



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Chontae na Gaillimhe
Public Participation Network Galway County

Reporting Template

For Galway County PPN Community Representatives on various bodies/committees

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| Representative's Name | Mark Green, Aodán mac Donncha |
| Name of committee from which the Rep is reporting | Planning, Environment, Agriculture & Emergency Services SPC |
| Date of the meeting | 1 st Dec 2023– Joint with City SPC - in person and online - 14 attendees |
| Key issues discussed | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Former Galway Airport site at An Carn Mór – Masterplan. Presented by Liam Hanrahan, Director of Economic Dev and Planning in the GCC LEO. Engaging with IDA. Next step to appoint consultants, carry out infrastructure surveys and develop masterplan to be delivered in 2024. 2. Galway Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (GMATS) update. This is an update of the 2016 Galway Transport Strategy and will cover 2023-2043 in the MASP area. It will take account of National & NWRA Policy, Bus Connects & Cycle Connects. Managed by Coordination Group with reps from City, County, TII, NTA, NWRA, Atkins. Produce Public transport (LRT) and Roads feasibility studies. Public consultation March-May 2024, completion July. 3. Update on Galway County Development Plan – in place following reversion by planning regulator of some councillor-proposed zonings. Includes MASP (Barna, Oranmore, Claregalway). 15 small town/village settlement plans. Ballinasloe & Tuam LAP's adopted. Athenry Q1 2024, Loughrea on public display now. Gort on display Q1/Q2 2024. Design Framework Plans for Briarhill & Garaun (Oranmore Station). €12m URDF project with Irish Rail for passing loop/platform at Oranmore, carpark/open space design, local centre topology study. 4. Update on Galway City Development Plan – Also now in place after reversion of some zonings. 5. AOB - MASP update. Dr Sean O'Riordan for NWRA was to produce a draft report on the MASP Governance model by Q1 2023. He has not contacted County or City Executive since Nov 2022 meeting and no report has been produced. 3 years after MASP created there has been no progress on how to cooperate! |
| Key Decisions Made | None |
| Action(s) required from Galway County PPN for next meeting | None |

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| Date of Next Meeting | TBC |
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