



**STATEMENT OF REASONS
WITH REGARD TO A FINAL DIRECTION
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 31
OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended)
LETTERKENNY PLAN AND LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2023-2029**

As Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 ('the Act') and having carefully considered a recommendation from the Office of the Planning Regulator ('the Office') under section 31AP(4) of the Act, I advise that:

- (1) I have issued a Direction on the Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan 2023-2029 to effect recommendations (2)(b)(i), (2)(b)(iii), (2)(b)(iv) and (2)(b)(v) of the Office.
- (2) I have decided not to issue a Direction in relation to Recommendations (2)(a)(i) and (2)(b)(ii) made by the Office in respect of the Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan 2023-2029, which would have required the following:

(2)(a) Delete the following zoning objective from the adopted plan, i.e. the subject land is unzoned:

- (i) PR17 Glencar Scotch and Killyclug - i.e. the subject lands change to unzoned from Primarily Residential.*

and

(2)(b) Reinstate the following zoning objectives and associated text to that of the draft plan:

- (ii) MA31 PR11 Killyclug - i.e. the subject lands revert to Local Environment from Primarily Residential*

In accordance with Section 31AP(4A) of the Act, my reason(s) for not issuing a Final Direction in respect of Recommendations (2)(a)(i) and (2)(b)(ii) are set out as follows:



1. The subject lands are located in close proximity to existing residential and mixed use development and would serve to consolidate the existing pattern of development in this area of Letterkenny.

Accordingly, the zoning of these lands for residential development is reasonable in the circumstances.



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Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

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