures which have already been integrated into the Draft Plan, it is considered that the modifications proposed on foot of recommendations in this Chief Executive's Report, will not have any significant adverse effect on the environment.

In accordance with requirements under Article 6 of the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) the Draft Climate Action Plan and modifications proposed on foot of this Chief Executive's Report have been screened, to assess whether they would have a significant effect on one or more Natura 2000 sites. It is considered that the Draft Plan and modifications proposed on foot of the Chief Executive's recommendations, alone and in combination with other plans and projects, will not have any significant effect on any Natura 2000 sites.

The Elected Members shall give approval for the Climate Action Plan, only after having determined that the Plan shall not adversely affect the integrity of a European Site(s) in line with SI 477 (EU Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended.

1.3 Background to the Climate Action Plan

The Climate (Amendment) Act 2021 specifically requires all local authorities in Ireland to prepare and approve a Climate Action Plan, in consideration of wider national climate and energy targets, addressing both mitigation and adaptation measures. This is aligned to the Government's overall National Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy. The Draft Plan demonstrates a coherent approach to climate action across the administrative and political structure of the local authority.

The Draft Climate Action Plan sets a clear pathway for Cavan County Council to:

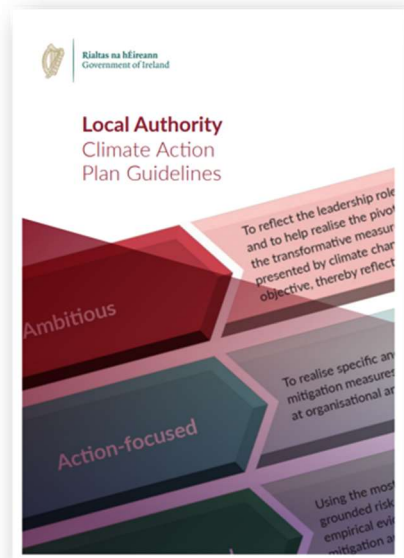
- actively translate national climate policy to local circumstances with the prioritisation and acceleration of evidence-based measures;
- assist in the delivery of the climate neutrality objective at local and community levels; and
- identify and deliver a Decarbonising Zone (DZ) within the local authority area to act as a test bed for a range of climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures in a

specifically defined area, through the identification of projects and outcomes that will assist in the delivery of the National Climate Objective.

The Draft Plan has been prepared in accordance with the [Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines](#), developed in response to Section 16 of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021, with the aim of supporting local authorities in both the content and preparation of their Local Authority Climate Action Plans. The Guidelines were issued by the Department of Environment, Climate, and Communications in March 2023.

The Draft Plan sets out how Cavan County Council will be responsible for enhancing climate resilience, increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, across its own assets, services and infrastructure, to which it is 'fully accountable' for, whilst also demonstrating a broader role of 'influencing', 'coordinating and facilitating' and 'advocating' for other sectors, to meet their own climate targets and ambitions.

This is necessary to ensure that the environmental, social and economic benefits that come with climate action, can be fully realised. The Council will also continue its efforts in rolling out ambitious climate action projects, drawing down available sources of funding, pursuing citizen and stakeholder engagement, all supported by a progressive policy framework.



2.0 Public Consultation

2.1 Outline of the Public Consultation Process

In accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021, the Draft Climate Action Plan underwent statutory public consultation, from 26th October 2023 to 8th December 2023 inclusive.

The Climate (Amendment) Act 2021 states, that in making the local authority climate action plan, a local authority shall:

- (a) consult and co-operate with adjoining local authorities;
- (b) consult with the Public Participation Network in the administrative area of the local authority and such other persons as the local authority considers appropriate;
- (c) co-ordinate, where appropriate, with adjoining local authorities in relation to the mitigation measures and adaptation measures to be adopted;
- (d) consider any significant effects the implementation of the local authority climate action plan may have on adjoining local authorities; and
- (e) consider any submissions made to it by an adjoining local authority.

The Act also states that a local authority shall, before making a local authority climate action plan:

- (a) publish, in such manner as the local authority considers appropriate, a draft of the proposed local authority climate action plan,
- (b) publish a notice on the internet and in at least one newspaper circulating in the administrative area of the local authority inviting members of the public and any interested parties to make submissions in writing in relation to the proposed local authority climate action plan within such period (not exceeding two months from the date of the publication of the notice) as may be specified in the notice, and
- (c) have regard to any submissions made pursuant to, and in accordance with, a notice under paragraph (b).

The objectives of the Draft Climate Change Action Plan public consultation process were as follows:

- Increase awareness of the Draft Climate Change Action Plan for the general public, various stakeholders, prescribed bodies, and Council staff;
- Increase the number, variety and quality of submissions received, appropriate to the Draft Climate Change Action Plan;
- Provide opportunities for more creative and dynamic engagement with a variety of interested parties, including younger citizens, older citizens and locally based community and resident's groups;

2.2 Key Elements of the Public Consultation Process for Cavan's Climate Action Plan

Cavan County Councils public engagement process ran from the 26th October 2023 to the 08th December 2023. The Council used a variety of online and supporting 'face to face' methods, to consult and engage with the citizens of the Cavan County Council area and a range of other stakeholders and interested parties.

2.2.1 Public Display and Drop-in clinics.

The Cavan County Council Draft Climate Action Plan, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report was on public display from the 26th October 2023 to 8th December 2023 at the following locations:

- Johnston Central Library, Farnham Centre, Farnham Street, Cavan
- Bailieborough Library, Market House, Bailieborough.
- Cootehill Library, Bridge Street, Cootehill.
- Belturbet Library & Civic Centre, Belturbet.
- Ballyconnell Library, Church Street, Ballyconnell.
- Ballyjamesduff Library, Health Centre, Percy French Park, Ballyjamesduff.
- Virginia Library, Civic Cultural & Library Service Centre, Main Street, Virginia

The Draft Climate Action Plan, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report was on display online at <https://www.cavancoco.ie/file-library/environment/climate-change/draft-climate-action-plan-2024-2029/>

2.2.2 Newspaper Notices and Press Releases

The following notices appeared in the Anglo Celt during the statutory consultation period. The initial notice was outlined that statutory consultation was underway in addition to the public locations of the draft plan.

During the final week of public consultation, the Climate Action team organised a photo shoot and press release of the Draft plan with the Cathaoirleach and Senior Management team of Cavan County Council.

Notice of the Preparation of the Cavan County Council Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

Notice is hereby given that Cavan County Council has, pursuant to Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, prepared a Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LA-CAP) for the period 2024-2029.

The Draft Plan is accompanied by an Environmental Report, prepared in accordance with the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 435 of 2004 as amended by S.I. 200 of 2011) for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report, pursuant to Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

The Draft LACAP sets out how Cavan County Council can promote a range of mitigation, adaptation and other climate action measures, to help deliver on the national climate obligations and the Government's overall National Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

Public Consultation

The Cavan County Council Draft Climate Action Plan, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report will be on display during public opening hours from **Thursday, 26 October to Friday, 8 December 2023** inclusive, at the following locations:

1. Online at www.cavancoco.ie/climate-action
2. At the following Council libraries during normal opening hours, during the consultation period:

- Johnston Central Library, Farnham Centre, Farnham St, Cavan
- Belleborough Library, Market House, Belleborough
- Cooehill Library, Bridge St, Cooehill
- Belbarbet Library & Civic Centre, Belbarbet
- Ballyconnell Library, Church Street, Ballyconnell
- Ballyjamesduff Library, Health Centre, Percy French Park, Ballyjamesduff
- Virginia Library, Virginia Civic, Cultural, and Library Services Centre, Main St, Virginia

Public Consultation Drop-in Clinic events will be advertised during the consultation period on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter: @cavancoco and online at: www.cavancoco.ie/news

Making a Submissions or Observation

Written submissions or observations regarding the Draft Climate Action Plan, SEA Environmental Report and AA Natura Impact Report, are invited from members of the public and other interested parties. Submissions or observation may be made in one of two ways:

- Via email, with "Draft LA-CAP" in the subject line, to climateaction@cavancoco.ie
- In writing, marked "Draft LA-CAP":

Bríona Keating, Climate Action Coordinator, Cavan County Council Environmental Services, Farnham Street, Cavan, H12 CWK1

The closing date for receipt of submissions or observations is 4pm on Friday 8th December 2023.

Please consider the following when making your submission:

1. Please make your submission or observations by one medium only i.e. online or hard copy.
2. Submissions or observations should include your name and address and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc. which you represent.
3. Written submissions or observations with respect to the Draft Plan that are made within the period stated, will be taken into consideration before the making of the Plan.
4. Please note **LATE** submissions or observations will **NOT** be considered. You are strongly advised to make your submission or observation as early as possible.
5. The content of your submission may be published as part of the plan-making process. At all times

Cavan County Council will comply with the provisions of the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018. Please be advised that submissions received may be published online. You should ensure that no personal, libellous, or confidential information, including confidential information relating to a third party (in respect of which the third party has **not** expressly, or impliedly in the circumstances, consented to its disclosure) is included in your submission.

The Council's Data Protection Policy is available at www.cavancoco.ie/privacy

Paddy Connaughton,
Director of Service,
Roads and Infrastructure, Climate Change,
Environment, Water and Waste Management,
Cavan County Council,
26th October 2023



Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council urges public to have their say on Cavan's Draft Climate Action Plan

Councillor Philip Brady, Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council has urged citizens of County Cavan to have their say on the local authority climate action plan.

"Every citizen of Cavan has a view on climate change and what we should be doing about it," said Councillor Brady. "I urge everyone to contribute to the discussion, which will produce the County Cavan Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029."



"The plan will set out the mechanisms by which Cavan County Council will enhance climate resilience, increase energy efficiency, and reduce Greenhouse gas emissions across its own assets, services, and infrastructure. It will also demonstrate a broader role of influencing, advocating, and facilitating other sectors to meet their own climate targets and ambitions".

A submission can be made online at www.cavancoco.ie/climate-action, by email to climateaction@cavancoco.ie, or by post marked "Draft LACAP" to Bróna Keating, Climate Action Coordinator, Cavan County Council Environmental Services, Farnham Street, Cavan, H12 RV10.

All submissions must be made before 4pm on Friday, 8th December 2023.

Alternatively, you can attend one of the remaining consultation drop-in clinics taking place this week, where you can speak with members of Cavan County Council's Climate Action team at the following locations:

- Johnston Library Cavan: Wednesday, 6th December, 2-4pm
- Virginia Library: Thursday, 7th December, 4-6pm



Comhairle Contae
an Chabháin
Cavan
County Council



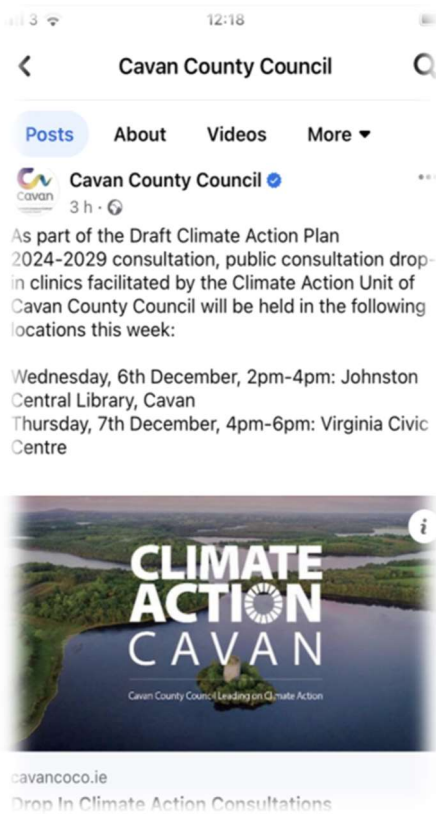
2.2.3 Presentations and workshops

Presentations on the draft climate action plan were made to the climate action steering committee, the senior management team, the Climate and Environment SPC of Cavan County Council and the elected members during a full council meeting. A workshop on the Draft Climate Action Plan was also held for section heads within Cavan County Council to seek their views on the proposed actions.



2.2.4 Online Public Notice

Cavan County Councils social media campaign was particularly effective throughout the public consultation process for promoting the Councils events. Drop-in Clinics were posted on the Council’s Facebook, X and Instagram pages with a link to all Drop in Climate Action Consultations. The following figure outlines some of the social media posts and webpage links from the Cavan County Council’s public Consultation Campaign.



Drop In Climate Action Consultations

01 Dec 2023

As part of the Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 consultation process, the Cavan County Council Climate Action Team plans to host a number of drop-in clinics across the county over the coming weeks.

A series of public consultation drop-in clinics will be held from **Thursday, 23 November** to **Thursday, 7 December** at the following venues and times (please note different times depending on date of clinic):

- **Thursday, 23 November, 5pm-7pm:** Virginia Civic, Cultural, and Library Services Centre, Main Street, Virginia, A82 N9X7
- **Tuesday, 28 November, 3pm-5pm:** Arva Library, Market House, Arva, Cavan H12 X215
- **Wednesday, 29 November, 2.15pm-4.15pm:** Bailieborough Library, Market House, Bailieborough, A82 RH73
- **Thursday, 30 November, 5pm-7pm:** Johnston Central Library, Farnham St, Cavan, H12 C9K1
- **Wednesday, 6 December, 2pm - 4pm:** Johnston Central Library, Farnham St, Cavan, H12 C9K1
- **Thursday, 7 December, 4pm - 6pm:** Virginia Civic, Cultural, and Library Services Centre, Main Street, Virginia, A82 N9X7

For further information, contact climateaction@cavancoco.ie



Drop In Climate Action Consultations

A series of public consultation drop-in clinics, facilitated by the Climate Action Unit of Cavan County Council, will be held from **Thursday, 23 November** to **Thursday, 7 December**.

Figure 1 - Sample posts taken from Council social media pages during statutory consultation

2.3 Prescribed body engagement

As part of the public consultation process the draft plan was circulated to a list of prescribed bodies. The plan was circulated to the adjoining local authorities including Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Monaghan, Leitrim, Meath, Westmeath & Longford County Councils. A number of additional non statutory bodies with whom Cavan County Council had made contact with previously regarding the development of the plan were also notified. A list of all agencies and bodies contacted is included in Appendix C.

2.4 Public Information Events

A number of public information events were attended as part of the public consultation for the Draft Climate Action Plan.

2.4.1 Public Display at Cavan Science Festival

The Climate Action Team hosted an information stand at the Cavan County Council's Family Fun Day STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) as part of science festival Week on Saturday November 11th, 2023, in Ballyjamesduff Municipal District.

The stand included information on the draft plan and how members of the public could make a submission to the plan. The event was attended by approximately 800-900 attendees and there was great engagement with the climate action stand and keen interest in the topic of Climate Action on the day.



Figure 2 - Cavan Climate Action Team at Science Festival Family Day Nov 2023



Figure 3 – Local Councillor & Sergeant of BID MD Area along with Cavan Co Co. Climate Action team



Figure 4- Images taken at Cavan Science Festival, Nov 11th 2023 promoting Cavan Climate Action plan.

2.4.2 Public Information Drop-in Clinics

The Council undertook a series of Public Information Drop-In Events at the following locations:

Location	Date	Time
Virginia Library	Thursday 23 rd November	5-7pm
Arva Library	Tuesday 28 th November	3-5pm
Bailieboro Library	Wednesday 29 th November	2.15-4.15 pm
Cavan Library	Thursday 30 th November	3-5pm
Cavan Library	Wednesday 6 th December	2-4 pm
Virginia Library	Thursday 7 th December	4-6 pm

During the six drop-in clinics the Climate Action team were on hand to discuss the topic of climate action and to assist members of the public in making their submissions. The clinics were well attended predominantly by individuals who wished to discuss the actions relevant to their own specific towns. There were a number of individuals who required assistance with making their submissions.

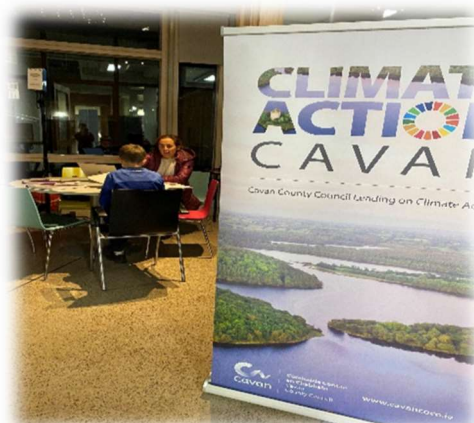




Figure 5 - Pictures of Drop-in Clinics during Public Consultation period

2.4.3 Public Information – Official Launch by Minister Ryan of the Community Climate Action Fund on a visit to Cavan.

On January 9, 2024 Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan while on a visit to County Cavan at the Cavan Urban Greenway site launched the latest funding of €27 million, one of the largest of its kind, earmarked for local organisations working to build low carbon communities.

The fund comprises of both the national Climate Action Fund allocation of €24 million and an allocation of €3 million, which is being provided by the Government's Shared Island Fund to support cross-border and all-island community climate action initiatives.

The climate funding programme, which will be administered by local authorities, can provide amounts of up to €100,000 to larger local projects over an 18-month period. There is no one-size-fits-all for local projects and the fund will be flexible enough to provide lesser amounts as needed to smaller and medium-sized local action programmes.

Projects selected for funding under the programmes will have to contribute to national climate and energy targets across the following five themes:

- community energy;
- travel;
- food and waste;
- shopping and recycling; and
- local climate and environmental action.

The new Climate Action Fund will see an investment of €439,000 allocated to communities throughout County Cavan to implement local climate action projects over an 18 month period. Applications for the fund opened on December 13, 2023 and will close on March 6, 2024.

This fund will provide the financial support to not-for-profit groups and organisations to undertake necessary climate actions measures to transition to low-carbon communities. The Shared Island dimension of the programme will enable organisations to carry out cross-border and all-island climate action projects in partnership with communities and organisations in Northern Ireland.

As part of the Minister Ryan's visit to Cavan on January 9, 2024 he addressed councillors in the chamber of Cavan County Council discussing a wider range of issues including climate action, energy, broadband, roads, infrastructure and public transport.

Below are pictures taken during the National Launch of the Community Climate Action Fund.





2.5 Engagement with Key Stakeholders and Young People

2.5.1 Youth Participation

Career Events Talk – As part of Cavan County Council’s science week, five staff members from the disciplines of Engineering and Science gave a brief career talk to second level students in the Cavan / Monaghan area. The discussion was recorded on Crowd Cast and will be viewed by schools as part of the 2024 curriculum. One of the members of Cavan County Council’s Climate Action team participated in the webinar and they used this opportunity to discuss Climate Action including the purpose of the draft Climate action plan and the local authority’s role in delivering on climate action. The speaker also outlined various measures that students could take to assist with climate action within their county.

STEM Careers

A broad range of Cavan/Monaghan STEM careers will be showcased by those working in them.

Wednesday
Nov 16, 2023
11:15am

Online
bit.ly/CMSTEM23

No Booking required

cavanmonaghansciencefestival.ie

cavan & monaghan SCIENCE FESTIVAL
science in everyday life

career

interest business
education value teamwork
innovation development
analysis solution development
growth innovation
development improvement
focus success
strategy network
decision determine
ideas technology



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- Climate Action Plan for County Cavan
- Reduce Greenhouse emissions by 50% by 2030 in 5 Areas
 - Governance/ Leadership
 - Buildings Transport/Electricity
 - Waste & Green Infrastructure
 - Communities
 - Sustainability
- Community Groups - Tidy Towns, GAA Green Clubs, Green Schools

Figure 6 – Extract from CAO at the Career Events talk as part of science week.

Public Display at Cavan Calling Festival – The climate action team hosted a display stand at the Cavan County Council Cavan Calling Festival on July 29th, 2023. The public were made aware of a new Draft Plan and how they could contribute to the plan by utilising the online survey on the Cavan County Council webpage. During this event, the climate action team specifically targeted the younger population in a bid to obtain their views on climate action.



During statutory consultation, Cavan County Council made contact with Comhairle na nÓg, Foróige and the Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training board to invite them to make a submission on the climate action plan.

Once the plan is finalised, the Council aims to develop further links with younger citizens in enhancing climate change awareness and developing educational initiatives in partnership with schools, and youth organisations such as Comhairle na nÓg and Foróige through specific actions contained within the climate action plan.

3.0 Details of the Submissions Received

3.1 Introduction

A total of 23 valid submissions were received, the breakdown of which is as follows:

Submission Type	Number
Online Portal Submissions	0
Posted / Handed Submissions	0
Email Submissions	23
Total Submissions	23

All valid submissions and observations were read, analysed and summarised. An overview of issues raised is provided in table 3.0. The categorisation and summary of issues raised, together with the Chief Executive's (CE) response and recommendations, is contained in Section 4.0.

Note: The headings relating to the categorisation and summary of issues raised, together with the Chief Executive's response and recommendations, follows that of the headings of the Draft Climate Action Plan document.

3.2 List of Persons, Organisations and Bodies who made Submissions

The following table outlines the persons, organisations and bodies that made written submissions. Each submission has been assigned an independent reference.

Table 1.0 List of Persons, Organisations and Bodies who made Submissions.

Submission Reference ID	Name	Organisation/ Body Representation
CCC_LACAP_1	Cian O' Mahony	EPA
CCC_LACAP_2	Carol Collins, National Seafood Centre	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
CCC_LACAP_3	IFA – John O' Hanlon	Irish Farmers Association (IFA)
CCC_LACAP_4	Elaine Fitzpatrick	DECC
CCC_LACAP_5	Donna Whelan, Senior Scientific Officer, NIEA, DAERA	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) – Northern Ireland
CCC_LACAP_6	Kevin Lunney, Operations Director	Mannok Holdings
CCC_LACAP_7	National Built Heritage Service - DHLGH	National Built Heritage Service - DHLGH
CCC_LACAP_8	Diarmuid Buttimer, Development Applications Unit	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

CCC_LACAP_09	Nephin Renewable Gas	Nephin Renewable Gas
CCC_LACAP_10	Uisce Eireann	Uisce Eireann
CCC_LACAP_11	Dónal McCormack	Community Gardens Ireland
CCC_LACAP_12	Shelia Coyle	Not Here, Not Anywhere
CCC_LACAP_13	Imelda Mullen	Cavan cottage market
CCC_LACAP_14	Ellen O'Sullivan	Green Schools Travel
CCC_LACAP_15	Edel Barry	Virginia Town Team
CCC_LACAP_16	Bernie Sheridan	Virginia
CCC_LACAP_17	Daniel Courtney	Virginia
CCC_LACAP_18	Heather Bothwell	West Cavan Bogs
CCC_LACAP_19	Bernard Allen	Transport Submission
CCC_LACAP_20	Caroline Moore	Belturbet
CCC_LACAP_21	John O' Reilly	Belturbet
CCC_LACAP_22	Department of Transport	Department of Transport
CCC_LACAP_23	LAWPRO	LAWPRO

3.3 Support for the plan

Many of the submissions received welcomed and supported the Climate Action Plan and commended Cavan County Council on the works to date. The following table provides a summary of the comments received.

Table 2.0 Support for the Climate Action Plan

Submission Reference:	Entity	Submission Summary	CE Response and Recommendation
CCC-LACAP-1	EPA	Note the importance of the LACAP linking national and international policy commitments with climate action withing the LA area at a community and local level.	These comments are noted and the support for the plan is welcomed.
CCC- LACAP-4	Department of Environment, Climate & Communications acknowledgement letter	The Department wishes to commend you as Chief Executive and the staff in your local authority for the dedication, commitment, and hard work in reaching this milestone and clearly demonstrating the leadership role of local government in climate action. I wish you every success in getting the plan to full approval in early 2024 and look forward to working with you over the coming years to support the delivery of your Local Authority Climate Action Plan.	These comments are noted and the support for the plan is welcomed.
CCC- LACAP-7	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)	The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) welcomes the publication of local authority draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategies.	These comments are noted and the support for the plan is welcomed.
CCC- LACAP-8	DHLGH	The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) welcomes the publication of local authority draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.	These comments are noted and the support for the plan is welcomed.
CCC -LACAP-9	Nephin Renewable Gas (NRG)	NRG is encouraged to see that Cavan County Council, have within their Draft Climate Action Plan made explicit reference to the benefits of the development of Anaerobic Digestion to farming communities and the sustainable benefits with which it brings (see extract below from Cavan County Councils Draft Climate Action Plan	These comments are noted and the support for the plan is welcomed.
CCC- LACAP-10	Uisce Eireann	Uisce Éireann welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on Cavan County Council’s Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. We welcome Cavan County Council’s commitment to “prioritise enhancing energy efficiency and transitioning to low-	These comments are noted and the support for the plan is welcomed.

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		carbon heating sources in buildings. We welcome the County Council's commitment "to support circular economy initiatives and infrastructure within the County including prevention, reuse, repair and recycling, to lower resource demand and combat the impacts of climate change	
CCC_LACAP_12	Not Here, Not Anywhere	We applaud the County Council for its ambitious actions specified in the Draft Climate Action Plan. In our submission, we have outlined actions we believe add to the existing plans in order to fulfil the commitments to climate action and emissions reduction targets, thereby safeguarding the counties and Ireland's citizens, nature, and climate	These comments are noted and the support for the plan is welcomed.
CCC_LACAP_14	Green Schools Travel Theme	Green-Schools Travel welcomes the development of the Cavan Local Authority Climate Action Plans and commends Cavan Council on its work to bring it to fruition.	These comments are noted and the support for the plan is welcomed.

3.4 Submission by Thematic Area

There were 23 valid submissions received for the Cavan County Council Draft Climate Action Plan. All submissions were assigned a reference code prior to being read, analysed and summarised.

Submissions were received from the following stakeholders:

- **Government Departments** - Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, EPA, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) – Northern Ireland, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
- **Industry** – Mannok Holdings
- **Organisations** – EPA, Uisce Éireann, IFA, Community Gardens Ireland, Green School Travel
- **Members of the Public** – Individuals and Community Groups, Virginia Town Team, Not Here Anywhere, West Cavan Bogs

Table 3.0 outlines a summary of all submissions received. These submissions have been collated into the various thematic areas to which the Climate Action Plan actions refer.

Table 3.0 Summary of submissions received by thematic area

Submission Theme	Ref No. pertain to each theme
General Submission	CCC_ LACAP-3 CCC_ LACAP-4 CCC_ LACAP-12 CCC_ LACAP-15 CCC_ LACAP-18 CCC_ LACAP-20 CCC_ LACAP-21
Governance and Leadership	CCC_ LACAP-1
Built Environment and Transport	CCC-LACAP-7 CCC-LACAP-8 CCC_ LACAP-09 CCC_ LACAP-14 CCC_ LACAP-15 CCC_ LACAP-19 CCC_ LACAP-22
Natural green Infrastructure	CCC-LACAP-6 CCC -LACAP-10 CCC- LACAP-13 CCC- LACAP-15 CCC- LACAP-18 CCC- LACAP-23
Communities: Resilience and Transition	CCC-LACAP-11 CCC-LACAP-13
Sustainability and Resource Management	CCC-LACAP-2 CCC-LACAP-3 CCC-LACAP-10 CCC -LACAP-12 CCC- LACAP-13 CCC - LACAP-16 CCC- LACAP-17
SEA/AA	CCC_ LACAP-01 CCC_ LACAP-02 CCC_ LACAP-05

3.5 Chief Executive's Responses and Recommendations

As presented in table 4.0, the Chief Executive has prepared a response and recommendation under the relevant Section / Submission heading of the Draft Climate Action Plan. The listing and format of the categorisation, summary and responses to issues raised, follows the document structure of the Draft Climate Action Plan.

This Chief Executive report examines issues raised in the submissions and observations, in the context of their relevance to the purpose and scope of the Draft Climate Action Plan, seeks to incorporate new/additional provisions where they are relevant to the purpose of the Plan, its implementation and do not have a negative impact on the broader environmental considerations of the area.

In the interests of clarity, issues raised in submissions and observations that:

- do not sit within the scope of the Draft Climate Action Plan;
- go beyond its scope but lie within the scope of the local authority;
- go beyond the functions of the local authority; and/or
- are not directly related to the provisions of the Draft Plan or climate actions,

will be subject to general commentary where appropriate and may not be considered further to help inform the provisions or actions of the final Climate Action Plan.

Among the issues specifically not addressed, commented on or responded to in this report, include matters relating to planning applications, development sites or specific local authority projects undertaken. Such matters are best addressed under the various planning processes including development management, forward planning etc. Matters that are considered helpful to frame future policy will be considered, where such considerations do not undermine the integrity of the functions and processes stated above.

3.6 Structure of Proposed Modifications to the Plan

Amendments to the text of the Draft Climate Action Plan are identified by their location within the Draft Plan i.e. Section 1 Executive Summary.

As stated in Section 3.4.2 of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines, 'a modification in this instance is an alteration that is considered non-material and does not compromise the integrity of the plan-making process to that point or the SEA and AA processes that have informed the plan' (Government of Ireland, 2023).

Furthermore, given the statutory twelve (12) month duration of the Plan making process, as set out in Section 16 of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021, a Material Amendment public consultation phase, is not provided for under the legislation.

Non-material modifications to the text of the Draft Climate Action Plan are shown in **green text**, for example:

The implementation, monitoring and future updates of the local authority Climate Action Plan will be consistent with and have regard to the national Climate Action Plan and any future such Plans.

Deletions to the text of the Draft Climate Action Plan are shown in **red text with strikethrough**, for example:

~~The Council shall adopt the following actions in regard to domestic waste.~~

4.0 Categorisation, Summary and Responses to Issues Raised

All 23 valid submissions and observations were read, analysed and summarised. The report takes the following format to address issues raised in the submissions and observations received.

Table 4.0 Detailed breakdown of all submissions & CE responses

Submission Reference:	Thematic Areas	Submission Summary	CE Response and Recommendation
CCC-LACAP-1 EPA	Leadership & Governance	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>1.0 Local Authorities need to ensure that there are sufficient suitable monitoring networks (that are maintained and producing high quality data at an appropriate resolution and frequency, to allow decision makers to make decisions on how to adapt.</p> <p>2.0 Consider including a commitment to ensure that monitoring arrangements remain fit for purpose, such that that the data generated from monitoring, can be used by decision makers</p> <p>3.0 You should also consider taking into account the EPA’s ‘Climate Change in the Irish Mind’ project in finalising the Plan. This research is part of the National Dialogue on Climate Action.</p> <p>4.0 We suggest that the Plan include a specific action to carry out “implementation monitoring” to ensure that progress achieving the actions and measures across the Plan is being monitored and reported on.</p> <p>Additional comments raised in relation to the SEA/AA Environmental report are addressed in table 5.0</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcomed and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p><u>1.0</u> The council consider that their existing network is sufficient in terms of monitoring, maintenance and production of data.</p> <p><u>2.0</u> The annual work programme undertaken by the council already ensures that monitoring arrangements remain fit for purpose, such that the data generated can be used by decision makers.</p> <p>3.0 The council consider that the climate action plan adequately considers the mindset of the population having carried its own climate action related survey and as such, appropriate consideration has been given to the devised actions.</p> <p><u>4.0</u> Chapter 5 of the CAP discusses in detail the mechanism for implementation of the climate action plan and how progress will be monitored.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p>

Submission Reference:	Thematic Areas	Submission Summary	CE Response and Recommendation
			<p>The Council propose to include commitment in the Plan to remain aligned with high level plans and programmes.</p> <p>It is recommended the plan includes a commitment in the Plan to consider and appropriately integrate relevant updates to the national Climate Action Plan and National Planning Framework over the lifetime of the Plan.</p>
<p>CCC-LACAP-2</p> <p>Dept of Agri, Food & Marine- Sea Food Division</p>	<p>Sustainability and Resource Management</p>	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>1.0 Over 15,000 people are employed around our coast both directly and indirectly. Many of these communities have very limited alternative employment and economic activity options. It is therefore essential that the socio-economic reliance on the seafood sector is fully recognised and is factored into any Climate Change Action plan. Fishing and food security is as key a part of Government Policy. Food Vision 2030 recognises and values the role of primary food producers.</p> <p>Additional comments raised in relation to the SEA/AA Environmental report are addressed in table 5.0</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcomed and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>It is considered that the issues raised are outside of the scope of the climate action plan. The County of Cavan is not a coastal County.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan</p>
<p>CCC-LACAP-3</p> <p>IFA</p>	<p>Sustainability and Resource Management</p>	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>1.0 It does not make economic or environmental sense to displace food production in Ireland that has a proven track record of carbon efficient production to countries with higher emission food production systems, as this will result in substantial carbon leakage. Carbon leakage, food security and farmers' livelihoods must be fully considered in the development of climate action plan.</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcomed and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>The council considers that some of the issues raised fall outside of the scope of the Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>1.0 The comment in relation to displacement of food production leading to Carbon Leakage is beyond the scope of the plan and is part of national policy. The plan has included an action to support the development of country and farmers markets and</p>

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		<p>2.0 Engaging in dialogue with farmers, agricultural advisors, IFA and local experts will help identify region-specific climate risks and mitigation opportunities. This approach will enable the implementation of measures that align with the unique characteristics and needs of the agricultural sector in Cavan</p> <p>3.0 It is important that the economic contribution of agriculture to the county is fully recognised and considered.</p> <p>4.0 Any restrictions on the use of peatland for agricultural purposes must consider the economic and social impact and be implemented through a fully voluntary approach. If voluntary restrictions are to be introduced, farmers must be fairly compensated.</p> <p>5.0 Cavan has a grass-based livestock farming system which uses less inputs and provides many positive environmental benefits. Biodiversity has a fundamental role in underpinning sustainable agricultural systems. The most successful farmland programmes that protect and enhance biodiversity have been developed in collaboration with farmers. Local leadership and buy in is essential to deliver improvements locally but also increase the awareness of the threats to biodiversity in the wider farming community.</p> <p>6.0 To meet our renewable energy and emission reduction targets it is vital that farmers and communities are supported and that barriers are</p>	<p>the sale of local agri and craft produce. Actions 17 and 18 under the sustainability and resource management theme.</p> <p>2.0 The comment relating to engagement in dialogue with farmers has been addressed within the plan through action number 16 under the theme, Sustainability and Resource Management". The proposed implementation of a sustainable agricultural working group will provide a valuable platform for engagement, collaboration, education and awareness as well as a mechanism for the farming community to seek advice and guidance.</p> <p>3.0 The council acknowledges the immense economic contribution of agriculture to County Cavan and through the action plan, aims to assist with in increasing this value. Action number 15 under the theme Sustainability and Resource Management".</p> <p>4.0 The comment on restrictions on the use of peatlands for agricultural purposes is beyond the scope of the plan and is part of national policy.</p> <p>5.0 The comment pertaining to increasing awareness of the threats to biodiversity has been considered. Action 20 under sustainability and resource management discusses how the council will support and promote sustainability and biodiversity through the Signpost Advisory Programme.</p> <p>6.0 In terms of the comment in relation to supporting On Farm Renewables, the removal of barriers is considered to be beyond the scope of the plan. However, the plan does endeavour to provide technical support to farmers in the realm of biomethane production from processes such as AD thorough</p>

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		<p>removed, so that farmers can be central to Ireland's clean energy transition.</p> <p>7.0 In recent years a number of major upland peatland landslides occurred across Ireland, including just across the Cavan County border on Shass Mountain in County Leitrim, in Donegal and just last Month in Louth. These landslides were triggered by a combination of prolonged dry weather followed by heavy rainfall. Such conditions lead to increased water pressure within the peat, significantly raising the likelihood of peat slides. To develop effective strategies to mitigate the risk of similar occurrences, it is necessary for the local authority to collaborate with farmers, communities, environmental experts, and other relevant authorities to plan and implement preventative measures.</p>	<p>action 25 under the sustainability and resource management theme.</p> <p>7.0 In terms of the comment in relation to flood risk management and collaboration with farmers to minimise damage has been addressed by the plan. Actions specific to flood risk management and planning for adverse weather events as included in the Built Environment thematic area will increase the counties capability for planning and dealing with such events. Collaboration with the farming community on such events can be included on the sustainable working group platform.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>
<p>CCC-LACAP-3</p> <p>IFA</p>	<p>General Submission</p>	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>The Plan needs to recognise the critical role of young farmers in sustaining agriculture and rural communities. By allowing them to build homes for farm renewal, the local authority can create an environment for thriving rural economies. It must support farm businesses to upgrade farm infrastructure and adopt innovative technologies to reduce on farm emissions and protect the long-term viability of the family farm.</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcomed and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>In terms of the comment in relation to rural planning and building of homes, this is considered to be outside the remit of the plan and is more aligned to the provisions of the county development plan.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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CCC- LACAP-4 Department of Environment, Climate & Communications acknowledgement letter	General Submission	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>Acknowledgement Letter</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcomed and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s) Submission considered.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>
CCC-LACAP-5 Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) – Northern Ireland	Sustainability and Resource Management	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>Comments raised in this submission related to the SEA/AA Environmental report and have been addressed in table 5.0</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>CE Recommendation The local authority will consult Northern Ireland's historic environment digital datasets when progressing development projects, as appropriate. SEA/AA report updated. No amendment proposed to the draft Plan</p>
CCC-LACAP-6 Mannok Holdings	Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>1.0 The current Mannok industrial base in Ballyconnell represents a combined annual electricity demand in excess of 130GWh. Decarbonisation and related business requirements will significantly increase this demand over the next decade as further plant electrification and fuel-switching to green alternatives becomes an imperative for the business. More generally new economic development, which requires additional power</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>1.0 The issues raised pertaining to the lack of grid network connection capacity and the requirement for significant deep reinforcement of national grid infrastructure at Ballyconnell is a matter that is currently being examined within the content of the national climate action plan. The council will ensure that the Cavan Climate Action Plan is at all times aligned with high level</p>

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		<p>capacity from the grid, is currently restricted in the region due to lack of network connection capacity. Current restrictions can only be resolved following significant deep reinforcement of national grid infrastructure at Ballyconnell and the surrounding north-west network. Reinforcement of the grid to the level required has significant societal and environmental impairment impacts. Embedded local generation, which reduces national grid demand, is recognised as essential to achieving the twin objectives of industrial sustainability and economic growth. The unique conditions associated with the Slieve Rushen area make it an important Area of Opportunity for Renewable Generation with comparatively small and regionally contained amenity impact. Mannok respectfully suggests that this unique concept be incorporated into the Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, as it is believed this could have a very significant supportive impact on achieving the objectives of the plan.</p> <p>2.0 Any Biodiversity Action Plan that is developed should be cognisant and supportive of any biodiversity plans developed by neighbouring authorities or groups within the Cavan region. A co-ordinated approach should be utilised where areas of habitat cross functional jurisdictions and are targeted for improvement. This wider grouping of potential partners should be reflected in the available partners options with the documented objectives.</p>	<p>plans and policies and any relevant alterations to the national climate action plan thus ensuring that any developments in this area will be duly considered.</p> <p>Additionally, through its own objectives, this plan supports sustainable energy sources and locally based renewable energy alternatives where such development does not have a negative impact on the surrounding environment. However, the council accepts the suggestion that this proposal be noted as an Area of Opportunity for Renewable Generation and for its potential in assistance in decarbonisation of the County.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to section 1.9, pg 13 of the CAP to include the proposed as an additional Area of Opportunity for Renewable Generation within the county.</p> <p>2.0 The comment in relation to the Cavan biodiversity plan and collaboration with neighbouring authorities has been noted. CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>3.0 The comment in relation to the provision of supports to local groups working on initiatives that correspond with Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure objectives is considered to be adequately addressed under the thematic area “communities” and in particular Action 04. CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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		<p>3.0 Provide supports to local groups / organisations who are working to implement initiatives that correspond with the objectives of the council's Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure objectives,</p> <p>4.0 Promote and conserve natural hedgerows, educate the public on their importance as wildlife corridors linking fragmented habitats, the protection and replacement of native species within hedgerows especially where they are impacted by disease. Promote invasive species control measures that minimise impacts on pollinator species,</p> <p>5.0 Recognise the importance of the cultivation and propagation of disease resistant plants i.e., resistance to Ash die back disease, when developing a native tree strategy and ensuring the conservation of native species,</p> <p>6.0 Promote not-for-profit tree planting programmes for targeted ecological improvements, ground stabilisation as a means of climate change mitigation, and carbon sequestration over the lifetime of the planted species,</p> <p>7.0 Promote public education to increase awareness of the importance of bogs as both hydrological and carbon sinks, explaining their ability to reduce the effects of surface water run off during rainfall events and their ability to provide a subsequent slow release of water to the receiving environment. Awareness should be increased of the benefits of re-wetting bogs and how these actions can be taken by landowners</p>	<p>4.0 The council consider that it has adequately addressed to the area of promotion and conservation of natural hedgerows and the promotion of native tree planting under the thematic area of Natural Green Environment and in particular actions 10, 14 and 16.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>5.0 The council considers that it has adequately addressed the area of native species planting under thematic area of natural environment and green infrastructure and in particular through action 16 "development of a native tree strategy" However, further to this comment, the council will amend the wording of action 16 under to include specific reference to the term ash dieback. <i>"Develop a native tree strategy to outline vision and plan for long term planning, protection and maintenance of native trees, hedgerows and woodlands. Highlight the importance of cultivation and propagation of disease resistant plants e.g. plants resistant to diseases such as ash dieback"</i>.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Amendment to action 16 as outlined above.</p> <p>1.0 In relation to the comment pertaining to the promotion of not for profit tree planting programmes, the council is proposing the inclusion of a new additional action under the thematic area of Natural Green Environment as follows: <i>" Promote not-for-profit tree planting programmes for targeted ecological improvements, ground stabilisation as a means of climate change mitigation,</i></p>

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			<p><i>and carbon sequestration over the lifetime of the planted species”</i> This action will be presented as N21.</p> <p>CE Recommendation Acceptance of additional action as outlined above.</p> <p>7.0 In relation to the comment pertaining to promotion of public education to increase awareness of bogs, the council is proposing the inclusion of a new additional action under the thematic area of Natural Green Environment as follows: <i>“Promote public education to increase awareness of the importance of bogs as both hydrological and carbon sinks, explaining their ability to reduce the effects of surface water run off during rainfall events and their ability to provide a subsequent slow release of water to the receiving environment. Awareness should be increased of the benefits of rewetting bogs and how these actions can be taken by landowners”</i></p> <p>CE Recommendation Acceptance of additional action as outlined above.</p>
<p>CCC-LACAP-7 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</p>	<p>Built Environment & Transport</p>	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>1.0 Identifying the built and archaeological heritage assets in the local authority area including, but not restricted to, structures and sites subject to statutory protection under the National Monuments Acts 1930 to 2014, or the Planning and Development Acts</p> <p>2.0 Including objectives to carry out climate change risk assessments, including condition assessments, for the historic structures and sites in its area;</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcomed, and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>1.0 While the topic of heritage is addressed extensively in the plan this matter will be dealt with extensively through the Cavan County Council heritage office.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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		<p>3.0 Including objectives to develop disaster-risk reduction policies addressing direct and indirect risks to the built and archaeological heritage in its area</p> <p>4.0 Including objectives to develop resilience and adaptation strategies for the built and archaeological heritage in its area;</p> <p>5.0 Developing the skills capacity within the local authority to address adaptation / mitigation / emergency management issues affecting heritage assets in order to avoid inadvertent loss or damage in the course of climate change adaptation or mitigation work</p>	<p>2.0 The council considers that risk assessment of historical structures is adequately addressed under the thematic area of Built Environment and in particular action 25. CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>3.0 The council considers that disaster risk reduction policies shall be addressed under the thematic area of built environment and in particular action 25. CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>4.0 The council considers that resilience and adaptation strategies for the built and archaeological heritage in Cavan has been addressed under the thematic area of built environment and in particular actions 25 and 26. CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>5.0 The council considers that the topic of adaptation, mitigation, emergency management affecting heritage assets will be adequately addressed under the thematic area of Built Environment and in particular action 25. CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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CCC-LACAP-8 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Manager DAU	Built Environment & Transport	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>The content of this submission is identical to that of CCC-LACAP-8 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s) All comments pertaining to this submission have been answered in the previous submission.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>
CCC -LACAP-09 Nephin Renewable Gas	Built Environment & Transport	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>1.0 Reword existing actions from CAP to include specific reference to biomethane.</p> <p>2.0 Adopt a policy to purchase a proportion of biomethane to offset the Council's gas consumption. By committing to buying a proportion of renewable gas, the Council will be directly stimulating the market for biomethane.</p> <p>3.0 Conduct a feasibility into the benefit of procuring bio CNG powered vehicles.</p> <p>4.0 Conduct a feasibility into the benefits of treating grass cuttings through AD. Grass is an effective substrate for gas generation, where it can be separated at source from other landscaping materials such as woody materials and soils.</p> <p>5.0 Support a public biomethane awareness day to raise the public profile of the benefits of AD</p> <p>Work with GNI (Gas Networks Ireland) to facilitate installation of connections to the gas distribution and</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>1.0 The council have considered this request and the following amendment will be made to action 15 under the transport thematic area. <i>“Replacement of fuel type for HGV fleet with alternatives such as HVO or biomethane when technology and product becomes available”</i></p> <p>CE Recommendation: Acceptance of alternative wording to an action as outlined above.</p> <p>2.0 The development of a policy to purchase biomethane to offset the councils gas consumption is not viable at this time due to a number of factors.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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		<p>transmission systems and CNG refuelling infrastructure. Despite a prevalence of suitable feedstocks for AD, one of the limiting factors for deployment is access to the natural gas grid. GNI anticipate that connection distances of 5km or more maybe necessary to allow connection of new AD plants to the gas grid. GNI and the Council should work together to ensure that connections can be facilitated in a timely and cost-effective manner.</p>	<p>3.0 Due to the scale and composition of the council fleet, there are a number of alternatives currently being examined by the council including bio CNG powered vehicles and as such a feasibility study on this alternative alone is not necessary at this time. CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>4.0 Numerous AD studies have already been carried out both nationally and in the county of Cavan, many of which have already considered the use of grass for use in AD. It is already widely proven and accepted that AD is a very suitable treatment for grass cuttings and as such a bespoke feasibility for treatment of grass cutting from Cavan County Council is not deemed necessary. CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>5.0 Cavan County Council will support a biomethane awareness day should a national event take place. CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>6.0 Cavan County Council are already routinely engaged with GNI surrounding topics such as funding for feasibility studies and the gas networks infrastructure in County Cavan. The council will continue to liaise with GNI. CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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CCC-LACAP-10 Uisce Éireann	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>1.0 SuDS-We would welcome in particular consideration of the following guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas – Best Practice Interim Guidance Document • National (Infrastructure) Guidelines and Standards Group recent NGSG Circular 1 of 2023, • DMURS Advice Note 5 Road and Street Drainage using Nature Based Solutions Design • Greening and Nature-based SuDS for Active Travel Schemes - National Transport • Guidance for Urban watercourses by Inland Fisheries Ireland. 	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>1.0 The council will consider the recommended guidance when compiling a SuDS policy for the County as part of action N9.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>
CCC-LACAP-10 Uisce Éireann	Sustainability and Resource Management	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>2.0 Water Demand -We would welcome water use efficiency to be included as an objective/action in the plan. Having a greater water use efficiency of potable water will help achieve carbon emission targets as well as protect the natural resource in some areas which may be vulnerable.</p> <p>3.0 Energy Efficiency- We welcome the opportunity to explore potential collaboration in relation to district heating where heat recovery from the wastewater</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>2.0 The council acknowledges your comments in relation to water demand and consider that the topic of water use and efficiency is adequately addressed within the existing actions and in particular, the thematic areas of built environment, communities and sustainability.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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		<p>network and wastewater treatment plants could potentially become a heat source for district heating.</p> <p>4.0 Circular Economy & Bioeconomy Uisce Éireann are eager to collaborate with others in leveraging circularity opportunities to support the development of a sustainable bioeconomy model</p>	<p>3.0 The council acknowledges your comments in relation to Energy Efficiency and consider that this topic is adequately addressed within the existing actions and in particular Decarbonisation Zone action 6 under sustainability and resource management which states <i>“Cavan County Council will partake in any such feasibility study of the potential for district heating for Cavan Town ensuring this study has appropriate regard to planning and environmental protection considerations”</i></p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>4.0 The council acknowledge your comments in relation to Circular & Bioeconomy and consider that this topic is appropriately addressed within the existing actions and in particular, the thematic area of governance and leadership where one of the core objectives states that <i>“Cavan County Council will work and collaborate with other sectors and agencies to deliver programmes that support climate action”</i></p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>
CCC-LACAP-11 Community Gardens Ireland	Communities: Resilience & Transition	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>Recognising growing your own food as a Climate Friendly Action for Communities - support growing your own food in allotments and community gardens as a local action that communities can complete to help reduce biodiversity loss and as a climate adaptation action.</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>1.0 The council acknowledges the comments in relation to community gardens and food production with relevance to the Cavan County Council Climate Action Plan. Comments in relation to the National Climate Action Plan are outside the remit of Cavan County Council. It should be noted that the council already support</p>

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			<p>community gardens on derelict lands with a number of existing sites throughout the county. Additionally, the broader topic of sustainable food production is extensively covered in the climate action plan and in particular under the thematic areas of Natural Environment & Green infrastructure and Communities; Resilience & Transition. However, as a means of further supporting the topic of community gardens, the following amendment will be made to action 1 under the thematic heading of Communities: Resilience & Transition “<i>Implement an awareness campaign to educate the public on climate change mitigation and adaptation measures including the circular economy, promoting biodiversity, food production in community gardens, water conservation and carbon reduction initiatives. Promote various funding streams and grants to assist homes, communities and businesses to implement positive climate actions. Having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as protected species, European sites and biodiversity.</i></p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to action 1 as outlined above.</p>
<p>CCC_LACAP_12 Not Here Not Anywhere</p>	<p>General Submission</p>	<p>Item(s) detailed Applaud ambitious Plan</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s) Comments noted welcomed.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No change to the plan</p>

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CCC_LACAP_12 Not Here Not Anywhere	Sustainability & Resource Management	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Climate Action Plan should ensure a rapid phasing out of all fossil fuels including gas. The Climate Action Plan should include a planned phasing out of existing connections to the gas grid. The Climate Action Plan should ban fracked gas in its energy mix. The Climate Action Plan should rule out any new fossil fuel infrastructure projects. Cavan County Council should pass a motion calling on the Irish Government to join the bloc of nation states seeking to negotiate the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty - a new international treaty to complement the Paris Agreement and address the root cause of the climate crisis: fossil fuel. The Climate Action Plan should add as an action the setting of an overall cap on the level of data centre energy demand that can be accommodated by the electricity grid in the county. The Climate Action Plan should specify that new and existing data centres are required to provide flexibility to the grid at times of day and times of year when wind and solar energy on the grid is low relative to demand - and <i>not</i> allowing data centres to use fossil fuel 	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised acknowledged</p> <p>Response(s) The council acknowledges the comments pertaining to fossil fuel and consider that these areas are been delivered by national policy.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>The council acknowledges the comments in relation to data centres and considers that areas pertaining to grid capacity are outside of the scope of the Climate Action plan. The provision of Planning for data centres, should this matter arise in Cavan will align with the national Legislation regarding the powering of these facilities along with the potential for waste heat transfer for nearby district heating projects.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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		<p>generation as the means of providing this flexibility (they can use other means e.g. energy storage, time-shifting of data processing services).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Climate Action Plan should specify that new data centres are required to be powered entirely by one of the following, and existing centres should be required to transition rapidly to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On site direct renewable power source generation combined with energy storage, or ○ Off site renewable power source and energy storage with dedicated grid connection (avoiding Renewable Energy Certificates). ○ Any renewable energy infrastructure must comply with best practice public participation. • New data centres should have infrastructure in place to enable heat generated from them to be utilised for district heating systems. 	
CCC_LACAP_12 Not Here Not Anywhere	Communities: Resilience and Transition	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Climate Action Plan should include actions which incentivise community energy projects - community based projects, organisations and social enterprises involved in the energy sector, owned and operated by local people and local authorities in the community 	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s) The council acknowledges the comments in relation community energy and considers that the areas relating to managing energy demand and safeguarding against energy poverty are outside of the</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Climate Action Plan should prioritise safeguarding against Energy Poverty • The Climate Action Plan should contain measures to ensure that energy demand is managed responsibly and sustainably, with energy seen as a public good whereby essential services are prioritised. This should involve rapid retrofitting and the decarbonisation and increase of accessibility of public transport. • When introducing community energy projects or new energy infrastructure, decision processes should be designed in a participatory way, with input from residents and stakeholder group representatives. Special outreach efforts must be made to include disadvantaged or marginalised groups in participatory processes. Those running participatory processes should keep a detailed record of the participation of marginalised groups and of best practices that serve to increase this participation. 	<p>scope of the Cavan County Council climate action plan. The council considers that the remaining areas are adequately addressed within many thematic areas and in particular the thematic area of Communities; resilience & transition.</p> <p>CE Recommendation No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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<p>CCC_ LACAP_13 Cottage Market Cavan</p>	<p>Sustainability and Resource Management</p>	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and support food producers to source local, organic raw ingredients where possible. • Continuously promote the benefits of choosing organic - public campaigns are needed. • Continuously promote the benefits of choosing local - public campaigns are needed. • Work with and support social enterprises such as ours that are already offering solutions to climate change i.e Local Food initiative (The Local Green Box Cavan), seasonal markets showcasing seasonal local food, food swaps and many more solutions. • Publicly promote the idea of consuming differently - the public can choose what they buy and what they eat. They hold the power. Dispel the notion that choosing differently is too expensive! This is not true. We just need to do things differently - eat differently, cook differently. We need to adapt and change to the current crisis. 	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s) The council acknowledges the comments considers that the items raised are adequately addressed through a number of objectives and actions and in particular actions 14, 15, 17 and 18 under the thematic area of sustainability and resource management.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>
<p>CCC_ LACAP_13 Cottage Market Cavan</p>	<p>Natural Green Infrastructure</p>	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work towards banning the use of Pesticides and Herbicides in our County. • Plant Native trees. 	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s) The council acknowledges the comments from this submission and considers that the items raised are adequately addressed through a</p>

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			<p>number of objectives and actions and in particular actions 3, 16 and 17 under the thematic area of Natural Green Infrastructure</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>
CCC_LACAP_14 Green-Schools	Built Environment & Transport	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>Green-Schools Travel is a behaviour change programme that works to promote sustainable transport for school journeys across the country. The programme has been communicating the co-benefits of sustainable mobility to school communities since 2008 and can provide valuable insights relative to sustainable transport in schools from across the county.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change workshops are a key part of the travel theme and SDG 13: Climate Action is a focus goal for the theme. Green-Schools would welcome the opportunity to outline our work to the climate action team and support in any way that we can. • Green-Schools Travel is also engaged in Cycle Bus Schemes nationwide. • Green-Schools Travel works with participating schools to complete walkability/cycleability audits with their dedicated travel officer. GST Audits invite the school community to investigate barriers to sustainable travel and identify solutions to promote 	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>The council acknowledges the comments from this submission and considers that all items raised are adequately addressed through a number of objectives and actions and in particular actions 1 and 5 under the thematic areas of Built Environment & Transport and actions 18 and 19 under Communities; Resilience & Transition</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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		<p>walking/cycling. Recommendations generated from this activity stimulate action within the school community (no-idling campaigns, road safety campaigns) and can sometimes include simple road maintenance requests to Local Authorities. Green-Schools Travel would like to note that schools working on the theme can provide valuable insights to barriers to sustainable travel at a local level. Creating a pathway to communicate Green-Schools Travel audit findings from school communities in Cavan would link with transport actions T2, T3, T16 within the plan and our work is relevant to multiple other actions cited in the plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every opportunity to reduce carbon emissions needs to be examined. No-idling is a key initiative for the Green-Schools Travel programme which is actively promoted nationwide as part of school travel plans and Clean Air Week. The promotion of no-idling also aligns with the National Clean Air Strategy which states that 'more attention needs to be given to the development of localised measures which help improve air quality in urban areas that have suffered from increased congestion and localised transport related emissions'. These include reference to 'measures to reduce emissions from idling vehicles'. According to the SEAI 0.2-3L of fuel is wasted per hour of idling. It is estimated that for each litre of fuel consumed 2.3-2.4kg of carbon dioxide is emitted. Green-Schools Travel is in a position support to the development of no-idling campaigns in the public realm and would 	

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		<p>welcome an opportunity to collaborate with Cavan County Council for no-idling campaigns for schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispersed rural settlement patterns sees car ownership and individual trips/journeys dominate transport trends in the county. Green-Schools Travel champions 'Park & Stride' (driving some of the way and walking the rest) initiatives across our network as a means to reduce traffic congestion and emissions outside schools. In urban areas where there is a greater concentration of schools, Green-Schools Travel has worked with several local authorities to develop urban Park & Stride initiatives. For example Galway City Council and Mayo Co. Council. In Kerry, St. Brigids Secondary school in Kilarney launched a successful Park & Stride initiative as part of their work on the Green-Schools Travel theme. Green-Schools Travel would welcome an opportunity to work with XX Co. Council on similar initiatives. 	
<p>CCC_ LACAP_15 Virginia Area</p>	<p>General Submission</p>	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>1.0 Better monitoring of our lakes and rivers, could a safe flag system be implemented so that people will know if water quality is safe (particularly for the health and safety of our young children) The new Lakeshore development at Lough Ramor has increased the number of people entering into these waters, it is a wonderful amenity but is it safe for people to be swimming in? Are native</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s) The council acknowledges the comments from this submission and considers that some of the concerns raised fall outside of the scope of the climate action plan.</p> <p>1.0 In terms of the comment raised surrounding monitoring of Lough Ramor, it should be noted that this lake is routinely monitored under the requirements of the water framework directive with all</p>

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		<p>creatures and fish thriving in and around this body of water or are they struggling to survive due to invasive species and pollution? Biodiversity protection is essential when taking climate change action and monitoring the lake is a great starting point.</p> <p>2.0 The public are extremely concerned about the amount of sewage overflowing into Lough Ramor. We believe discussions are ongoing re: the New Wastewater Treatment Plant. The current treatment plant is not fit for purpose. Assurances that the proposed plant will have the capacity to accommodate the huge expanse of houses expected to be built here over the next few years should be a top priority, if we are genuinely serious about the environment here in County Cavan. Good and informative communication on this project would be a good route to go down.</p> <p>3.0 We note that the current draft plan is focusing on Cavan town as the selected Decarbonization Zone. Here in Virginia our levels of pollution have increased due to the high volume of traffic passing through the town. Slowing down the traffic has of course been the aim of the NRA/ TII, while we acknowledge this is good it has impacted negatively on the air quality. We would like to flag this up as an item of great concern. We are very grateful to Dr Dan Courtney for highlighting this</p>	<p>samples being submitted to the EPA for analysis. Any such analytical results can be obtained from the EPA.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>2.0 In relation to the comments raised in relation to the a new waste water treatment plant, these concerns fall outside of the scope of the climate action plan. Any concerns or queries pertaining to this matter should be relayed to Uisce Eireann.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>3.0 In terms of the comments raised in relation to air quality, this again falls outside of the scope of the climate action plan and Cavan County Council. Any concerns pertaining to air quality and the implementation of air quality monitoring should be referred to the EPA.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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		<p>issue at our workshop on 27/9/2023. Dr Courtney has been kind enough to share his own submission re: Establishing an Air Quality Monitoring Station in Virginia.with us and as members of this team we wish to endorse and support his suggestion to have an Air Quality Monitoring Station erected here in Virginia installed at the location mentioned and we will be attaching a copy of his submission along with this one in the hope that this can become a reality in the not too distant future. We believe that having such a monitoring system in such a prominent place will be a huge benefit and make people more aware of the effects of traffic pollutants and may help to encourage and influence better practise in our daily living to help combat climate change.</p>	
<p>CCC_ LACAP_15 Virginia Area</p>	<p>Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure</p>	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>Better tree management practices would benefit the whole county, Preserving and managing old trees should be a priority instead of cutting them down often unnecessarily. It is obvious that trees are our great protectors from the lethal carbon emissions that are so detrimental to our health and well being. Many important trees have been felled in recent times and have not been replaced</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s) In relation to the comments raised regarding tree management, the climate action plan considers that this topic is adequately addressed within the plan and in particular the thematic area of Natural green environment under which the councils value for trees is greatly emphasised.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p>

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		<p>including but not only in the forest and at Lee Bridge (next to CA Hire). Native trees provide important habitats and are aesthetically pleasing. They enhance natural drainage which is so important in reducing flooding impact. Virginia needs more trees and there are lots of areas within the town that can accommodate more tree planting. We note that trees rooted below pavement level (ie not in planter boxes) were included in architect drawings of the footpath scheme and it was only after the footpath completion, that we realised the stark absence of these trees.</p>	<p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>
<p>CCC_ LACAP_15 Virginia Area</p>	<p>Built Environment & Transport</p>	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>In order to encourage active travel, we would like to see visible bicycle parking close to bus-stops, supermarkets, schools. The bus stops are very busy and the buses often packed, so there needs to be far more buses time-tabled going to the airport, city centre etc. Otherwise the preferred option will still be to drive, hence putting more cars on our roads, increasing carbon emissions and increasing demand for carparks, instead of natural spaces. Many people would catch the bus if the service was more frequent and reliable.</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered. Response(s)</p> <p>In relation to the comment raised surrounding the issue of bicycle parking in Virginia, this matter can be investigated as part of the completion of a local transport plan for the town. This plan will be carried out under action 20 of the Built Environment and Transport Thematic area.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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<p>CCC_ LACAP_16 Bernie Sheridan</p>	<p>Sustainability and Resource Management</p>	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>1.0 Removal of large Yew trees and remedial works on bridge adjoining property titled “Elliot’s of Mills Bridge Virginia” . Lack of associated public consultation prior to removal.</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s) The council acknowledges the comments from this submission and considers that the concerns raised fall outside of the scope of the climate action plan. However, it should be noted that the concerns from this submission are being passed to the relevant section of the Local Authority. Additionally, it should be noted that the general ethos of this submission being that of highlighting the importance of trees within Virginia and the County of Cavan is addressed in the climate action plan throughout the thematic area of Natural green Infrastructure and in particular actions N12, 14,15,16 and 17.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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CCC_LACAP_17 Dr. Dan Courtney	Sustainability and Resource Management	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>Virginia Area air quality & installation of an Air quality Monitoring Station in Virginia town.</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s) The council acknowledges the comments from this submission and considers that the concerns raised fall outside of the scope of the climate action plan and Cavan County Council. This concern is a local traffic issue largely relating to air quality. Ambient air quality and the air quality monitoring network in Ireland is managed by the Environmental Protection Agency under the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011. The council has therefore passed this submission to the relevant section of the EPA for their consideration.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>
CCC_LACAP_18 Heather Bothwell, West Cavan Bogs	General submission	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>1.0 The need for recognition within the plan that the science is developing each year as resources are allocated to research. Ongoing staff development resources are required for the LA to keep the plan and subsequent strategy up to date.</p> <p>2.0 Ongoing staff development resources are required for the LA to keep the plan and subsequent strategy up to date. A recognition of the lack of experience and resources in</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s) 1.0 & 2.0 The council acknowledges the comments from this submission and considers that the issues pertaining to resources and experiences are adequately addressed in the thematic area Leadership and Governance through the council's commitment to training and awareness. Additionally, it should be noted, that in circumstances where specialist knowledge is required, the council routinely work in association with many of the countries most qualified and experienced consultants.</p>

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		management of land for biodiversity and experience establishing nature-based solutions to climate change within the council.	2.0 CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above
CCC_LACAP_18 Heather Bothwell, West Cavan Bogs	Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>1.0 On page 73 NE19 “Identifying surplus lands within LA for forestry”. I suggest there is a high possibility that these lands should be managed for biodiversity, and be identified for biodiversity actions rather than “forestry”.</p> <p>2.0 On page 37 (EG 10), “peatland restoration” is listed; by page 67 it has become “protect peatlands from further degradation “. This is a much weaker wording. Peatlands have been protected by EU legislation for decades, but they have continued to degrade.</p> <p>3.0 EG7 page 37,” promote climate action project.... Trees, Flood-zones “. It is important that recognition is made that these valuable biodiversity habitats have carbon stores in their own right, e.g. the soils of Long-Established Woodlands and hedgerows (Pre 1830), some may be small but as a sum are vital and biodiversity rich). Similarly riparian woodlands, floodplains, seminatural grasslands</p>	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s) 1.0 The council acknowledges the comments from this submission and is proposing the following amendment to the wording of existing action 19 under the thematic area of Natural Environment & Green infrastructure. <i>“Identifying surplus lands within the ownership of the LA for planting to maximise contributions to both forestry and biodiversity”</i></p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p> <p>Response(s) 2.0 & 3.0 Comments noted and acknowledged.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>Response(s)</p>

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		<p>and wetlands. These should not be disturbed, but recognised and restored. Natural regeneration of woodland over planting is more ecological and climate friendly</p> <p>4.0 NE 22 page 71 “visual amenities “--- how are these defined? We have had an over reliance on visual priorities over biodiversity for decades This has led to all kinds of biodiversity and climate issues.</p> <p>5.0 Green infrastructure has prioritized engineering solutions with poor assessment of maintaining existing biodiversity and strengthening that biodiversity and ability for nature -based solutions.</p> <p>Additional comments pertaining to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Peatlands as greenhouse gas sources ● Long Established woodlands as carbon stores 	<p>4.0 & 5.0 Comments acknowledged and considered. In terms of the query pertaining to visual amenity, visual amenity relates to the way in which people visually experience views and the surrounding landscape. The mitigation defined balances biodiversity and visual considerations.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>Additional Comments. The council acknowledges the comments from this submission and considers that some of the issues raised are outside of the scope of the climate action plan. Comments pertaining to peatlands and long-established woodlands have been examined and it is deemed that many of the issues raised are within the general ethos of the thematic areas Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure and in particular actions 1, 6, 7, 20 and new actions 17 and 21.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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CCC_LACAP_19 Bernard Allen	Built Environment & Transport	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerable distances between bus stops is creating a significant barrier making public transport inaccessible for many. • Safety issue walking rural roads to access bus stops. Examples of this are distance from the Hotel Kilmore bus stop to the Lavey Inn bus stop is over 7 kilometres and there is no stop between them. Suggested stop at Poles. • Cavan to Ballinagh Local Link route C2 was extended beyond Ballinagh to Kilnaleck. a very welcome development however there are no stops in the ten kilometres between Ballinagh and Kilnaleck. Queried how residents in areas along the way such as Ballintemple supposed to access public transport. – Queried the rationale in selecting stops alone routes. • No marked Bus stops in Cootehill or Shercock • Lack of a one stop shop for public transport information - there is an over-reliance on websites and Apps. The ticket/information office at the Bus Éireann Station in Cavan Town was closed without any consultation/engagement with bus users. • Railway line servicing Cavan to Dublin 	<p>CE Response: The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered.</p> <p>Response(s) The council acknowledges the comments from this submission and considers that some of the issues raised are outside of the scope of the climate action plan. It is considered that the overarching ethos of this submission is adequately addressed under the thematic area of Built Environment and Transport and in particular through the objective of <i>“promoting, supporting and facilitating the implementation and expansion of active travel mechanisms. This will be done in association with other key stakeholders, to enhance connectivity, mobility and modal shift in Cavan”</i> in addition to actions Tr4,</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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CCC_ LACAP_20 Caroline Moore	General Submission	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.0 Request to delay and engage in additional consultation with the residents of County Cavan, submitter alleges that consultation was poorly communicated. 2.0 Queried why there seem to be more emphasis on agriculture than business 3.0 Implementation of Safe walking/ cycle tracks on our narrow country roads to facilitate environmental access to rural schools. 4.0 Management of equipment waste. 	<p>CE Response The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered..</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.0 Public and statutory consultation was carried out in accordance with the associated legislation. Various mechanism of engagement were utilised, all of which are itemised in the climate action plan. 2.0 The climate action plan contains numerous actions which aim to assist both the farming and business communities in reaching their associated emissions reduction targets as outlined in the thematic areas of Governance & Leadership & Sustainability & Resource Management. 3.0 The concerns pertaining to safe routes to school have been addressed in action Tr5 under the thematic area of Built Environment & Transport. 4.0 The concern pertaining to management of equipment waste is too vague to adequately address. It is presumed that this statement refers to waste originating within the council and in which case it should be noted that all waste arising as a result of activities carried out by Cavan County council is handled in accordance with the waste management regulation. <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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CCC_ LACAP_21 Dermot O'Reilly	General Submission	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>With regard to the proposed CAP actions proposed for County Cavan I have the following concerns;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland is a mere speck on the world map with Cavan being ever more insignificant. To claim County Cavan is affecting this so called global boiling is a deluded opinion. Maybe a trip to China or India may be in order. • The Farming Industry is an integral part of the community. This claim that Cavan cows farts are drivers global warming is the most ridiculous claim I've ever heard. A comedian couldn't make this up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who are the Cavan County CAP group accountable to? • What are the CCC member qualifications to advise/implement these absurd draconian proposals. Who are the climatologist among this group? • How many factories or motorised vehicles existed in the medieval warming period where vineyards were grown in the North of England. Maybe the warming was due to horse methane emissions in 1,100 AD • What human intervention brought about the Holocene Maximum? • Greenhouse gasses make up a very small percentage of atmosphere in the throsphere or which water vapor makes up 95% of this. • Was the Iceberg that the Titanic struck caused by global warming? 	<p>CE Response The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered..</p> <p>Response(s) The comments and concerns outlined in this submission are outside of the scope of the Climate Action Plan. This submission is not considered further.</p> <p>CE Recommendation: No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal of the elimination of the usage of fossil fuel usage in a county of eighty thousand in a world population of eight billion makes no sense. How will the elderly keep themselves warm. Candles? Maybe the plan is to Cull to Aged. • What expenditure will be imposed on the farming community who don't comply to you WEF recommendations? • Are you aware that 97% of scientists who are not in receipt of funding from the EU/UN/WEF disagree with the global warming narrative. 	
<p>CCC_LACAP_22 Department of Transport</p>	<p>Built Environment & Transport</p>	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>1.0 Local Authorities can lead by example in their organisations by decarbonising their own vehicle fleets.</p> <p>2.0 Local Authorities also have an important role in developing local area networks for EV charging infrastructure to meet the needs of their residents who cannot charge their vehicles at home, and, through the co-location of shared mobility services, to meet the needs of residents who don’t own vehicles.</p> <p>3.0 Local Authorities have a key role in delivery of active travel programmes by expanding walking and cycling facilities in their areas, including shared mobility services, and enhancing the public realm to increase safety and connectivity for pedestrians</p>	<p>CE Response The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered..</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>1.0 The issues raised in this submission are addressed within the objectives and actions of the thematic area of Built Environment and Transport.</p> <p>CE Recommendation:</p> <p>No amendment proposed to the draft Plan as per the reasons set out above.</p>

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		<p>and cyclists by retrofitting existing infrastructure and providing new infrastructure.</p> <p>4.0 Local Authorities can facilitate the integration of safe and convenient alternatives to the private car into the design of local communities in line with Transport Orientated Development principles and by prioritising walking and cycling accessibility to both existing and proposed developments.</p> <p>5.0 Local Authorities can support and advocate for change in travel behaviour amongst their communities through public engagement and community liaison activities.</p>	
CCC_ LACAP_23 LAWPRO	Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure	<p>Item(s) detailed</p> <p>The submission included a comprehensive list of suggested climate actions for inclusion in Cavan's Local Authority Climate Action Plan. The key areas of consideration included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of water quality, • Pollution control, • Reviewing Section 4 licences, • DWWTS, • Drinking Water, • Planning, • Built Infrastructure, 	<p>CE Response The submission is welcome and issues raised have been considered..</p> <p>Response(s)</p> <p>All of the actions within this submission were considered. Many of the actions were already extensively addressed under the various thematic areas of the climate action plan. Upon consideration of the submission, the following amendment was made to action NE10 under the thematic area of Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure <i>"Prepare a roadside hedgerow management tool kit that informs staff on the value of hedgerows, particularly heritage hedgerows and outlines best practise in their management, having due regard to native hedgerows"</i>. Additionally, one further action was included in this thematic area as follows: N.E.12</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Education. 	<p><i>“Develop a tree and woodland plan to increase tree cover on council owned land, using appropriate species to store carbon, support nature, improve soils and water quality, and aid in flood protection and urban design. Aim to increase areas of public land under forestry through schemes such as Forest Creation on public lands.</i></p> <p>CE Recommendation: Amendment to the plan as outlined above</p>

Table 5.0SEA/AA Responses to submissions relating to the Draft SEA Environmental Report and Draft NIR

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EPA 01	<p>You should also consider taking into account the EPA's 'Climate Change in the Irish Mind' project in finalising the Plan. This research is part of the National Dialogue on Climate Action.</p> <p>We suggest that the Plan include a specific action to carry out "implementation monitoring" to ensure that progress achieving the actions and measures across the Plan is being monitored and reported on. The SEA should also assist in identifying ways to maximise the potential co-benefits of</p> <p>climate-related measures for air quality, human health, biodiversity, water quality and other interrelated areas (i.e. win-win solutions)</p>	<p>Noted and agreed. It is noted that the Draft SEA Environmental Report (ER) has defined Environmental Governance Principles and action amendment suggestions to ensure climate action co-benefit opportunities are maximized. Various defined mitigation measures serve to promote win-win solutions.</p>	None.	None.
	<p>We recommend that the findings of the SEA ER and NIS are fully reflected in the Plan, to ensure that the relevant recommendations are fully considered and integrated as appropriate.</p>	<p>Noted and agreed. Environmental mitigation measures in the form of Environmental Governance Principles and climate action amendment suggestions have been fully integrated into the Plan itself.</p>	None	None
	<p>Environmental Authorities Under the SEA Regulations, you should consult with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Protection Agency; • Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage; 	<p>Noted. All listed Environmental Authorities have been consulted with as part of the SEA process.</p> <p>It is recommended the Council confirm receipt of this submission with Cian O'</p>	None	None

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications; Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine. <p>If you have any queries or need further information in relation to this submission, please contact me directly at c.omahony@epa.ie. I would be grateful if you could send an email confirming receipt of this submission to: sea@epa.ie.</p>	<p>Mahony, if this hasn't been done already. (Noted)</p>		
	<p>Non-Technical Summary</p> <p>You should ensure that the Non Technical Summary includes the relevant information as required under Schedule 2 of S.I No. 434 Of 2004, as amended.</p>	<p>It is assumed that SI No. 434 is a typo and SI No. 435 is what was intended to be addressed with this statement. The requirements of Schedule 2 of SI No 435 have been noted and amendments to the NTS will be made as appropriate.</p>	None	Update the NTS to reflect the relevant information as required under Schedule 2 of SI No 435 of 2004 as amended.
	<p>Relationship with other plans and programmes</p> <p>We acknowledge that the Plan has been prepared taking account of the key National plans including the National Climate Action Plan 2023. We also acknowledge that the Plan sets out the key plans, programmes and policies considered in preparing the SEA.</p> <p>The Plan should include a commitment to remain aligned with high level plans and programmes, Guidelines, and legislation over its lifetime. The Climate Action Plan 2024 is</p>	<p>Noted and agreed. It is noted that this is in reference to the LACAP and not the SEA ER or AA NIR documentation.</p> <p>It is recommended the Council includes a commitment in the Plan to remain aligned with high level plans and programmes if this isn't the case already.</p> <p>It is recommended the plan includes a commitment in the Plan to consider and appropriately integrate relevant updates to the national Climate Action Plan and National Planning Framework over the lifetime of the Plan. (Noted and included in section 1.3 CAP)</p>	None	None

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	<p>currently being prepared and work will be commencing on the review of the National Planning Framework and Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies also. Any relevant updates of these plans/strategies should be integrated as appropriate into the Plan as relevant and appropriate.</p> <p>The Plan should include a commitment to consider any relevant updated actions, measures or recommendations that may arise in updates to the National Climate Action Plan (or the National Planning Framework) over the lifetime of the Plan.</p>			
	<p>Strategic Environmental Objectives</p> <p>We recommend that in considering strategic environmental objectives, they should where possible reflect the plan being prepared, rather than use more generic environmental objectives. This will help both in considering more specific monitoring and mitigation measures, when required.</p>	<p>Noted. The Strategic Environmental Objectives defined have been very specifically defined to reflect the themes, goals, objectives and climate action contained in the plan and in light of the potential environmental effects associated with Plan implementation.</p>	None	None
	<p>Alternatives</p> <p>We note the alternatives considered in the SEA and acknowledge the preferred option selected.</p>	Noted.	None	None.
	<p>Mitigation Measures</p> <p>Where the potential for likely significant effects has been identified, you should provide</p>	<p>The SEA produced recommended a suite of mitigation measures in response to climate actions considered to have potentially significant environmental effects.</p>	None	None.

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	<p>appropriate mitigation measures to avoid or minimise these. You should also ensure that the Plan includes clear commitments to implement the relevant mitigation measures.</p>	<p>Environmental Governance Principles have been defined for the purpose of underpinning and framing the defined climate actions. All activities and development supported by the defined climate actions shall be undertaken or influenced by the local authority, as appropriate, in accordance with these Environmental Governance Principles. Mitigation has also been achieved by the integration of environmental considerations into the defined LACAP climate actions.</p> <p>These mitigation measures have been wholly integrated into the LACAPs. Section 8 of the SEA ER provides full detail of these environmental mitigation measures.</p> <p>It is recommended the Plan provides a clear commitment to implement these mitigation measures, if this isn't the case already. (noted and included in section 3.3)</p>		
	<p>Monitoring, Implementation & Reporting</p> <p>The Monitoring Programme should be flexible to take account of specific environmental issues and unforeseen adverse impacts should they arise. It should consider and deal with the possibility of cumulative effects. Monitoring of both positive and negative effects should be considered. The monitoring programme should set out the various data</p>	<p>The SEA Monitoring Programme established for the Draft LACAP is contained in the SEA ER. This monitoring programme has been developed in accordance with EPA guidelines entitled '<i>Guidance on SEA Statements and Monitoring</i>' (2020).</p> <p>The monitoring programme is multi-faceted, broad in scope and has been designed to allow for a flexible and</p>	None	Update the SEA monitoring programme to ensure SEOs PHH1, L1, AQN2, TR1 accommodate the monitoring of positive effects arising due to plan implementation. Provide additional detail on monitoring

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	<p>sources, monitoring frequencies and responsibilities. If the monitoring identifies adverse impacts during the implementation of the Plan, then you should ensure that suitable and effective remedial action is taken. Guidance on SEA-related monitoring is available on the EPA website at</p> <p>https://www.epa.ie/publications/monitoring--assessment/assessment/strategicenvironmental-assessment/06695-EPA-SEA-Statements-and-Monitoring-Report.pdf</p>	<p>adaptive approach to SEA monitoring during Plan implementation.</p> <p>The monitoring programme has been designed to inherently measure cumulative effects that may arise due to the implementation of the Plan.</p> <p>This plan considers both positive and negative effects, as per the following statement from the SEA text:</p> <p><i>‘Where monitoring identifies that the implementation of the LACAP is having a significant negative environmental effect, an in-depth review of the LACAP should take place and the LACAP should be updated in a manner that satisfactorily mitigates these environmental effects (i.e., through the adoption of additional environmental mitigation measures.). Similarly, where monitoring indicates that potential positive environmental effects associated with LACAP implementation are not being adequately realized, the LACAP should be reviewed and updated in a manner that supports the realization of all potential positive environmental effects, having regard to the overall vision and high-level objectives of the plan.’</i></p> <p>It is noted however that additional opportunities exist in relation to monitoring the positive environmental effects of defined climate action – in connection with SEOs PHH1, L1, AQN2, TR1. The SEA monitoring programme will be updated to ensure SEOs PHH1, L1, AQN2, TR1</p>		<p>programme data sources</p>

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		<p>accommodate the monitoring of positive effects arising due to plan implementation. The monitoring programme includes detail on the indicators, targets and data sources to be used to monitor and measure progress. Some additional detail on data sources has however been provided to better guide the SEA monitoring to be carried out across plan implementation. A commitment to remedial action in the event SEA monitoring shows the implementation of the Plan is having adverse environmental effects has been made in the SEA.</p>		
	<p>EPA State of the Environment Report</p> <p>Our State of Environment Report, Ireland's Environment - An Integrated Assessment 2020 (SOER2020) identifies thirteen 'Key Messages for Ireland'. Delivering Ireland's longterm sustainable development and environmental objectives will involve many different stakeholders to address these key actions. The report recognises the need for full implementation of existing environmental legislation and review of governance/coordination on environmental protection across public bodies. The EPA are currently preparing the next iteration of the SOER report, which will be published in 2024. We recommend that a commitment is made in the Plan, to take account of any relevant</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>It is recommended the Council make a commitment to take account of any relevant recommendations in the SOER 2024 report, once published, in implementing the Plan over its lifetime. (Noted)</p>	None	None

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	<p>recommendations in the SOER 2024 report, once published, in implementing the Plan over its lifetime.</p>			
	<p>SEA Statement – “Information on the Decision”</p> <p>Once the Plan is adopted, you should prepare an SEA Statement that summarises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How environmental considerations have been integrated into the Plan; • How the Environmental Report, submissions, observations and consultations have been taken into account during the preparation of the Plan; • The reasons for choosing the Plan adopted in the light of other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and, • The measures decided upon to monitor the significant environmental effects of implementation of the Plan. <p>You should send a copy of the SEA Statement with the above information to any environmental authority consulted during the SEA process.</p>	<p>Noted. An SEA statement will be produced and circulated to any environmental authority consulted during the SEA process.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>
	<p>Future Amendments to the Plan</p> <p>You should screen any future amendments to the Plan for likely significant effects, using the</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>

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	same method of assessment applied in the "environmental assessment" of the Plan			
Northern Ireland Environment Agency, DAERA 05	DAERA are largely content with the conclusions of the SEA Environmental Report and Natura Impact Statement. However, we note that DAERA was not consulted at the SEA Scoping Stage of the Plan. Within Section 7.2 of the environmental report, it states that the evaluation considers transboundary effects. However, the report does not include any environmental baseline information or detailed transboundary considerations in relation to Northern Ireland, we therefore assume all mitigation and monitoring measures outlined in the report will also apply to Northern Ireland. However, if this is not the case then a clear assessment of transboundary issues is required. We encourage continued engagement and co-ordination with NI.	It is noted that all effects of the plan have been evaluated, including transboundary effects. Mitigation measures have been adopted to ensure that the environmental effects of Plan Action are controlled at the source.	The NIR will be updated to demonstrate more expressly how transboundary effects were considered and mitigated.	The SEA ER will be updated to demonstrate more expressly how transboundary effects were considered and mitigated.
	We welcome the proposed monitoring and mitigation to prevent, reduce and offset significant environmental impacts and provided it will be applied to transboundary cases and engagement with NI continues we are content. DAERA would however recommend that the monitoring programme detailed within Section 9 and Table 9-1 would benefit from the inclusion of Northern Irish data sources, indicators and targets to ensure that the environment within Northern Ireland is also protected. Useful	Noted and agreed.	None.	Northern Irish data sources, indicators and targets will also be consulted and included in the report.

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	<p>sources of data for this are located at the following hyperlinks:</p> <p>https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/state-environment-report-2013</p> <p>https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-environmental-statistics-report-2023</p>			
	<p>DAERA would have preferred the SEA environmental report to contain a clear statement indicating the opinion about whether the implementation of the plan is likely to have a significant effect on Northern Ireland, in combination with any identified measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment.</p>	<p>It is noted that all effects of the plan have been evaluated, including transboundary effects. Mitigation measures have been adopted to ensure that the environmental effects of Plan Action are controlled at the source.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>The SEA ER will be updated to include a clear statement on transboundary effects, explaining how they are considered and mitigated.</p>
	<p>Natural Environment Division (NED) Comments</p> <p>NIEA Natural Environment Division works to ensure that Northern Ireland's special natural environment, including its flora and fauna and landscapes, is conserved, enhanced and managed for the benefit of this and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>None.</p>
	<p><u>SEA Environmental Report</u></p> <p>While the plan is confined to Ireland NED welcome that transboundary issues for the natural environment / heritage has been</p>	<p>It is noted that all effects of the plan have been evaluated, including transboundary effects. Mitigation measures have been adopted to ensure that the environmental</p>	<p>The NIR will be updated to demonstrate more expressly how</p>	<p>The SEA ER will be updated to demonstrate more expressly how</p>

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	<p>recognised within the SEA and NIS. NED note that in Section 7.2 of the environmental report it states that the evaluation considers transboundary effects. NED notes that the environmental report does not contain a specific section on the consideration of transboundary effects on Northern Ireland. Therefore, the ER would benefit from specific consideration of transboundary issues although we assume that the report has assessed transboundary issues within the assessment for the Cavan area and the same conclusions apply. However, if this is not the case then a clear assessment of transboundary issues is required. We encourage continued engagement and co-ordination with NI.</p>	<p>effects of Plan Action are controlled at the source.</p>	<p>transboundary effects were considered and mitigated.</p>	<p>transboundary effects were considered and mitigated.</p>
	<p>We recommend further engagement with relevant Departments/Bodies within NI and when required assessment of transboundary impacts and possibly further Environmental assessment and /or HRA at planning/project level.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None.</p>
	<p>NED notes from Appendix 1 that a number of pieces of legislation and policy documents have not been included, the Environmental Report may benefit from the inclusion of these. Please see list below:</p> <p>It may be worth including in your considerations the following:</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>Northern Irish plans and programmes will be reviewed and included in the NIR.</p>	<p>Northern Irish plans and programmes will be reviewed and included in the SEA ER.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wildlife (NI) Order 1985 (as amended) • Wildlife and Natural Environment Act (NI) 2011 • The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended) • The Environment (NI) Order 2002 • The Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 • The Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) for Northern Ireland • Planning Policy Statements (PPS – in particular PPS2 and PPS18). It should be noted that the PPS's will be superseded by Local Development Plans when they are adopted. • Biodiversity Strategy for NI to 2020 https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/biodiversity-strategy-northern-ireland-2020-0 • Draft Environment Strategy https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/esni-public-discussion-document • The Draft NI peatland policy: https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/ni-peatland-strategy-consultation. • The Draft Green Growth Strategy Consultation on the draft Green Growth Strategy for Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture, 			

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	<p>Environment and Rural Affairs (daera-ni.gov.uk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Ireland Energy Strategy 2050 <p>Northern Ireland Energy Strategy 2050 Department for the Economy (economy-ni.gov.uk)</p>			
	<p>NED acknowledges receipt of the Natura Impact Statement (NIS). NED notes that a number of UK National Site Network sites have not been included within the NIS. A list of those NI sites which were not contained within the NIS but which are located within 15km of the county Cavan border are below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cuilcagh Mountain SAC (UK0016603) Moninea Bog SAC (UK0030212) Magheraveely Marl Loughs SAC (UK0016621) West Fermanagh Scarplands SAC (UK0030300) Monawilkin SAC (UK0016619) Largalinny SAC (UK030045) Slieve Beagh- Mullaghfad – Lisnaskea SPA (UK9020302) 	<p>The NIR produced considered all environmental effects including transboundary effects on protected sites in Northern Ireland. Mitigation measures have been adopted to ensure that the environmental effects of Plan Action are controlled at the source.</p>	<p>The NIR will be updated to demonstrate more expressly how transboundary effects were considered and mitigated.</p>	<p>The SEA ER will be updated to demonstrate more expressly how transboundary effects were considered and mitigated.</p>
	<p>It is unclear if the above sites would have been screened into Stage 2 of the NIS. However, provided the mitigation contained within the NIS including that all lower tier plans and projects</p>	<p>Noted with thanks.</p>	<p>The NIR will be updated to demonstrate more expressly how</p>	<p>The SEA ER will be updated to demonstrate more expressly how</p>

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	<p>are subject to an Appropriate Assessment (AA) is applied to UK National Site Network sites which would have been screened into the assessment NED is content. We welcome the recognition that further Appropriate Assessment will be required at project level and advise continued and early engagement with the relevant bodies in NI as appropriate should there be any potential transboundary effects on NI. NED notes from Section 6 that the AA process is ongoing and will inform and be concluded at adoption of the plan, NED would suggest that the NIS is amended to include the sites which have been omitted above. NED advises that should the NIS change in respect to impacts upon UK National Site Network sites then NED should be re-consulted.</p>		transboundary effects were considered and mitigated.	transboundary effects were considered and mitigated.
	<p>Air Quality</p> <p>NIEA Natural Environment Division's Air Quality and Biodiversity Unit (AQBU) have the following comments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQBU acknowledge the objectives to reduce air pollution within County Cavan. • Consideration should be given as to the potential impact of the Plan on other air pollutants such as agricultural ammonia, nitrogen oxides and resulting nitrogen deposition at both sites in the 	The SEA found the Plan does not support any development or activities that may generate air agricultural ammonia or nitrogen oxides.	None	None

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	<p>Republic of Ireland and NI (transboundary impacts). Consideration of any co-benefits should be included. E.g. protecting and restoring of peatlands can help to increase resilience to other threats and pressures, including the impacts of ammonia and nitrogen deposition on the vegetation and habitat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ireland is now included in the Air Pollution Information System (APIS) which provides information on the impacts of air pollutants, such as Nox, ammonia emissions and the associated N deposition on sensitive habitats and species. The map feature within APIS enables detailed information to be provided on the Critical Levels/Loads for each qualifying feature and background levels of these pollutants: APIS app Air Pollution Information System 			
	<p>Drinking Water Inspectorate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figure 4-17 shows Drinking-water Source Protection Areas but the text of the SEA ER does not relate to this figure at any point plus there is insufficient information on how drinking water sources are to be protected. 	<p>In this instance, GIS data was considered to be the best vehicle for displaying baseline environmental information in connection with Drinking Water Source Protection areas.</p> <p>All environmental effects associated with Plan action have been considered, evaluated and mitigated against.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>None.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No consideration seems to have been given to private water supplies and how they will be protected in the changing environment. Some shallow private water supplies could be subject to sufficiency issues. It is suspected Figure 4-14 is related to this issue but there is no discussion within the report. Northern Ireland's statutory water undertaker, Northern Ireland Water Ltd, should be consulted to allow relevant alteration to their drinking water safety plans. 	<p>Environmental considerations have been integrated into the text of Plan actions that would have potentially given rise to emissions and environmental impacts. A set of Environmental Governance Principles have been defined under the Plan. These principles promote climate action, climate action co-benefits and environmental protection. The principles are expressly supportive of water quality maintenance and improvement. All activities and development supported by Plan action shall accord with these principles. There is a robust level of environmental mitigation already integrated into the Plan to prevent all emissions and environmental impacts that may arise due to the implementation of Plan action, that could directly or indirectly impact on any drinking water sources.</p>		
	<p>Water Management Unit</p> <p>Water Management Unit notes the SEA Environmental Report for the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 for Cavan County Council states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water quality data is collected by the EPA. Most of the County is situated within the Erne catchment (an area drained by the River Erne and all streams entering tidal water between 	<p>All environmental effects associated with Plan action have been considered, evaluated and mitigated against.</p>	None.	None.

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	<p>Aughrus Point and Kildoney Point). The County is also partially drained by the catchments: Upper Shannon; Newry/Fane/Glyde/Dee; and Boyne. (Section 4.9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Issues Relating to the Draft LACAP: Potential pressures and impacts on water body status from the construction of renewable energy and blueway projects i.e. increased sedimentation, groundwater recharge and accidental spillages. (Section 4.9.2) • Evaluation of the Environmental Effects of Plan Implementation: The evaluation considers potential transboundary effects. (Section 7.2) 			
	<p>Water Management Unit cannot find any direct evidence in the report that the potential for transboundary impacts to the aquatic environment in Northern Ireland has been considered, including assessment of relevant baseline conditions, impacts and pressures, or cognisance taken of Northern Ireland's River Basin Management Plans. Water Management Unit would as a minimum like to have seen an unambiguous statement as to whether, or not, there is the potential for impacts to arise to Northern Ireland's aquatic environment through implementation of the plan.</p>	<p>All environmental effects associated with Plan action have been considered, evaluated and mitigated against. Environmental considerations have been integrated into the text of Plan actions that would have potentially given rise to emissions and environmental impacts. A set of Environmental Governance Principles have been defined under the Plan. These principles promote climate action, climate action co-benefits and environmental protection. The principles are expressly supportive of water quality maintenance and improvement. All activities and</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>The SEA ER will be updated to include a clear statement on transboundary effects, explaining how they are considered and mitigated.</p>

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		development supported by Plan action shall accord with these principles. There is a robust level of environmental mitigation already integrated into the Plan to prevent all emissions and environmental impacts that may arising due to the implementation of Plan action, that could directly or indirectly impact on any drinking water sources.		
DAFM Seafood Division 02	The Seafood industry is experiencing a period of difficult change, arising from the ongoing consequences of the EU UK Trade and Co-operation agreement which are specific and impactful on Ireland's seafood sector. There is now ever-increasing demand on the marine space from Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE), Marine Spatial Planning, Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), and other environmental measures.	Noted. It is noted that defined Climate Action in Cavan's LACAP does not promote or support marine development. The county is non-coastal.	None	None
	Our coastal communities and maritime sectors will continue to play a significant role in contributing to our climate goals and will continue to be consulted and supported in the transition to carbon neutrality. The seafood industry, through both the Sectoral Adaptation Plan (Agriculture, Forest and Seafood Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan) and the annual Climate Action Plan (CAP23) continue to support initiatives to improve understanding of our marine area and ensure sustainable resource	The National Climate Action Plan (2023) and Sectoral Adaptation Plans have been considered in the SEA Process. The relationship of the Plan with other relevant Plans and Programmes has been defined in Appendix 1 of the SEA. Inter-plan cumulative effects have been evaluated in Section 7 of the Draft SEA ER.	None	None

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	use, including through bio and circular economy initiatives. These plans require consideration in the SEA process.			
	Also for consideration in the SEA process is the European Commission's Communication on the energy transition of the fisheries and aquaculture sector as part of its Fisheries Policy Package. This proposes the establishment of an Energy Transition Partnership (ETP) to develop a roadmap for the energy transition of the sector towards climate neutrality by 2050. The roadmap will set out investment needs, sector initiatives and inform policy decisions to help achieve this transition. The ETP is a multi-stakeholder platform intended to promote co-operation, knowledge sharing and dialogue between private and public stakeholders in order to accelerate the energy transition in the fisheries and aquaculture sector. This Partnership will help to shape the development of future transitional actions for Ireland's seafood sector. Local authorities should include relevant steps to support a Just Transition for the sea fisheries and aquaculture sectors in their Climate Action Plans.	It is noted that Cavan is a non-coastal county which does not have a seafood sector.	None	None
Historic Environment Division 05	DfC Historic Environment Division (HED) operate via a Service Level Agreement with colleagues in DAERA in relation to SEA, whereby we provide authoritative comment and advice in relation to matters of Cultural Heritage including archaeological and architectural heritage. We	Noted.	None.	None.

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	<p>make the following comments in respect of the documentation received by our office on 18/10/2023.</p>			
	<p>Given the intertwined nature of the historic environment with landscape and the natural environment, HED advise that consideration of the potential for transboundary impacts in the Cultural Heritage topic area, particularly with regard to potential impacts on setting of assets would be relevant. A large number of heritage assets predate the border itself and correlate to other assets in either jurisdiction, with interweaving views and settings, and some assets such as ancient earthworks, routeways and canals traverse it.</p> <p>In terms of consideration of potential measures and mitigation of such transboundary effects we advise that Northern Ireland's historic environment digital datasets might be utilized during future assessments or at project specific level to further understand potential for impacts, including those on setting of heritage assets. Historic Environment Digital Datasets Department for Communities (communities-ni.gov.uk) We also attach a link to our historic environment map viewer Historic Environment</p>	<p>It is noted that all effects of the plan have been evaluated, including transboundary effects. Mitigation measures have been adopted to ensure that the environmental effects are controlled at the source.</p> <p>It is recommended the local authority consult Northern Ireland's historic environment digital datasets when progressing development projects, as appropriate.</p>	None.	The SEA ER will be updated to include a clear statement on transboundary effects, explaining how they are considered and mitigated.

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	Map Viewer Department for Communities (communities-ni.gov.uk)			
	Datasets specific to Northern Ireland's marine historic environment, including around wrecks and reported losses can be obtained through contacting colin.dunlop@daera-ni.gov.uk	Noted.	None.	None.
	We also take this opportunity to signpost our resources on Heritage and Climate Change Department for Communities (communities-ni.gov.uk), as we work in partnership with others who manage the historic environment, including through a North South Memorandum of understanding on Climate Action and Cultural Heritage.	Noted.	None.	None.

4.1 Summary of Chief Executive's recommendations for Proposed Modifications

The following provides a list of minor modifications which have been proposed by the Chief Executive, on foot of public consultation of the Draft Climate Action Plan. The proposed modifications are listed by the relevant submission / Draft CAP section heading. All proposed modifications have been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening. The list contained in this section is for ease of reference and should be read in conjunction with the full Chief Executive's Report.

<i>Table 6.0 Summary of recommendations for Proposed Modifications</i>		SEA & AA Assessments
Draft CAP Section and Page	Proposed Modifications	
1.3 Climate Policy Context P6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional subheading – Climate Policy Context • Additional text under subheading Climate Policy Context - outlining commitment to ensuring that the plan remains aligned to national climate policy, including incorporation of updates from national climate policy should they arise. • Additional text “The incentive for climate action stems from compelling scientific evidence affirming human influence on climate change. Bolstered by the latest legally binding international treaty on climate change, notably the Paris Agreement of 2015, this draft climate action plan operates within a wider framework of international, EU, national, and sector-specific climate policies. 	N/A
1.3 Climate Policy Context P7	Additional Figure -Figure 1.2 Legislation and Policy Context for the Climate Action Plan (Source: Climate Action Regional Offices)	N/A
1.4 International climate change policy P7	Additional subheading 1.4 and text - International Climate Change Policy (incorporated from Appendix Document Climate Science & Policy Context)	
1.5 Climate Change Policy in Ireland P8	Additional subheading and text - Climate Change Policy Context (incorporated from Appendix Document Climate Science & Policy Context)	N/A
1.6 The role of local authorities P9	Additional subheading and text – The role of Local Authorities (incorporated from Appendix Document Baseline Evidence Summary Report)	N/A
1.6 The Role of local authorities P10	Additional figure – figure 1.3 an overview of the scope of local authorities on climate action	N/A

1.7 Local Authority Climate Action Planning P10	Additional subheading and text- Local authority climate action planning (incorporated from Appendix A Document Baseline Evidence Summary Report)	N/A
1.9 Opportunities from Climate Action P12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment to heading title previously Co-Benefits of Climate Action Rewording of text on benefits and opportunities from Climate Action (Incorporated from appendix report Co benefits health and wellbeing) 	N/A
1.9 Opportunities from Climate Action P13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Figure - Figure 1. 4 Co - Benefits of pursuing climate action Additional text re Areas of Opportunity and co-benefits – Mannok case study 	N/A
1.910 Accompanying Information P14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of Appendix A “Climate science and policy context”. All content from this appendix has been incorporated into sections 1.4 and 1.5 of CAP Removal of Appendix B “Summary Report on Evidence Base”. All content from this appendix has been incorporated into sections 1.6 and 2.0 of CAP Revised numbering of appendices 	N/A
1.9 Accompanying Information P15	Removal of Appendix H “Co-benefits, health and wellbeing” This information was already contained within section 1.9 and 3.1 of the CAP.	N/A
1.9 Accompanying Information P16	Revised numbering of appendix	N/A
2.2 Climate Change Risk Assessment P 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition of a sub heading over existing text - 2.2.1 Phase 1: Assessment of current climate risks and impacts Revised numbering of appendix 	N/A
2.2 Climate Change Risk Assessment P 22	Addition of a subheading – 2.2.2 Phase 2: Assessment of future climate risks and impacts	N/A
2.2 Climate Change Risk Assessment P 22	Addition of new text on future climate risks and impacts	N/A
2.2 Climate Change Risk Assessment P 22	Removal of existing paragraph on future climate risks and impacts	N/A
2.3 Baseline Emissions Inventory P29	Revised numbering of appendix	N/A

2.3 Baseline Emissions Inventory P33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional sub heading 2.3.3 - Emission Reduction Requirements • Additional table – table 2.3 Breakdown of County Wide Emissions by Sector • Additional text pertaining to new subheading on emissions sectors and a summary of main areas for potential action for emissions reduction 	N/A
2.6 Stakeholder Engagement P39	Revised numbering of appendix	N/A
3.2 SEA & AA P44	Revised numbering of appendix	N/A
3.3 Environmental Governance P 45	Additional text on implementation of mitigation measures throughout the plan on foot of recommendation from SEA/AA table 5.0	N/A
3.4 Alignment with policy/commitments P48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Figure – figure 3.3 Delivering Effective Climate Action • Additional text on Sustainable Development Goals 	N/A
3.4 Alignment with policy/commitments P49	Additional text on Sustainable Development Goals	N/A
3.6 Leadership & Governance P54	Inclusion of addition table on policy alignment to sustainable development goals and co-benefits – table 3.3	N/A
3.6 Leadership & Governance P 55 – 62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New action reference numbers • Removal of old reference numbers 	N/A
3.6 Leadership & Governance P55	Proposed additional action G5	N/A
3.7 Built Environment & Transport P 65	Inclusion of addition table on policy alignment to sustainable development goals and co-benefits – table 3.5	N/A

3.7 Built Environment & Transport P66	Amendment to table number – table 3.6 Governance & Leadership Objectives & Actions	N/A
3.7 Built Environment & Transport P66- 78	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New action reference numbers Removal of old reference numbers 	N/A
3.7 Built Environment & Transport P76	Amendment to wording of action TR15	N/A
3.8 Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P 81	Inclusion of addition table on policy alignment to sustainable development goals and co-benefits- table 3.7	N/A
3.8 Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P 82	Amendment to table number – table 3.8 Governance & Leadership Objectives & Actions	N/A
3.8 Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P 84	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment to wording of action N10 on foot of submission from LAWPRO Additional Action N12 on foot of submission from LAWPRO 	N/A
3.8 Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P 86	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment to action N16 on foot of submission from Mannok Additional action N17 on foot of submission from Mannok Amendment to action N19 on foot of submission from Heather Bothwell 	N/A
3.8 Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P 87	Additional action N21 on foot of submission from Mannok	N/A
3.8 Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure P 82- 87	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New action reference numbers Removal of old reference numbers 	N/A
3.9 Communities: Resilience & Transition P90	Inclusion of addition table on policy alignment to sustainable development goals and co-benefits- table 3.9	N/A

3.9 Communities: Resilience & Transition P91	Amendment to table number – table 3.10 Governance & Leadership Objectives & Actions	N/A
3.9 Communities: Resilience & Transition P91-94	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New action reference numbers • Removal of old reference numbers. 	N/A
3.9 Communities: Resilience & Transition P91	Amendment to wording of action C1 on foot of submission from Community gardens Ireland	N/A
3.10 Sustainability & Resource Management P97	Inclusion of addition table on policy alignment to sustainable development goals and co-benefits- table 3.11	N/A
3.10 Sustainability & Resource Management P98	Amendment to table number – table 3.12 Governance & Leadership Objectives & Actions	N/A
3.10 Sustainability & Resource Management P98-102	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New action reference numbers • Removal of old reference numbers 	N/A
3.10 Sustainability & Resource Management P98-102	Amendment to wording of action S21	N/A
4.4 Summary of Cavan town DZ Emissions P107	Revised numbering of appendix	N/A
4.5 Summary of Register of Opportunities P112	Revised numbering of appendix	N/A
4.7 Decarbonising Zone Actions P 114	Amendment to number referencing system for table 4.2 Leadership & Governance	N/A

4.7 Decarbonising Zone Actions P 115-116	Amendment to number referencing system for table 4.3 Built Environment & Transport	N/A
4.7 Decarbonising Zone Actions P 117	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amendment to number referencing system for table 4.4 Natural Environment & Green Infrastructure• Amendment to wording of action DZ-N8	N/A
4.7 Decarbonising Zone Actions P 118	Amendment to number referencing system for table 4.5 Communities: Resilience & Transition	N/A
4.7 Decarbonising Zone Actions P 119	Amendment to number referencing system for table 4.6 Sustainability & Resource Management	N/A

5.0 Conclusions

This Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received to the Draft Climate Action Plan, during Public Consultation, is hereby submitted to the Elected Members of the Local Authority, for their consideration.

The Elected Members have up to 3 weeks to consider this Chief Executive's Report, in accordance with the requirements of the Climate (Amendment) Act 2021. In February 2024 a Council Meeting of Cavan County Council will take place to decide by resolution, whether to:

- approve, or
- approve, subject to such modifications as they consider appropriate, the local authority climate action plan.

Taking into account the Cavan County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, this Chief Executive's Report on Draft Plan Public Consultation, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment Screening of Chief Executive's Recommendations, it is proposed that the Draft Climate Action Plan be approved by the Elected Members, in accordance with the recommendations of this report.

The Elected Members shall give approval for the Climate Action Plan, only after having determined that the Plan shall not adversely affect the integrity of a European Site(s) in line with SI 477 (EU Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended.

Within thirty (30) days of the approval of the final local authority Climate Action Plan by the Elected Members, the Council will publish the final plan. The Climate Action Plan shall have effect for a period of five years from the date on which it is approved by the Elected Members.

5.1 SEA & AA Screening Conclusion and Determination

It has been concluded that a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Plan Action revision is not required. It has been concluded based on the pre-screening check, and review against environmental significance criteria as set out in Annex II of the SEA Directive that a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Plan Action revision is not required.

The principal reason is the Plan Action revisions are broadly intended to provide clarification on existing information and give better effect to the LACAP. They have the potential to maximise positive effects associated with the plan. ***They will not result in any additional, likely significant environmental effects not already considered or mitigated against under the SEA and AA processes.***

5.2 AA Screening Conclusion and Determination

Stage 1 Screening for AA of the Plan revisions to SEA Screening was carried out to determine the need for a full AA for the Plan Action revisions to the Draft LACAP in this case. It has been demonstrated that the implementation of the Plan Action revisions are not foreseen to have any significant effects on any European Site. The principal reason is the Plan Action revisions are broadly intended to provide clarification on existing information and give better effect to the LACAP. They will not result in any additional sources for likely significant effects, including effects on ecological processes or European sites, not already considered by the existing NIR for the Draft LACAP.

It is concluded that the Plan Action revisions will not give rise to any adverse effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

Consequently, a Stage 2 AA is not required for the Plan Action revisions.

Appendix A: Public Notice of Draft Plan Public Consultation

Cavan County Council is preparing a Local Authority Climate Action Plan

We're looking for your input into our Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LA-CAP).

Help us shape appropriate actions to facilitate and enable effective climate action at a local and community level. Our Plan is currently in draft, and the final version will be adopted by our Elected Members before 23rd February 2024.

Local authorities are key drivers in advancing climate policy at the local level and our LA-CAP aims to strengthen the alignment between national climate policy and local circumstances with the prioritisation and acceleration of evidence-based measures, to assist in the delivery of the climate neutrality objective for Cavan.

Cavan County Council will use its LA-CAP in planning how it will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from across its own assets and infrastructure, whilst also taking on a broader role to influence, facilitate and co-ordinate the climate actions of communities and other stakeholders and what it will do to advocate for climate action in Cavan.

In order to ensure that our LA-CAP is centred around a strong understanding of the role and remit of Cavan County Council on climate action, the Plan is being developed through the following framework:

• Full accountability: Targeted actions for areas where Cavan County Council has full accountability for climate action within their own operations.

• Influence:

Actions for where Cavan County Council can influence businesses, communities, and individuals in the delivery of local climate action through the functions and services they provide.

• Coordination:

Actions for where Cavan County Council can coordinate and facilitate local and community action bringing together stakeholders in partnership to achieve climate action related projects.

• Advocate:

Actions aligned to Cavan County Council role as advocate on climate action through raising awareness, communicating, informing, and engaging in open dialogue on the topic.

While the Climate Action Plan will be ambitious to reflect the leadership role of Cavan County Council on climate action, the Plan will not include actions whereby their implementation and achievement fall outside our role, remit, and governance.

The development of the Climate Action Plan will follow a number of stages as explained in the graphic below:

Stage 1 Building the Evidence Base
(October 2022 to June 2023)

- Baseline Emission Inventory
- Climate Change Risk Assessment
- Stakeholder Engagement Planning
- Policy Mapping

Purpose of the plan:

• To deliver on national obligations to achieve the National Climate Objective of becoming a Climate Resilient, Biodiversity Rich, Environmentally Sustainable and Carbon Neutral Economy by no later than the end of 2050.

• To deliver and promote evidence-based and integrated climate action by way of adaptation and mitigation measures, centred around a strong understanding of the role and remit of the local authority on climate action.

Adaptation

means anticipating the adverse effects of climate change and taking appropriate action to prevent or minimise the damage they can cause, and/or taking advantage of opportunities that may arise. Examples: flood defences; green infrastructure and ecosystem services; disaster management and business continuity; sustainable land use and urban planning; biodiversity management; water use efficiency; water resource management.

Mitigation

means making the impacts of climate change less severe by preventing or reducing the emissions of

greenhouse gases (GHG) into the atmosphere. Examples: energy use & GHG emission reduction activities; energy efficient buildings; increase use of renewable energy sources (solar, wind); sustainable transport; carbon sequestration; carbon capture with utilisation; waste reduction.

Changing Climate

Our climate is changing in line with global trends. We are experiencing warmer temperatures with the past 8 years the hottest on record. As a result of higher average temperatures, we are also experiencing more intense weather events including droughts, storms, heavy rainfall, and stronger winds resulting in higher vulnerability and risk to the impacts of climate change within the local authority area.

To tackle climate change, the level of greenhouse gases entering and already in our atmosphere need to be reduced and removed. In addition, we must further increase our resilience to current and future climate change impacts.

As part of global and national efforts, we must meet the National Climate Objective 2050. Our Climate Action

Plan will set out how the local authority aims to achieve its role within the National Climate Objective over the next 5 years and beyond toward 2050. It will act as a key instrument that strengthens the links between national and international climate policy and the delivery of effective climate action at local and community levels, through place-based climate action.

Themes for action measures will include, but are not limited to:

- Built Environment & Transportation
- Greener Economy
- Agriculture & land use
- Home/energy
- Biodiversity and natural based solutions
- Food & waste
- Shopping/recycling/resource management

How to make a submission

In order to ensure that locally based information is included, Cavan County Council is requesting your views, observations and recommendations for consideration in the preparation of the draft Climate Action Plan.

There are three ways you can have your say to help us shape the actions in the new Climate Action plan.

1. Complete the short online survey on our dedicated Climate Webpage: www.cavancoco.ie/climate-action

2. Email your submission to climateaction@cavancoco.ie

3. Post your written submission to: [Bróna Keating, Climate Action Coordinator, Cavan County Council Environment Services Farnham Street, Cavan H12 C9K1](mailto:Brona.Keating@CavanCountyCouncil.ie)

Completed surveys and submissions can be made up until 5pm on Friday, 11th August 2023.

Everyone is welcome to make a submission (including youth groups, children and those representing children) at each public consultation stage of the LA-CAP.

How to write a helpful submission

Please write submissions that:

- Are short and to the point
- Are focused on one or more of the key climate themes of interest to you
- Include your name and address. (Your contact details won't be published).

The content of your submission may be published as part of the planning process. At all times Cavan County Council will comply with GDPR legislation

Stay informed

You can keep updated on the progress of the Climate Action Plan by visiting www.cavancoco.ie/climate-action or by following [@cavancoco](https://www.facebook.com/cavancoco) on social media.



Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council urges public to have their say on Cavan's Draft Climate Action Plan

Councillor Philip Brady, Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council has urged citizens of County Cavan to have their say on the local authority climate action plan.

"Every citizen of Cavan has a view on climate change and what we should be doing about it," said Councillor Brady. "I urge everyone to contribute to the discussion, which will produce the County Cavan Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029."



"The plan will set out the mechanisms by which Cavan County Council will enhance climate resilience, increase energy efficiency, and reduce Greenhouse gas emissions across its own assets, services, and infrastructure. It will also demonstrate a broader role of influencing, advocating, and facilitating other sectors to meet their own climate targets and ambitions".

A submission can be made online at www.cavancoco.ie/climate-action, by email to climateaction@cavancoco.ie, or by post marked "Draft LACAP" to Bróna Keating, Climate Action Coordinator, Cavan County Council Environmental Services, Farnham Street, Cavan, H12 RV10.

All submissions must be made before 4pm on Friday, 8th December 2023.

Alternatively, you can attend one of the remaining consultation drop-in clinics taking place this week, where you can speak with members of Cavan County Council's Climate Action team at the following locations:

- Johnston Library Cavan: Wednesday, 6th December, 2-4pm
- Virginia Library: Thursday, 7th December, 4-6pm



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Appendix B: List of Prescribed bodies and Stakeholders Draft LACAP circulation

Public Authority	Contact Details	Address
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Department of Environment, Climate and Communications	PlanningNotifications@decc.gov.ie	
Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine	Environmental_Coordination@agriculture.gov.ie	
Interested Stakeholders		
An Taisce	advocacyqueries@antaisce.org	Tailors' Hall Back Lane Dublin, D08 X2A3
Birdwatch Ireland	info@birdwatchireland.ie	<u>Unit 20, Block D, Bullford Business Campus</u> Kilcoole, Greystones Co. Wicklow, A63 RW83
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Climate Change Advisory Council	info@climatecouncil.ie	Climate Change Advisory Council McCumiskey House Richview Clonskeagh Road Dublin 14 D14 YR62
Coastwatch	KDubsky@Coastwatch.org	Coastwatch Europe Civil & Environmental Engineering Trinity College Dublin College Green Dublin 2 Rep. of Ireland
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (DETE)	minister@enterprise.gov.ie	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Kildare Street, Dublin 2, D02 TD30.
Department of Transport (DoT)	info@transport.gov.ie	Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60
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Gas Networks Ireland	networksinfo@gasnetworks.ie	

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Inland Waterways Association of Ireland (IWAI)	info@iwai.ie colin_becker@iwai.ie	69 FITZWILLIAM SQUARE, DUBLIN D02 NC03, Ireland phone: 1800 924991
Landscape Alliance Ireland	terryjoregan@gmail.com	72 Maple Lawn, Muskerry Estate, Ballincollig, Cork, P31 VY30, Ireland.
Marine Institute	institute.mail@marine.ie	Rinville, Oranmore, Co. Galway. H91 R673
Neighbouring Local Authorities (all relevant ones to your County)		
Office of Public Works	Tony.brew@opw.ie	Jonathan Swift Street Trim Meath, C15 NX36
Monaghan	'climateaction@monaghancoco.ie'	-
Leitrim	customerservice@leitrimcoco.ie	-
Meath	'customerservice@meathcoco.ie'	-
Westmeath	'customerservice@westmeathcoco.ie';	-
Longford	-	-
Fermanagh	-	-
Regional Authority (only contact the one relevant to your County)		
Southern Regional Assembly	dkelly@southernassembly.ie	Assembly House, O'Connell Street, Waterford Ireland X91 F8PC

Northern and Western Regional Assembly	info@nwra.ie	Northern & Western Regional Assembly The Square Ballaghaderreen Co Roscommon Ireland F45 W674
Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly	info@emra.ie	3rd Floor North, Ballymun Civic Centre, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin 9, Ireland
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)	info@seai.ie	Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland P.O. Box 119 Cahirciveen Co. Kerry V23E781
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Tourism Ireland	https://www.tourismireland.com/contact-us/contact	
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