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RE: Proposed Variation No. 5 to Longford County Development Plan 2015-2021

A Chara,

I refer to the notification received from Longford County Council on 20th October 2020 of its intention to make a variation to the County Development Plan and I wish to thank Longford County Council for giving the Northern and Western Regional Assembly the opportunity to make a submission. The Northern and Western Regional Assembly considered the proposed Variation and agreed to make this submission at its Meeting on 20th November 2020.

The Assembly noted that the proposed Variation is being considered under section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and that it is an amendment to a previous Variation (No.2) of the County Development Plan which provided for the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 (Vacant Sites Levy) on lands within the Longford Town and Environs. Under this proposed Variation it is intended to incorporate provision for the wider application of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 (Vacant Sites Levy) to lands zoned for development within designated town and village envelopes – extending its reach beyond the Longford and Environs as provided within Variation No2. It is stated that this will promote the activation of strategic sites in these areas and regeneration of town cores. The purpose of the proposed variation is to facilitate the implementation of the UHR Act 2015 on zoned lands in Longford.

The Northern and Western Regional Assembly wish to make an observation that it considers the proposed variation to be reasoned and a welcome intervention to regenerate settlements within Longford.

It is hoped that the above observation is of assistance in ensuring that the Longford County Development Plan continues to provide for the region in a manner that shall be of benefit to our communities and shared places. The Assembly look forward to further engagement with Longford County Council and if you have any queries in respect of the above observations, then do not hesitate to revert.

Is mise le meas,

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