



**STATEMENT OF REASONS
WITH REGARD TO A DRAFT DIRECTION
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 31
OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)
SLIGO COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2024-2030**

8 November 2024

As Minister of State at the Department of 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 31AM(8) of the Act, I advise that:

- (1) I have issued a Draft Direction on the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030 in respect of Recommendation (2) a. (i), Recommendation (2) b. (i) to (2) b. (xii) and (2) b. (xiv) to (2) b. (xxi), and Recommendation (2) c. of the Office, received on 27 October 2024.
- (2) I have decided not to issue a Draft Direction in relation to Recommendation (2) b. (xiii) of the Office, which if accepted, would alter the 'New Residential (nRES)' zoning objective that applies to an area of land located in Easky, contrary to the decision of the elected members of Sligo County Council.

In accordance with section 31AN(1)(b) of the Act, my reason for not issuing a Draft Direction in respect of the aforementioned recommendation is set out below:

- i. The subject lands are Tier 1 serviced lands and were zoned for residential use in the Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023.

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

Alan Dillon TD
Minister of State for Local Government and Planning