

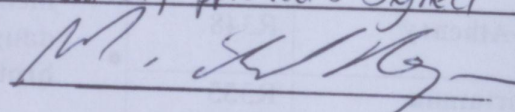
Cllr. McClearn stated that there was serious concern by all Members and the public and he hoped that today's action had responded to that anxiety and concern. He stated that collectively they now have the basis for a plan beneficial for the vast majority of people in the County.

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. McClearn and unanimously agreed that the Draft County Development Plan as amended by Members be put on public display.

Mr. Ridge stated that the amendments approved by the Members would now go directly unchanged into the Draft County Development Plan. This was agreed by the members.

Cllr. Loughnane stated that the document circulated and in particular the maps with these documents lacked information and that the development implications for each Townland and Electoral Division needed to be precisely identified.

**CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINIÚ ANSIN**

*Submitted, Approved & Signed*  


*27/5/02*  
*Date*

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2002**

**MAYOR:**

Mayor. M. Regan

**ILATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:**

Deps. U. Burke, P. Connaughton, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, N. Grealish, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O Foighil, S. O'Neachtain, Cllrs. K. Quinn, S. Quinn, S. Walsh, T. Walsh.

**Oifigigh:**

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager, T. Kavanagh, P. Ridge, J. Cullen, F. Gilmore, Director of Services, L. Gavin, Senior Engineer, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer, P. Carroll, Administrative Officer, Ms. M. Byrne, Acting Executive Planner, Ms. R. Mitchell, Assistant Planner, Ms. R. O'Boyle, Ms. Maura Barnicle, Staff Officers and Mr. Cuimin MacAodhaBhui, Oifigigh Gaeilge.

**Consultants:**

Mr. Anthony Marston, Brady Shipman & Martin, Planning Consultants.

Thosnaigh an cruinniu leis an paidir.

**TO CONSIDER SUBMISSIONS/OBSERVATIONS 1538 RECEIVED ON THE ATHENRY TOWN DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

A report dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2002 on the submissions received on the Athenry Town Draft Development Plan 1999 was circulated to the members. Mr. Ridge stated that the submissions had been considered by the Loughrea Area Committee. The report before the Council contained a summary of each submission, the recommendations of the Planners on each submission and the decision taken by the Area Committee.

Mr. Ridge stated that the level of residential zoning recommended by the Loughrea Area Committee was excessive based on population projections and as a consequence the servicing of lands would be uneconomic. Mr. Anthony Marston, Brady Shipman Martin, presented the report on the submissions to the Council:-

**REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON THE ATHENRY TOWN DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1999**

i. The Athenry Town Draft Development Plan 1999 aims to facilitate the co-ordinated social, economic and environmental development of Athenry. Table 1 indicates the level of land use zoning both in the 1992 Plan and 1999 Draft Development Plan. The Plan is based on the most recent population projection of the Galway Transportation and Planning Study (GTPS), which predicts that the population of Athenry will increase from 1,600 in 1996 to approximately 4,520 by the year 2016.

**Table 1 Level of land use zoning in the 1992 Development Plan and the Athenry Town Draft Development Plan 1999**

Zoning	1992 zoning		1999 new zoning		Total zoning in 1999 Plan	
	a.	ha.	a.	ha.	a.	ha.
<i>Residential</i>	165 a.	67 ha.	187 a.	76 ha.	352 a.	143 ha.
<i>Commercial</i>	34 a.	14 ha.	12 a.	5 ha.	46 a.	19 ha.
<i>Industrial</i>	56 a.	23 ha.	0 a.	0 ha.	56 a.	23 ha.
<i>Community</i>	21 a.	9 ha.	8 a.	3 ha.	29 a.	12 ha.
<i>Amenity and open space</i>	22 a.	9 ha.	56 a.	23 ha.	78 a.	32 ha.

ii. The projected population represents an increase of approximately 2,920 in the population of the town during the twenty year period from 1996 (the date of the last Census) and 2016. There have been significant changes since the last Census and planning permissions have been granted for over 200 houses in Athenry. The development of all these permissions would have resulted in an increase in the population of the town to 2,250. It is however recognised that a number of these permissions have not been developed and the base

population for this development plan has therefore been assumed to be 2,100 in 2001.

iii. Based on the even development of the projected GTPS population over 20 years and the current population being 2,100 the Draft Plan is required to zone land to provide for a population of up to 2,910 by 2006. This amounts to an increase of 810 in the population of the town. It is an accepted principle of good planning to zone a reasonably higher level than is projected to be required. This allows for land that may not be developed, an increase or decrease in development pressure and enables a co-ordinated and planned approach to development.

iv. The Draft Plan, which was on display, provided undeveloped zoned land that could accommodate a significantly greater increase in population of between 4,100 and 6,800 (see Table 3). The development of all this land would more than treble or quadruple the existing population. It is therefore evident that the Draft Plan which went on display provided more than an adequate level of undeveloped residential zoned land to accommodate recent development trends and the level of growth projected in the GTPS.

v. The 1999 Draft Development Plan proposed that an extra 187 acres (76 hectares) of land be zoned for residential purposes. Although a small amount of this new zoning is already developed, it is significant that a large area of the residential zoning in the 1992 Plan remains undeveloped. The residential zoning in the Draft Plan is significant enough to cater for the projected population increase and additional development pressure, while allowing for a surplus of zoned land which may remain undeveloped.

vi. A total of 226 acres (92 hectares) of undeveloped residential zoned land is proposed in the Draft Development Plan as indicated in table 2.

**Table 2 Level of developed and undeveloped residential zoning in the Athenry Town Draft Development Plan 1999**

Zoning	Total zoning in 1999 Plan		Developed zoned land in 1999 Plan		Undeveloped zoned land in 1999 Plan	
	a.	ha.	a.	ha.	a.	ha.
<i>Residential</i>	352 a.	143 ha.	126 a.	51ha.	226 a.	92 ha.

vii. Table 3 indicates the capacity of the undeveloped residential zoned land at a variety of densities. It clearly indicates that the area of land zoned for residential purposes which remain undeveloped in the 1999 Draft Development Plan has significantly more than the capacity to accommodate the predicted population increase. The Draft Plan also contains the land capacity to accommodate commercial, industrial and community land uses as well as open space requirements to accommodate the projected increase in population.

**Table 3 Capacity of undeveloped residential zoning in the Athenry Town Draft Development Plan 1999**

Level of undeveloped residential zoned land		Residential Density		Potential of undeveloped residentially zoned land	Estimated population in 2001	Potential population
226 acres	92 ha.	6 per acre	15 per ha.	4,100	2,100	6,200
226 acres	92 ha.	8 per acre	20 per ha.	5,400	2,100	7,500
226 acres	92 ha.	10 per acre	25 per ha.	6,800	2,100	8,900

Note : Potential population is based at an average household size of 3.0 persons per household

**Loughrea Area Committee Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2001**

viii. Following the presentation of the submissions and highlighting the level of undeveloped residential zoned land and its capacity, to the Loughrea Area Committee meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001, a significant area of additional land was recommended for residential purposes. This amounted to a further 116 acres (47 hectares) being proposed for Primarily Residential Uses. This increase apart from 6 acres (2.4 hectares) was against the strong recommendations of Brady Shipman Martin. Mr J. Cullen, Director of Cultural and General Services of Galway County Council also stated his strong reservations regarding the rezoning of land for residential use against the recommendations of the planners. Table 4 indicates the level of land proposed for residential purposes as a result of the recommendations of the Loughrea Area Committee meeting.

Zoning	Undeveloped zoned land in 1999 Plan	Further new zoning proposed by Area Cttee.	Total undeveloped proposed zoned land
Residential	226 a. 92 ha.	116 a. 47 ha.	342 a. 139 ha.

**Table 4 Level of undeveloped residential zoning in the Athenry Town Draft Development Plan 1999 following the recommendations of the Loughrea Area Committee**

Zoning	Undeveloped zoned land in 1999 Plan	Further new zoning proposed by Area Cttee.	Total undeveloped proposed zoned land
Residential	226 a. 92 ha.	116 a. 47 ha.	342 a. 139 ha.

ix. The capacity of the undeveloped zoned land following the changes recommended by the Loughrea Area Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 is indicated in table 5. This indicates that the undeveloped land now has the capacity to provide for a minimum population of 8,256 if all the undeveloped residential zoned land is developed at a low density of six houses per acre.

**Table 5 Capacity of undeveloped residential zoning in the Athenry Town Draft Development Plan 1999 following the recommendations of the Loughrea Area Committee**

Level of undeveloped residential zoned land		Residential Density		Potential of undeveloped residentially zoned land	Population in 2001	Potential population of Athenry
342 acres	139 ha.	6 per acre	15 per ha.	6,156	2,100	8,256
342 acres	139 ha.	8 per acre	20 per ha.	8,208	2,100	10,308
342 acres	139 ha.	10 per acre	25 per ha.	10,260	2,100	12,360

Note : Potential population is based at an average household size of 3.0 persons per household

x. The level of residential zoning now before Galway County Council is excessive and is neither in accordance with Government policy and guidelines, nor with proper planning and sustainable development. Neither is it in accordance with Galway County Council policy and the integrated and co-ordinated development of the town.

xi. The proposed level of zoning (post the Area Committee meeting) has the potential to accommodate a population increase of between 6,156 and 10,260 to 2006. This is the equivalent of between 2,000 and 3,400 houses and represents up to five times the existing number of houses in the town.

(approximately 700 in 2001) This is significantly greater than the established need.

xii. The projected need is based on providing an actual population increase of approximately 810 between 2001 and 2006. The level of zoned land before Galway County Council today has the potential to accommodate (if all the residential zoned land is developed) a population increase of between 6,156 and 10,260 to 2006.

xiii. The Loughrea Area Committee also proposed to increase the level of commercial zoning by 22 acres (9 hectares). Although the level of the increase is not significant, the location of the zoning is of particular concern. The area between the town wall and the railway, subject matter of submission 30, has been proposed to be rezoned to Primarily Commercial uses, with a reduction in the buffer area between development and the historical wall from 50 to 30 metres.

xiv. Due to known development interest, this site was originally identified as being available for a mixed use development which would require the preparation of an Action Area Plan. Following a more detailed examination of the Plan and its implications as well as a number of submissions by the Heritage Council and local community representatives, it is recommended by the Consultants that the Draft zoning be changed to Amenity and Open Space. The objective of this was mainly twofold :

- to ensure that the protected views, outlined in the 1992 Plan and the Draft Plan, across these lands are maintained; and
- to maintain the setting and integrity of the Internationally significant 14<sup>th</sup> Century defences and town walls.

xv. The Loughrea Area Committee also proposed to increase the level of amenity and open space by 5 acres (2 hectares). The Consultants agree with the principle of providing an adequate level of open space. The location proposed by the Area Committee for this open space is on land outside the land zoned in

the Draft Plan, and incorporated within the new land proposed for residential purposes by the Area Committee. The location is therefore inappropriate and does not comply with the proper planning and sustainable development of the town as proposed by the Consultants.

xvi. At the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> May the Loughrea Area Committee agreed that submissions reference 43(d), 44(c), 45(a), 47(d), 48(a) and 49(a) be deferred. A further meeting was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2001 and the Loughrea Area Committee agreed to retain the amenity and open space zoning on this land (as in 1992 Plan).

**Table 6 Proposed extra new zonings as agreed by the Loughrea Area Committee**

Zoning	Total zoning in 1999 Plan		Extra new zoning proposed by Area Cttee	
	a.	ha.	a.	ha.
<i>Residential</i>	352 a.	143 ha.	116 a.	47 ha.
<i>Commercial</i>	46 a.	19 ha.	22 a.	9 ha.
<i>Industrial</i>	56 a.	23 ha.	0 a.	0 ha.
<i>Community</i>	29 a.	12 ha.	0 a.	0 ha.
<i>Amenity and open space</i>	78 a.	32 ha.	5 a.	2 ha.

xvii. The implications of the proposed level of residential zoning as proposed by the Loughrea Area Committee are summarised in the following points.

- Non-integrated development and urban sprawl;
- Hamper national funding for required infrastructure;
- Loss of community and increase in the commuter population who may lack identity within the town;
- Significant and irreversible visual and environmental impact on internationally and nationally significant heritage;
- Increase in traffic congestion especially in the town centre;
- Contrary to the regional strategy of the Galway Transportation and Planning Study;
- Contrary to the principles of Sustainable Development Strategy for Ireland;

- Contrary to the Galway Housing Strategy of Galway County Council;
- Contrary to the objectives of the Residential Density Guidelines; and
- Contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the town.

### Submissions

xviii. A number of separate and detailed submissions were received on a wide range of issues and land use zonings as indicated in the following table. These submissions are summarised in regard to the points raised and commented upon in the following report on the submissions received. The decision of the Area Committee is also included in regard to each submission.

Zoning	Number of submissions
Residential	24
Commercial	13
Industrial	5
Community	4
Solely Amenity and Open Space	8

1. **Mr Martin Kennedy, Caherfinsker, Athenry**  
(Submission by Farrell Insurance Brokers & Auctioneers, Old Church Street, Athenry)

An oral hearing was also held with Mr Kennedy.

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	BSM COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Proposed rezoning of 10 acres of agriculturally zoned land to residential zoning	The land is on the periphery of the town and its rezoning would currently not be in accordance with the proper planning and development of the town. An adequate level of land has already been zoned for residential purposes to allow for a significant population increase during the plan period.

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane and seconded by Cllr. Cunningham to accept the decision of the Loughrea Area Committee and to rezone lands for residential use marked No. 1 on the zoning map, allowing for adequate provision for relief road and riverside amenity.

A vote was taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Sen. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S.Gavin, N. Grealish, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, M. Mullens, C. Ni Fhatharta, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, M.Regan, Cllr. T. Walsh.(20)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

2. **Mr Tom Dempsey, Athenry**  
(Submission by Farrell Insurance Brokers & Auctioneers, Old Church Street, Athenry)

An oral hearing was also held with Mr Dempsey.

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Proposed rezoning of 15 acres of agriculturally zoned land to residential zoning	The land is on the periphery of the town and would currently not be in accordance with the proper planning and development of the town.

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane and seconded by Dep. Burke to accept the decision of the Loughrea Area Committee that lands be rezoned to residential use at the area marked No. 2 on the zoning map, allowing for adequate provision for relief road and riverside amenity.

A vote was taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Sen. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, M. Mullens, C. Ni Fhatharta, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, M.Regan, Cllr. T. Walsh.(18)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** Cllr. Gavin (1)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

3. Mr Martin Maloney, Main Street, Athenry  
(Submission by Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan)

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone 3 acres of land from agriculture for commercial development	The land would be inappropriate for commercial development as it is on the periphery of the town. Commercial development can be accommodated on industrial zoned land.	The Area Cttee agreed that lands be rezoned from agricultural to commercial.

It was proposed by Dep. Burke and seconded by Cllr. McClearn to accept the decision of the Loughrea Area Committee that lands marked number 3 on the zoning map be rezoned from agricultural to commercial.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Sen. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S.Gavin, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, M. Mullens, C. Ni Fhatharta, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, M.Regan, Cllr. T. Walsh. (19)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

4. Mr Noel Lally, Kingsland, Athenry  
(Submission by Conor Hayes Consulting Engineers Ltd, Dunlo Street, Ballinasloe)

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone 20 acres of land from agriculture for residential purposes	The land is on the periphery of the town and would currently not be in accordance with the proper planning and development of the town.	The Area Cttee agreed that lands be rezoned to residential use allowing for adequate provision for relief road and riverside amenity.

This item was deferred to the end of the meeting as clarification was required on riverside amenity.

5. Mr Michael Quinn, Old Church Street, Athenry

An oral hearing was also held with Mr Quinn.

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone 3 acres of land from agriculture for residential purposes	This land is within walking distance of the town centre and is serviced and would provide infill and in depth development. The land should be rezoned for residential uses. Small areas of agriculturally zoned land either side of submission 5 & 6 should also be zoned for residential purposes.	The Area Cttee agreed to accept the recommendations of the Consultants.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Dep. Burke and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Consultants that the land marked number 5 on the zoning map should be rezoned for residential uses. Small areas of agriculturally zoned land either side of submission 5 & 6 should also be zoned for residential purposes.

6. Mr Paul Hardiman, Park, Athenry

An oral hearing was also held with Mr Hardiman.

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone 3 acres of land from agriculture for residential purposes	This land is within walking distance of the town centre and is serviced and would provide infill and in depth development. The land should be rezoned for residential uses. Small areas of agriculturally zoned land either side of submission 5 & 6 should also be zoned for residential purposes.	The Area Cttee agreed to accept the recommendations of the Consultants

It was proposed by Dep. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Consultant's that this land marked number 6 on the zoning map should be rezoned for residential uses. Small areas of agriculturally zoned land either side of submission 5 & 6 should also be zoned for residential purposes .

7. Construction Industry Federation, Galway Branch, Western Region,  
Construction House, Montpellier Terrace, The Crescent, Galway

An oral hearing was also held with representatives from the Construction Industry Federation.

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone further land for residential purposes	A sufficient level of residential zoning has been zoned to accommodate an increase of 4000 in the population during the Development Plan period.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted
b.	Land use zoning map	Rezone further land for industrial purposes	A sufficient level of industrial zoning has been zoned to accommodate future industrial development during the Development Plan period.	
c.	Specific Objectives Map	Action Area Plan to be undertaken, in a view to stimulating further residential zoning, for periphery area of Plan and beyond	A sufficient level of residential zoning has already been zoned to accommodate an increase of 4000 in the population during the Development Plan period.	

It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

**8. Local Retailers**  
(Submission by Cunnane Stratton Reynolds, 79 Merrion Square, Dublin 2)

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Section 4.8.3	Modify retail policy in development plan to recognise role of Retail Planning Guidelines when adopted	The development plan acknowledges the need to examine all retail development proposals in accordance with the Retail Planning Guidelines and is therefore in accordance with the Guidelines.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

**9. The Heritage Council, Rothe House, Kilkenny**

An oral hearing was also held with The Heritage Council.

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Development Strategy (section 3.4)	Full implications of facilitating a large increase in population should be examined, in relation to its potential impact on heritage	The impact of an increase in population on the heritage has been taken into account in the formulation of the development plan.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted
b.	Housing policy (section 4.4)	A town design statement should be prepared	The development plan requires that the design of all new development should take account of the character and heritage of the town especially within and adjacent to the town walls.	
c.	Housing policy (section 4.4)	Photomontages should accompany any proposal for development on Action Area Plan site adjacent to town walls	It is proposed that the land adjacent to the west town walls currently zoned residential and as an Action Area Plan site should be zoned as Solely Amenity and Open Space.	Continued overleaf
d.	Transportation (section 4.5)	Development of greenway that would link town to the railway station	It is an important objective of this plan that pathways are created in and around the town. The development of pathways that connect public areas are an important part of this objective.	
e.	Heritage & Environment (section 4.11)	Change wording and reference to National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1984 to National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994 section 12	The wording should be amended to National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994 section 12.	
f.	Heritage & Environment (section 4.11)	Further policy statements to be included to protect heritage and environment	The development plan contains a significant level of policies that adequately protect the heritage & env.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted
g.	Section 1 Introduction	Aim of the Plan is highly compatible with heritage criteria	Agree	
h.	Section 3 Development strategy	Strategy should address conflict between substantial growth and heritage conservation	The Plan aims to achieve a balance between development and conservation.	
i.	Section 3 Development strategy	Strategy should include a set of development objectives	A set of development objectives should be included within the development strategy section	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted

j.	Section 2 Context	There is no urban capacity evaluation	An evaluation of urban capacity and transport infrastructure was undertaken as part of the GTPS.	
k.	Section 3 Development strategy	Plan understates the international heritage significance of the town as a whole	The international heritage significance is recognised in section 4.11 of the Plan and should be highlighted more.	
l.	Section 3 Development strategy	Further growth will exacerbate problems of traffic congestion and other capacity issues	The overall planned and systematic planning and development of Athenry should not result in an exacerbation of traffic congestion & other capacity issues	
m.	Section 4.4 Housing	Incompatibility of providing for high levels of growth and meeting conservation and amenity policies.	The Plan manages to balance the predicted high levels of growth and conservation objectives through a systematic and planned approach to future planning policy	
n.	Section 4.5 Transportation	Policies will not deliver a safer more integrated transport system but result in an increase in traffic congestion in the historic core	Overall planned and systematic planning and development of Athenry should not result in an exacerbation of traffic congestion & other capacity issues.	
o.	Section 4.9 Tourism	Planned growth is incompatible with tourism objectives	The proposed future development is compatible with tourism objectives.	
p.	Section 4.6 Community facilities	Plan lacks any policy direction as to the scale, nature and location of improved community facilities	Community facilities are permitted in principle or open for consideration in all the zones of the Plan. A significant and appropriate level of community uses zoning is identified in the Plan.	
q.	Section 4.7 Industry and employment	Commercial and retail development should not undermine the vitality and viability of the town centre	A policy aimed at protecting the commercial function, vitality and viability of the town centre should be included.	
r.	Section 4.4 Housing	Housing objective H2 conflicts with other policies of the Plan	The Plan achieves the required balance between development and conservation.	
s.	Section 4.4 Housing	Zoning of housing on agricultural / open land within the town wall conflicts with policies in the Plan	The land was zoned as residential in the previous Plan.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted
t.	Section 4.7 Industry and employment	Industry objective I2 encroaches on the setting of the town wall and other policies and objectives of the Plan	The land was zoned as industrial in the previous Plan	

u.	Section 4.8 Commercial	Commercial objective C1 conflicts with other policies of the Plan	The Plan achieves the required balance between development and conservation	
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It was proposed by Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

10. Mr Charles Taylor, Town House, Athenry

An oral hearing was also held with Mr Taylor.

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Land use zoning map	Western side of site to remain as zoned for residential and eastern side to be rezoned from open space and amenity for residential purposes	The western site is zoned for residential purposes in current Plan and therefore remains as such. An objective should be to keep development away from the town walls. The other half of the site provides an ideal opportunity for the development of an amenity area / park within the town walls and should remain as zoned for open space.	The Area Cttee agreed to accept the recommendations of the Consultants

In relation to item 10 Cllr. Loughnane recommended that this land be further assessed by the Planning Department. It was agreed by the Council that this item would be reported on at the next Council meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2002.

11. Athenry Progressive Development Committee, c/o Mr F Sweeney, Cross Street, Athenry

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Specific Objectives Map	Relocation of Objective T3 to the south	The relocation of Objective T3 should occur but only to avoid the sewerage treatment works and should be indicatively based along the existing route.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted
b.	Land use zoning map	Further land should be zoned for residential purposes	An adequate level of land has already been zoned for residential purposes to allow for a significant population increase during the plan period.	



It was proposed by Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

12. Mr Eamon Madden, Rahard, Athenry

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone land identified on map under (see iv) for residential purposes	An adequate level of land has already been zoned for residential purposes to allow for a significant population increase during the plan period.	The Area Cttee agreed that this area be rezoned for residential purposes

It was proposed by Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Loughnane to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that this area marked \*IV, 12 in the legend on the zoning map be rezoned for residential purposes.

A vote was then taken on Cllr. Fahy's proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Sen. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, C. Ni Fhatharta, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, M. Regan, S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh. (17)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

13. Mr John Coyne, Caheroyn House and Farm, Athenry

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Specific Objectives Map	Re-route transport objective T1 further to the east	The route of transport objective T1 is only indicative and is consistent with the current and proposed land uses to the east of Athenry.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted

It was proposed by Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. Loughnane and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

14. Ms Teresa Neylon, Principal, Scoil Chroi Naofa Girls Primary School, Athenry

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Specific Objectives Map	Object to designation of the Presentation College Sports pitch as a car park, Objective T7b	Objective T7b should be removed from the development plan as the site would not be appropriate for a car park.	The Area Cttee agreed to accept the recommendations of the Consultants

It was proposed by Dep. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Loughnane and agreed that the planning consultant's recommendations be accepted.

Cllr. Loughnane highlighted the need for car-parking located near the railway station and recommended that this be investigated.

15. Mr Owen Hession, Ballydavid, Athenry

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Land use zoning map	Zone 10 acres of land for residential purposes	The land is proposed to be zoned for residential purposes.	The Area Cttee agreed to accept the recommendations of the Consultants

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham and agreed that the planning consultant's recommendations be accepted.

16. Mr Noel Doherty, Maserene, Ballydavid, Athenry

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone 22 acres of land for residential purposes	The land to the south and immediately north of the road has been zoned for residential purposes. The proposed level of residential zoning provides an adequate level of residential zoning to allow for a significant population increase during the plan period.	The Area Cttee agreed that lands be rezoned for residential purposes

It was proposed by Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Dep. Burke that lands within the Town boundary marked number 16 on the zoning map be rezoned to residential purposes.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Sen. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, C. Ni Fhatharta, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, M. Regan, Cllr. S. Walsh. (16)

IN AGHAIDH: (0)

GAN VOTÁIL: (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

17. Mr John and Ms Margaret Connolly, Ballydavid South, Athenry

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone 7 acres of land from agriculture for residential purposes	Part of this land is already zoned and should remain zoned. The land is on the periphery of the town and an adequate level of land has already been zoned for residential purposes to allow for a significant population increase during the plan period.	The Area Cttee agreed that lands be rezoned for residential purposes

It was proposed by Cllr. Hynes, seconded by Sen. McDonagh to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that lands marked number 17 on the zoning map be rezoned for residential purposes.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

AR SON: Dep. Burke, Sen. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, C. Ni Fhatharta, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, M. Regan, S. Walsh, T. Walsh(17)

IN AGHAIDH: (0))

GAN VOTÁIL: (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

18. Mr Gerry Holian, Raheen, Athenry

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Specific Objectives Map	Object to the proposed road at Raheen	The proposed road will provide an important road linkage between the arterial routes into Athenry and alleviate the traffic congestion in the town centre.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

19. Ms Bridie Holian, Raheen, Athenry

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Specific Objectives Map	Object to the proposed road at Raheen	The proposed road will provide an important road linkage between the arterial routes into Athenry and help alleviate the traffic congestion in the town centre.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

20. Clarke Street Residents Association, Clarke Street, Athenry

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Area within the old walls should not be zoned for commercial or industrial purposes	No land within the walls is zoned for industrial uses. The commercial zoning will only permit uses that are appropriate to the environment in terms of scale and design.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted
b.	Land use zoning map	All housing developments should have sufficient recreational facilities/ areas and good traffic management	It is an objective of the Plan to improve recreation facilities and promote an improved traffic circulation and management system.	
c.	Land use zoning map	Road to be provided from Cross/Clarke Street to Pond Road if area around Athenry Town House is developed	It is proposed that the eastern half of the site be developed as a park. No linkage road should be developed through to Pond Road. Other alternative access routes could possibly be investigated.	
d.	Land use zoning map	Develop MW Farmers Co-op for residential purposes	The site has been zoned for commercial purposes. Residential uses are permitted in principle under this zone.	
e.	Specific Objectives Map	Field alongside town wall/Kenny Park should be converted to a car park	The area is currently zoned for commercial purposes. A car park is open for consideration under this zoning. A new transport objective to develop car parking in this location should be on Specific Objectives Map. See 43 (d).	
f.	Specific Objectives Map	Kerb side parking to be allowed on one side of the road only at Caheroyan Road	The improved traffic circulation and management system should provide for parking restrictions at certain appropriate locations. It is not a matter for the development plan to identify areas for kerb side parking.	

g.	General	Improve public lighting at junction of Cross/Clarke Street	The need to provide adequate and improve public lighting should be included in section 4.6 of the development plan.
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It was proposed by Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. McClearn and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

Cllr. Loughnane queried if the issue raised under 20(g) was included in the Plan. Mr. Marston from B.S.M., stated that this item comes under environmental improvements in the Plan.

21. Ms Pamela Holian, Raheen, Athenry

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Specific Objectives Map	Object to the proposed road at Raheen	The proposed road will provide an important road linkage between the arterial routes into Athenry and help alleviate the traffic congestion in the town centre.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted

It was proposed by Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. McClearn and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

22. Mr Martin McNamara, Dunclarin House, Raheen, Athenry

An oral hearing was also held with Mr McNamara.

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone 17 acres of land from agriculture for residential purposes	The land is on the periphery of the town and its rezoning would currently not be in accordance with the proper planning and development of the town. An adequate level of land has already been zoned for residential purposes to allow for a significant population increase during the plan period.	The Area Cttee agreed that lands be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes with 3 acres for recreation and amenity at the eastern corner of the site

It was proposed by Cllr. Cunningham, seconded by Cllr. McClearn to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that lands marked number 22 on the zoning map, be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes with 3 acres for recreation and amenity at the eastern corner of the site.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Sen. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, C.

Ni Fhatharta, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, M.Regan, S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh. (16)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

23. Mr Fonsie Madden, Ballygarraun South  
(Submission by Mr Brian Callagy, 19 Dr Mannix Road, Salthill, Galway)

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone 3 acres of land from agriculture for residential purposes	An adequate level of land has already been zoned for residential purposes to allow for a significant population increase during the plan period.	The Area Cttee agreed that lands be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Hynes to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that lands marked \*IV, 23 in the legend on the zoning map be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Sen. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M.Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, C. Ni Fhatharta, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, M.Regan, S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh. (17)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

24. Mr Stephen Murphy, Ballygurrane South, Athenry

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Specific Objectives Map	Object to the proposed link road at Raheen and the need for an upgrading of current Ballygurrane Rd	The proposed road will provide an important road linkage between the arterial routes into Athenry.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.

It was proposed by Sen. McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. K. Quinn and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

25. Mr Francis Sweeney, Cross Street, Athenry

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone 2 acres of land from agriculture for residential purposes	An adequate level of land has already been zoned for residential purposes to allow for a significant population increase during the plan period.	The Area Cttee agreed that lands be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fahy, seconded by Sen. McDonagh to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that lands marked number 25 on the zoning map be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Sen. McDonagh, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, C. Ni Fhatharta, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, M.Regan, S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh. (15)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

- 26. Cumann Camogaíochta Baile Atha'n Rí
- 27. Presentation College, Athenry
- 28. Presentation Convent, Athenry
- 29. Parents Council, Presentation College, Athenry

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Specific Objectives map	Grounds owned by Presentation College should not be zoned as a car park	Objective T7b should be removed from the development plan as the site would not be appropriate for a car park.	The Area Cttee agreed to accept the recommendations of the Consultants as stated under submission 14.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Loughnane and agreed to accept

the recommendations of the Consultants as stated under submission 14.

30. Mr John Joe Brady (Submission by Gabriel Dolan and Associates, Main Street, Craughwell)

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Land to be zoned for commercial uses	It is now proposed that the lands should be zoned as Solely Amenity and Open Space with commercial uses permitted on and adjacent to Church Street.	The Area Cttee agreed that lands be rezoned to commercial use
b.	Land use zoning map	The open space strip of 50 metres should be reduced to 25 metres adjacent to the town wall	It is proposed that the lands should be zoned as Solely Amenity and Open Space with commercial uses permitted on & adjacent to Church Street.	

It was proposed by Dep. Burke, seconded by Cllr. McClearn to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that lands marked number 30 on the zoning map be rezoned to commercial use with a buffer zone of 30 metres from the Town wall.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Sen. McDonagh, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, Cllr. M.Regan, (10)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

31. Mr John Dempsey, c/o Gerry Dempsey, Ballydavid south, Athenry

An oral hearing was also held with Mr Dempsey.

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
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a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone 8 acres of land from agriculture for residential purposes	The land is on the periphery of the town and would currently not be in accordance with the proper planning and development of the town. An adequate level of land has already been zoned for residential purposes to allow for a significant population increase during the plan period.	The Area Cttee agreed that lands and adjacent lands to north - east be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes and to provide 4 acres for recreation and amenity purposes to be located in the southern corner of the additional site identified.
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Cllr. Loughnane requested clarification on the location of the 4 acres of land for recreational and amenity purposes. This was identified by Mr. Marston, B.S.M. and he stated that this was the area identified by the area committee.

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Dep. Burke to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that lands marked number 31 in the zoning map and adjacent lands to the north – east be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes and to provide 4 acres for recreation and amenity purposes to be located in the southern corner of the additional site identified.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, S. Quinn, M. Regan, Cllr. T. Walsh. (11)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

**32. Ms Marion McDonagh, Ballygarraun South, Athenry**

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Specific Objectives Map	Upgrade the Ballygarraun Road	It is an objective of the Plan to develop a safer and more efficient road network. This in the future may involve the upgrading of the Ballygarraun Road.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
b.	General	Flood prevention measures should be introduced	The development plan recognises the need for an improved environment. This includes the implementation and development of flood prevention measures if deemed appropriate	
c.	Section 4.10	Upgrade water and sewerage systems	It is a policy of the Plan to provide improvements to the water and sewerage facilities.	

d.	Section 4.12	Make provision of a play and recreation area in Ballygarraun	It is an objective to improve recreation and play facilities in the town.
e.	Development standards	Residential density to be 4-6 houses per acre	Such a low housing density would not be appropriate and would make inefficient use of services and facilities.
f.	Section 4.11	Mature trees and stone walls to be preserved	The Plan aims to protect these important visual and natural amenities of the town
g.	General	Increased amenities and services throughout Athenry	It is a policy of the Plan to improve amenity and service provision in Athenry
h.	Section 4.8	Development of a large modern shopping centre with ample car parking along the Ballygarraun road	The accessibility of the area would make any large scale commercial development inappropriate along the Ballygarraun road
i.	Section 4.6	Plan should support the development of a courtroom and other rooms	Community facilities are open to consideration or permitted in principle in all the proposed land use zones of the Plan
k.	Land use zoning map	Rezone land from agriculture for residential purposes	An adequate level of land has already been zoned for residential purposes to allow for a significant population increase during the plan period.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn seconded by Cllr. Loughnane and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

In relation to number 32 (c) Dep. Burke queried what was proposed for the old water tower. Mr. Ridge stated it would continue in use for the Town.

**33. Ballygurrane Residents Association, Athenry**

An oral hearing was also held with the Ballygurrane Residents Association.

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Specific Objectives Map	Upgrade the Ballygarraun Road	Plan aims to develop a safer and more efficient road network & may include the upgrading of the Ballygarraun Rd.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
b.	General	Flood prevention measures should be introduced	The development plan recognises the need for an improved environment. This includes the implementation and development of flood prevention measures if deemed appropriate	

c.	Section 4.10	Upgrade water and sewerage systems	It is a policy of the Plan to provide improvements to the water and sewerage facilities.
d.	Section 4.12	Make provision of a play and recreation area in Ballygarraun	It is an objective to improve recreation and play facilities in the town.
e.	Development standards	Residential density to be 4-6 houses per acre	Low housing densities are not appropriate & make inefficient use of services & facilities.
f.	Section 4.11	Mature trees and stone walls and other features to be preserved	The Plan aims to protect these important visual and natural amenities of the town
g.	General	Increased amenities and services throughout Athenry	It is a policy of the Plan to improve amenity and service provision in Athenry

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Loughnane and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

Cllr. Loughnane acknowledged the work done on public lighting by local residents association. This was also acknowledged by the Mayor.

**34. Mr John Hickey, Rathgoran, Athenry**

An oral hearing was also held with Mr Hickey.

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone land from agriculture for residential purposes	An adequate level of land has already been zoned for residential purposes to allow for a significant population increase during the plan period.	The Area Cttee agreed that lands be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes.

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Joyce to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that lands marked number 34 on the zoning map be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M.Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, T.McHugh, S. Quinn, M.Regan, Cllr. T. Walsh. (11)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

**35. Mr Gerry Somers, Mulpit, Athenry**

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Land use zoning map	Request for planning application and zoning to be dealt with in a positive way to accommodate his proposed house	This is not a matter that can be taken into consideration in this assessment	It was noted that the submission could not be addressed in the Plan
b.	General	Comments in relation to status of site at Knockaunglass	This is not a matter that can be taken into consideration in this assessment	

It was noted that this submission could not be addressed in the Plan.

**36. Mr Tom Coffey, Raheen House, Athenry**

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone land around Raheen Park for commercial development	The land is on the periphery of the town and its rezoning would currently not be in accordance with the proper planning and development of the town.	The Area Cttee agreed that lands be rezoned from agricultural to commercial purposes

It was proposed by Cllr. T. McHugh, seconded by Dep. Burke to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that lands marked number 36 on the zoning map be rezoned from agricultural to commercial purpose.

A vote was then taken on Cllr. McClearn's proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Cllrs. M. Connolly, M.Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, T.McHugh, S. Quinn, M.Regan, Cllr. T. Walsh. (11)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

**37. Mr Denis Coen, Ballydavid South, Athenry**

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone land for residential development	The land is on the periphery of the town and its rezoning would currently not be in accordance with the proper planning and development of the town.	The Area Cttee agreed that lands be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hynes, seconded by Dep. Burke that lands identified under 37 and within the town boundary be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Cllrs. M. Connolly, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, S. Quinn, M. Regan, Cllr. T. Walsh. (10)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

**38. Western Health Board, Technical Services Department, Merlin Park Regional Hospital, Galway**

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a. General	Service development will continue at the health centre in the town	The development plan supports the service development of the health centre	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Joyce and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

**39. Ms Madelyn Brody, Prospect House, Athenry**

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a. Appendices	Prospect House should be referred to as Ruanes House in the development plan	The property will be referred to as Ruanes House (Prospect House) in the development plan	The Area Cttee agreed that the property will be referred to as Ruanes House (Prospect House) in the development plan.

It was proposed by Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

**40. Coffey Construction Limited, Athenry**

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
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a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone 7 acres of land at Caherroyn for residential development	The land is on the periphery of the town and its rezoning would currently not be in accordance with the proper planning and development of the town. An adequate amount of land has already been zoned for residential purposes to allow for a significant population increase during the plan period.	The Area Cttee agreed that the lands be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes
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It was proposed by T. McHugh, seconded by Dep. Burke to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that lands marked number 40 on the zoning map be rezoned from agricultural to residential purposes.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Cllrs. M. Connolly, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, S. Quinn, M. Regan, Cllr. T. Walsh. (10)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

**41. Western Regional Fisheries Board**

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a. General	Wastewater treatment plant should be upgraded	The Plan states that it is the policy of the Council to provide improvements to the sewerage facilities in the town.	The Area Cttee agreed that the policy should be included in the Development Plan
b. General	Include "It is the policy of the Council to cooperate with the Western Regional Fisheries Board with regard to conservation, protection, enhancement and sustainable development of the fishery resources of the Clairin River"	The policy should be included in the Plan	

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Connolly and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the policy should be included in the Development Plan.

**42. Mr William Melia and others, Ballydavid, Athenry**

(Submission by Noel Treacy TD, Minister for Science, Technology and Commerce)

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezoning of 6 acres of land for residential / industrial / commercial purposes	Land is currently zoned for residential and agricultural uses and part of the land is outside the Plan boundary. No changes are recommended to this zoning. An adequate level of land has already been zoned for such purposes.	The Area Cttee agreed that as the land was outside the town boundary they would accept the recommendations of the Consultants for no change in the zoning.

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Hynes and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that as the land was outside the town boundary they would accept the recommendations of the Consultants for no change in the zoning.

43. Professor Etienne Rynne, Lisnareena, Athenry

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Section 4.5	Improved traffic management plan required for town centre	It is an objective of the Plan to implement measures to alleviate traffic congestion and other related traffic problems in the town	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
b.	Development standards	Housing should avoid the mono type housing of the usual estate and be progressive multi type architect designed housing	It is a policy of the Plan to promote a mix of housing types	
c.	Land use zoning map	Athenry Arts and Heritage Centre should be zoned for Solely Amenity and Open Space rather than Solely Commercial uses	The tourism aspect of the centre means that the current proposed zoning is appropriate for this site.	
d.*	Land use zoning map	Field alongside Kenny Park should be zoned for a car park	The area is currently zoned for commercial purposes. A car park is open for consideration under this zoning. A new transport objective to develop car parking in this location should be included on the Specific Objectives Map.	*At the meeting of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> May the Area Cttee agreed that submission ref 43 (d) be deferred. A further meeting was held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2001 and the Area Cttee agreed to retain the amenity and open space zoning on this land

e.	Land use zoning map	Area near Boyhill should be zoned for Solely Amenity and Open Space and not Solely Industrial Uses	There is a need for an adequate level of industrial zoning in the Plan. This zoning provides the opportunity to establish employment generating activities in Athenry.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
f.	Land use zoning map	Area immediately outside walls at the south west corner of the town should be zoned for Solely Amenity and Open Space	This land was zoned for agricultural use in the current Plan. The Draft Plan proposed to change this zoning to a residential area to be developed in accordance with an Action Area Plan. It is proposed to change this zoning to Solely Amenity and Open Space with a commercial zoning along Church Street.	
g.	Land use zoning map	Town wall buffer should be increased along and outside north western wall	Land is proposed to be zoned for Solely Amenity and Open Space	
h.	Land use zoning map	Action Area Plan for Brady's Field should be put forward for public assessment prior to its acceptance	Land is proposed to be zoned for Solely Amenity and Open Space	
i.	General	Silos should be removed from current location	The development plan cannot actively try and remove a land use. The current zoning in the Plan does however provide an opportunity for the Co-op to move to a more appropriate and accessible site.	
j.	Land use zoning map	Area around the Dominican Priory should be zoned as Solely Amenity and Open Space	The area within the curtilage of the Priory has been appropriately zoned for community uses. The adjacent houses should however be zoned for commercial purposes.	
k.	Specific Objectives Map	A new road should be included from the southern end of town / Cross Street	It would not be appropriate to identify a linkage from Cross Street. The provision of a new and appropriate access road will have to be developed if the area around the house is developed	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
l.	Appendix 6	Stone cross-base in Parson's Fair Green should be listed for preservation	Agree. The stone cross-base in Parson's Fair Green will be listed for preservation	
m.	Specific Objectives Map	Improvement of Caheroyn bridge should be included as a transport objective	Agree. Caheroyn bridge will be included as a transport objective under T6.	



n.	Appendix 4	Market Cross should be listed as of national rather than regional importance	The market cross should remain as being listed as of regional importance as listed in the National Schedule of Monuments.
o.	Appendix 5	Pigeon house and old Railway Hotel should be included in the list of Buildings and Structures Listed for Preservation	A more detailed survey should be undertaken to assess their merit prior to the next review of the Plan.
p.	Appendix 5	The sites P8, P14 and P16 are no longer in existence	Agree. Sites P8, P14 and P16 should be identified as being not currently visible due to having been built over.

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Connolly and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submissions should be noted.

44. **Athenry Community Council Trust Limited, c/o Peter Feeney, Ballydavid, Athenry**

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Specific Objectives Map (T1 & 2)	Outer ring roads should be put in place as a matter of priority	The development of the Raheen by pass route should be identified as a priority in the Plan.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
b.	Section 4.5	Footbridges should be provided at the four rail bridges in the town	Agree. Caheroyn bridge will also be included as a transport objective under T6.	
c.*	Land use zoning map	Field alongside Kenny Park should be zoned for a car park	The area is currently zoned for commercial purposes. A car park is open for consideration under this zoning. A new transport objective to develop car parking in this location should be included on the Specific Objectives Map.	*At the meeting of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> May the Area Cttee agreed that submission ref 44 (c) be deferred. A further meeting was held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2001 and the Area Cttee agreed to retain the amenity and open space zoning on this land
d.	Land use zoning map	Ulster Bank land should be zoned as amenity and open space rather than commercial	The land is zoned for commercial purposes in the current Plan and should remain as such.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
e.	Development standards	Particular attention should be given to the design and planning of developments	The Plan stresses the need for the design and planning of developments to have a high regard to the environment, setting and heritage of the town.	

f.	Section 4.6	Support for the development of community facilities to cater for the population increase	The Plan supports the provision of improved and better community facilities in the town
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It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Loughnane and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submissions should be noted.

Dep. Burke requested that final routes be incorporated into the plan, Mr. Ridge stated that routes can only be incorporated when finalised by the N.R.A.

In relation to item number 44(c), Cllr. Loughnane queried whether amenity openspace zoning allows for carparking to be provided. Mr. Marston, B.S.M, stated that carparking would not be permitted under this zoning.

45. **Mr Desmond Glynn, Athenry**

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.*	Land use zoning map	Field alongside Kenny Park should be zoned for a car park	The area is currently zoned for commercial purposes. A car park is open for consideration under this zoning. A new transport objective to develop car parking in this location should be included on the Specific Objectives Map.	*At the meeting of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> May the Area Cttee agreed that submission ref 45 (a) be deferred. A further meeting was held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2001 and the Area Cttee agreed to retain the amenity and open space zoning on this land
b.	Specific Objectives Map (T1 & 2)	Outer ring roads should be put in place as a matter of priority	The development of the Raheen by pass route should be identified as a priority in the Plan.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
c.	Section 4.5	Footbridges should be provided at the four rail bridges in the town	Agree. Caheroyn bridge will also be included as a transport objective under T6.	
d.	Section 4.5	Extension of one way traffic system	It is an objective of the Plan to implement measures to alleviate traffic congestion and other related traffic problems in the town	
e.	Section 4.10	Extension of sewerage system	The Plan states that it is the policy of the Council to provide improvements to the sewerage facilities in the town.	

f.	Land use zoning map	Ulster Bank land should be zoned as amenity and open space rather than commercial	The land is zoned for commercial purposes in the current Plan and should remain as such.
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It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. McClearn and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

In relation to 45 (c), Cllr. Loughnane stated that footbridges needed to be provided especially on the Tuam road. Mr. Marston replied that the plan states that it is an objective to improve pedestrian facilities.

**46. Mid West Farmers Co-op Limited  
(Submission by Murphy McCarthy Consulting Engineers Ltd)**

An oral hearing was also held with representatives from Mid West Farmers Co-op Limited.

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone 4 acres of land at Mill Site, Knockunglas for commercial purposes	The land would be inappropriate for commercial development as it is on the periphery of the town and adjacent to the town walls.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. McClearn and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

**47. Athenery Heritage and Tourism Company Ltd, Athenery Arts and Heritage Centre, St Mary's, The Square, Athenery**

An oral hearing was also held with representatives from the Athenery Heritage and Tourism Company.

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Specific Objectives Map	Need for relief roads to be addressed as a priority	The development of the Raheen by pass route should be identified as a priority in the Plan.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
b.	Section 4.5	Carnaun and Tuam roads should be upgraded to cope with traffic increase	It is an objective of the Plan to improve the road and traffic system in Athenery.	
c.	Section 4.5	Car parking and traffic congestion must be addressed	It is an objective of the Plan to implement measures to alleviate traffic congestion and other related traffic problems in the town.	

d.*	Land use zoning map	Field alongside Kenny Park should be zoned for a car park	A car park is open for consideration under the commercial zoning. A new transport objective to develop car parking in this location should be included on the Specific Objectives Map.	*At the meeting of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> May the Area Cttee agreed that submission ref 47 (d) be deferred. A further meeting was held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2001 and the Area Cttee agreed to retain the amenity and open space zoning on this land
e.	Section 4.12	Need for greater recreation facilities and amenity space	The Plan seeks to improve recreation facilities in Athenery.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
f.	Land use zoning map	Ulster Bank land should be zoned as amenity & open space rather than commercial	The land is zoned for commercial purposes in the current Plan and should remain as such.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
g.	Development standards	There should be a ban on PVC windows, plastic doors, all forms of redbrick, raised pointing.	The Plan requires that new development should take account and be sympathetic to their surroundings.	
h.	Development standards	Development should maintain the building line and facades	These objectives are identified as in the development standards part of the Plan	
i.	Development standards	Stone walls to be built in new developments	Stone walls are an intrinsic local landscape characteristic and the Plan requires that new development should take into account such surroundings.	
j.	Appendices	All trees should be examined and preservation orders issued	It is a policy of the Plan to preserve mature trees, groups of trees and woodlands. The Plan requires that where such trees are affected by a development then a comprehensive tree survey should be undertaken.	
k.	General	No development should occur around the Dominican Abbey	The amenity of the Priory is protected by open space zoning and protected views to the north and east.	
l.	Land use zoning map	Buffer zone around the town walls should be extended	Land is proposed to be zoned for Solely Amenity and Open Space	
m.	General	Grain silos and fencing should be removed	The development plan cannot actively try and remove a land use. The current zoning in the Plan does however provide an opportunity for the Co-op to move to a more appropriate and accessible site.	
n.	Specific Objectives Map	A pathway should be developed around the walls	It is an objective of the Plan to develop a walkway around the walls and interconnecting around the town.	

o.	General	Market Square should be cobbled and parking removed	This measure would improve the environment of this area but would have to be done in conjunction with other traffic management measures that the Plan identifies as objectives.	
p.	Appendix	Cross base at Fair Green should be preserved	Agree. The stone cross-base in Parson's Fair Green should be listed.	
q.	General	Social and economic impact study should be undertaken	This is not an issue that can be addressed through a development plan.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
r.	General	Environmental impact study should be undertaken	An assessment of the impact of the Plan on the natural and built heritage was undertaken by the Heritage Council. This was submitted as part of the Plan making process (see submission 9) and issues raised have been addressed.	
s.		Development should be well planned and integrated with the unique features of the town	It is a primary objective to integrate new development with the existing heritage and environment of the walled town.	

It was proposed by Cllr. T. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. S. Quinn and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

In relation to 47 (J) Cllr. Joyce asked if there is a tree preservation order in place. Mr. Kavanagh stated that he wasn't aware of any tree preservation order within the County. Cllr. Joyce proposed that the Council draft a document to allow for tree preservation order within the plan. The County Manager recommended that a report be prepared on the provision of tree preservation orders within the County generally.

48. **Athenry Area Development Committee, c/o Cait Curran, Caheroyan, Athenry**

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.*	Land use zoning map	Field alongside Kenny Park should be zoned for solely amenity and open space	It would not be appropriate to zone this area for solely amenity and open space. It is proposed to include a new transport objective to develop car parking in this location on the Specific Objectives Map. A large area to the south east within the town walls has been identified as having potential for development as a park.	*At the meeting of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> May the Area Cttee agreed that submission ref 48 (a) be deferred. A further meeting was held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2001 and the Area Cttee agreed to retain the amenity and open space zoning on this land

b.	Specific Objectives Map (T2)	Outer ring road between Ballygurrane and Raheen should be put in place as a matter of priority	The development of the Raheen by pass route should be identified as a priority in the Plan.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
c.	Section 4.5	Footbridges should be provided at the four rail bridges in the town	Agree. Caheroyan bridge will also be included as a transport objective under T6.	
d.	Section 4.5	Extension of one way traffic system	It is an objective of the Plan to implement measures to alleviate traffic congestion and other related traffic problems in the town.	
e.	Section 4.10	Extension of sewerage system	The Plan states that it is the policy of the Council to provide improvements to the sewerage facilities in the town.	
f.	Land use zoning map	Ulster Bank land should be zoned as amenity and open space rather than commercial	The land is zoned for commercial purposes in the current Plan and should remain as such.	
g.	Land use zoning map	Land between Cullairbaun and Tuam Road zoned as amenity and open space should be extended to the Tuam Road	It is important that open space areas integrate into new development. The development of facilities on the periphery of town will not serve that purpose.	

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. McClearn and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that submissions should be noted.

Cllr. Loughnane proposed a fourth footbridge be located on the new line, across the Tuam Branch Line.

49. **Ms Muriel Nolan, Clarke Street, Athenry**

REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION	
a.	Land use zoning map	Field alongside Kenny Park should be zoned for a car park	The area is currently zoned for commercial purposes. A car park is open for consideration under this zoning. A new transport objective to develop car parking in this location should be included on the Specific Objectives Map.	This submission was withdrawn.

This submission was withdrawn.

50. **Ms Stephanie O'Regan, Swangate, Athenry**

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	New housing development should blend in with the environment and heritage	It is an objective of the Plan that new development should take account and be sympathetic to their surroundings and heritage.	The Area Cttee agreed that the submission should be noted.
b.	Section 4.6	Galway CC should purchase property within the town for community development	The Plan provides for a significant level of community facilities and such uses are acceptable within other zonings.	
c.	Section 4.6	Community benefits should be accrued from residential developments	The Plan provides for development contributions to be used as a means of land acquisition for community facilities.	

It was proposed by Cllr. Joyce, seconded by Cllr. McClearn and agreed to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the submission should be noted.

**51. Ms Mary O'Brien Sobol and Mr Michael Joseph O'Brien, Athenry**

(Submission by MW Sherlock and Co Solicitors, Cross Street, Athenry)

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Land zoned for agriculture should be re-zoned for residential purposes	Some of this land is already zoned for residential purposes. Its extension to the development plan boundary is currently not required due to the proposed level of zoning in the Plan.	The Area Cttee agreed that the land identified under 51a should be rezoned for residential purposes with a requirement that 2 acres be reserved for recreation and amenity purposes.
b.	Land use zoning map	Land should remain as zoned for residential purposes	Agree, land should remain as zoned for residential purposes	

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Dep. Burke to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that the land identified under 51(a) on the zoning map be rezoned for residential purposes with a requirement that 2 acres be reserved for recreation and amenity purposes.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Cllrs. M. Connolly, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, T.McHugh, S. Quinn, M.Regan, Cllr. T. Walsh. (9)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

**Submission – Re-zoning of Roy O' Brien and Joe Dolan's Lands (Mr. John Kelly, Agent)**

Cllr. Fahy referred to a submission made by Mr. John Kelly regarding the rezoning of lands owned by Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Dolan at Goirtín, Acra, and which was indicated on the zoning map. Mr. Ridge stated that this was a late submission and therefore could not be considered. The land in question was indicated on the zoning map.

It was proposed by Cllr Loughnane and seconded by Cllr. Joyce that these lands be rezoned to residential purposes and that a pedestrian way be provided giving access across the river from the Caheroyaun Avenue towards Lady's Well. A map was submitted by Cllr. Loughnane.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Cllrs. M. Connolly, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, T.McHugh, S. Quinn, M.Regan, Cllr. T. Walsh. (9)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

**Submission – Re-zoning of industrial lands**

The submission related to industrial lands south east of the Mart property. The land in question was indicated on the zoning map.

It was proposed by Dep. Burke seconded by Cllr. Loughnane that this area be zoned for commercial purposes and industrial.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Cllrs. M. Connolly, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, T.McHugh, S. Quinn, M.Regan, Cllr. T. Walsh. (9)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

4. Mr Noel Lally, Kingsland, Athenry  
(Submission by Conor Hayes Consulting Engineers Ltd, Dunlo Street,  
Ballinasloe)

	REF.	ISSUES RAISED	COMMENTS	AREA COMMITTEE DECISION
a.	Land use zoning map	Rezone 20 acres of land from agriculture for residential purposes	The land is on the periphery of the town and would currently not be in accordance with the proper planning and development of the town.	The Area Cttee agreed that lands be rezoned to residential use allowing for adequate provision for relief road and riverside amenity.

This item had been deferred to the end of the meeting as clarification was required on riverside amenity.

Mr. Marston stated there was a mistake in the minutes and Riverside amenity does not apply. It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Fahy to accept the recommendation of the Loughrea Area Committee that lands marked number 4 on the map be rezoned to residential use allowing for adequate provision for relief road. Present indications or that the relief road will not affect this land.

A vote was then taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

**AR SON:** Dep. Burke, Cllrs. M. Connolly, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, S. Quinn, M. Regan, Cllr. T. Walsh. (9)

**IN AGHAIDH:** (0)

**GAN VOTÁIL:** (0)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

The Consultants Report contained a number of further recommendations and issues, relating to the Athenry Town Draft Development Plan, each of which had been discussed by the Loughrea Electoral Area Committee.

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Recommendation	Area Committee decision
Change wording from 'National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1984' to 'National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994 section 12' in section 4.11 of the Plan (Ref. 9e)	Agree
The following set of development objectives should be included within the development strategy section of the Plan. (Ref. 9i)	Agree apart from objective ix.  The Area committee agreed to change the wording of this objective to :
i. To conserve and enhance the heritage as well as other natural and man made amenities of the town.	ix. To seek for mixed use development of the lands between the walls and the railway, with a 30 metre buffer, in accordance with an approved Action Area Plan.
ii. To facilitate the provision of additional residential accommodation, including a social housing element, consistent with the land resources available in the town and with the protection and enhancement of the heritage and residential amenity.	
iii. To protect and enhance residential amenity.	
iv. To seek the further upgrading of the physical environment of the town.	
v. To facilitate the provision of employment opportunities through the further development of industry, commerce and other economic activities.	
vi. To protect and enhance the function and townscape of the town centre as a commercial and heritage centre.	
vii. To improve the road system of the town and to seek improvements in traffic circulation and management.	
viii. To improve and extend the physical infrastructure of the town, including sanitary services.	
ix. To seek mixed use development of the lands between the walls and the railway, with a 50 metre buffer area, in accordance with an approved Action Area Plan.	
x. To maintain and enhance the town's socio-economic mix, including the encouragement of	

mixed-use developments.	
The international and overall heritage significance of the town should be highlighted in section 4.11 of the Plan (Ref. 9k)	Agree
The following should be incorporated in Section 4.8 of the Plan (Ref.9q) <i>"It is the policy of the Council to protect the inherent commercial function as well as the vitality and viability of the town centre"</i>	Agree
The following objective should be included in Section 4.4 of the Plan and the Specific Objectives Map. (Ref. 10a) <i>"It is an objective of the Council that no development should occur within 50 metres inside the town walls except where permitted development has already occurred."</i>	The Area Committee agreed to change the wording of this objective to : <i>It is an objective of the Council that no development should occur within 30 metres inside the town walls except where permitted development has already occurred."</i>
The indicative line of specific objective T3 on the Specific Objectives Map should be re-aligned to avoid the sewerage treatment works. (Ref. 13a)	Agree
Specific Objective T7b should be removed from the Plan and Specific Objectives Map. (Ref. 14a)	Agree
New transport objective to develop car parking at the field adjacent to Kenny Park should be included on the Specific Objectives Map. (Ref. 43d)	The Area Committee agreed to exclude this objective from the Plan
New transport objective to develop car parking to the rear of the Ulster Bank should be included on the Specific Objectives Map. (Ref. 43d)	Agree
The need to provide adequate and improve public lighting should be included in section 4.6 of the development plan. (Ref. 20g)	Agree
The property referred to as Prospect House should be referred to as Ruanes House (Prospect House) in the development plan (Ref. 39a)	Agree
The policy should be incorporated in Section 4.11 of the Plan (Ref. 41b) <i>"It is the policy of Galway County Council to co-operate with the Western Regional Fisheries Board with regard to conservation, protection, enhancement and sustainable development of the fishery resources of the Clairin River"</i>	Agree
Stone cross-base in Parson's Fair Green should be listed for preservation in Appendix 6 of the Plan (Ref 43l)	Agree

Improvement of Caheroyn bridge should be included as a transport objective in Section 4.6 of the Plan and the Specific Objectives Map (Ref 43m)	Agree
Sites P8, P14 and P16 should be identified as being not currently visible, due to having been built over, in Appendix 5 of the Plan. (Ref 43p)	Agree
Remove "Within Tuam a 15 metre setback from the town moat will also be required for all development proposals" from section 5.29.2.	Agree
Remove "n any building" from section 5.28.2 and replace "Tuam" with "Athenry" in section 5.31.1	Agree

#### Housing Strategy

In accordance with the provision of s.94 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 there is a requirement to include the provisions of the Galway Housing Strategy within the Athenry Town Development Plan. It is proposed that the following italicised text be included within the Athenry Town Development Plan.

#### Section 4.4 Housing

*The Council will implement the provisions of the Housing Strategy in accordance with the provisions of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000*

*It is the policy of the Council to implement the provision of the housing strategy as adopted by the Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2001. The said strategy forms part of and shall be read in conjunction with this Town Plan.*

#### Childcare Facilities, Guidelines for Planning Authorities

In accordance with the publication of the *Childcare Facilities, Guidelines for Planning Authorities* issued by the Department of the Environment in June 2001, under section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, there is a need to incorporate its policy and guidelines into the Athenry Town Development Plan. It is therefore proposed that the following italicised text be included within the Athenry Town Development Plan.

#### Section 4.6 Community Facilities

The Council will have regard to the *Childcare Facilities, Guidelines for Planning Authorities* issued by the Department of the Environment in June 2001.

*It is the policy of the Council to encourage the provision of purpose built creches and playschools in residential areas, workplaces and the town centre.*

The Council is aware that such facilities, when located in certain areas such as residential estates, can adversely affect the amenity through increased traffic generation and other impacts.

**Retail Planning Guidelines**

Replace reference to Draft Retail Planning Guidelines 1999 with *Retail Planning Guidelines* throughout the text and especially in section 4.8 of the Draft Plan.

**Update on Sanitary Services**

2.21 The Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme is currently being extended to Athenry (expected completion in early 2002). This work also includes improvements to the water main network in the town.

2.22 The sewerage treatment works, to the south of the town, is designed to cater for a population of 4,000. The proposed growth of Athenry will require investment in the sewerage system of Athenry town.

Athenry has been granted aid, under the Serviced Land Initiative for improvement to water and sewerage, by the Department of the Environment.

4.10 Galway County Council provide sewerage and water services for residents and employers in the Plan area. The County Council recognise the importance of providing an adequate water supply for the development of industrial, commercial, agricultural, domestic and other uses. The County Council will therefore seek to improve trunk mains from which a network of distribution mains can be developed.

**4.10 Objectives**

WS1 It is an objective of the Council to maintain an adequate source of water supply in the town.

WS2 It is an objective of the Council to secure funding and undertake preparatory work required for the implementation of the Athenry Sewerage (Improvement) Scheme.

WS3 Implement the Serviced Land Initiative for sewerage.

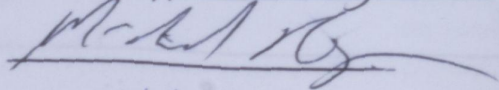
**Update of Specific Objectives Map**

It is proposed to amend the specific objectives map by making revisions to routes T1, T2 and T3.

It was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Dep. Burke, and agreed, to accept the recommendations of the Loughrea Electoral Area Committee on the further recommendations and issues contained in the Report.

**CRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIÚ ANSIN**

Submitted Approved + Signed



27/5/02

Date

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY 25th MARCH, 2002.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Mayor M. Regan.

**ILATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:**

Deps. U. Burke, P. Connaughton, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. J. Callanan, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, N. Grealish, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta, P. O'Foighil, S. O'Neachtain, Cllrs. P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, S. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, S. Walsh, T. Walsh.

**Oifigigh:**

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, P. Ridge, J. Cullen, J. Morgan, F. Gilmore, Directors of Services, E. Lusby, Head of Finance, T. Murphy, D. Barrett, A. Comer, Senior Executive Officers, P. Carroll, E. Moloney, Administrative Officers, L. Gavin, R. Killeen, Senior Engineers, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. R. Mitchell, Assistant Planner, Ms. R. O'Boyle, Staff Officer, Ms. M. Bourke, Assistant Staff Officer.

**Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.**

The Mayor congratulated the Mercy College, Woodford on winning the County Senior Hurling Colleges Final at the weekend. Dep. Burke said he would also like to extend his good wishes to the College on their wonderful achievement.

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

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A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following: -

- Mr. John Moran & Family, Poltalilaun, Killeen, Ballyshrule, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Margaret Hughes & Family, Moate, Moylough, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Roisin Ryan, Meadow Court, Moylough, Co. Galway.
- Mrs. Jacqueline Smyth, St. Michael's Place, Ballinasloe.
- May Bn. Ui Chualain, Druim, Leitir Moir, Co. na Gaillimhe.
- The Reilly Family, Cloon, Claregalway, Co. Galway.
- The O'Toole Family, Curramore, Headford, Co. Galway.
- The Smyth Family, Kilgarve, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
- The Hoarty Family, Ballymaquive, Ardahan, Co. Galway.