



Appendix 3

List of Mandatory Objectives

The requirements of the Planning Act with regard to the content of development plans are set out in Section 10(1), which states that: “A development plan shall set out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area of the development plan and shall consist of a written statement and a plan or plans indicating the development objectives for the area in question.”

Section 10(2) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) states that development plans must also include the following objectives: -

1. The zoning of land for particular purposes in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. The provision or facilitation of infrastructure, including transport, energy, and communication facilities, water supplies, waste recovery and disposal facilities.
3. The conservation and protection of the environment, including archaeological and natural heritage.
4. The encouragement, pursuant to Article 10 of the Habitats Directive, of the management of features of the landscape, such as traditional field boundaries, important for the ecological coherence of the Natura 2000 network.
5. The promotion of compliance with environmental standards and objectives included in river basin management plans.
6. The integration of the planning and sustainable development of the county with the social, community and cultural requirements of the area and its population.
7. The preservation of the character of the landscape, including the preservation of views and prospects, and the amenities of places and features of natural beauty and interest.
8. The protection of structures of architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest.
9. The preservation of the character of architectural conservation areas.
10. The development and renewal of areas in need of regeneration.
11. The provision of accommodation for travellers and the identification/use of particular areas for that purpose.
12. The preservation, improvement and extension of amenities and recreational amenities.
13. The control, having regard to the provisions of the Major Accidents Directive and any regulations giving effect to it, of the siting of new establishments, modification of existing establishments and development in the vicinity of such establishments.
14. The provision or facilitation of the provision, of services for the community, including, in particular, schools, crèches and other education and childcare facilities.
15. The protection of the linguistic and cultural heritage of any Gaeltacht within the area of the development plan. including the promotion of Irish as the community language,
16. The promotion of sustainable settlement and transportation strategies in urban and rural areas including the promotion of measures to reduce energy demand, reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, and address the necessity of climate change adaptation.
17. The preservation and identification on maps and by list of public rights of way giving access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility.
18. The protection of the Landscape, in accordance with relevant policies or objectives of the Government relating to providing a framework for identification, assessment, protection, management and planning of landscapes having regard to the European Landscape Convention (Florence 2000).

**Setting Measurable Objectives**

This development plan addresses the above various mandatory objectives in a manner that is relevant to the county in each section. However, it must be noted that in drafting objectives that a rigorous, evidenced-based approach was followed and that the objective is measurable and capable of being monitored and evaluated. The 'SMART' approach to the development of objectives was carried out – that is, objectives stated in the development plan are specific, measurable, assignable, realistic and time-related.