



Planning Department,
Mayo County Council,
Áras an Chontae,
The Mall,
Castlebar,
Co. Mayo,
F23 WF90
05/09/2022

RE: Planning and Development (Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028)
Direction 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

The OPW, as lead agency for flood risk management in Ireland, welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Planning and Development (Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028) Direction 2022.

The OPW notes and welcomes the direction to insert new objectives in the settlement plans for Louisburgh, Newport and Swinford respectively, to incorporate the flood mitigation measures of the SFRA for these settlements.

A core objective of the Guidelines on the Planning System and Flood Risk Management (DECLG/OPW, 2009) is to avoid inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding, therefore the OPW supports the reasoning outlined in Statement of Reasons Part VII.

If further information or input is required, please do not hesitate to contact the OPW (floodplanning@opw.ie).

Yours sincerely,

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