

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

Tuesday, 18th January 2022

Chapter 2 – Planning for Growth, Core Strategy & Settlement Strategy

ITEM No. 41

Motion from Councillor Dean Mulligan : 73737

Table 12.21 Fingal Settlement Hierarchy
In section: Towns and Villages, Metropolitan area
Insert
"St Margaret's"

REPORT:

The intent of the motion is acknowledged, however it is considered the inclusion of St, Margarets as a specific category of the Settlement Hierarchy would not be appropriate.

Table 12.21 demonstrates the Settlement Hierarchy for Fingal which has been developed in accordance with the guiding principles established under the NPF and the RSES (including MASP). The Settlement Hierarchy aligns with the Core Strategy and is informed by the Housing Strategy and HNDA as set out in the CE Draft Development Plan.

The resultant structure takes into account the important roles and functions which each town and village performs in a regional context and will ensure that future growth and accompanying investment is appropriately directed. Given its location, and particularly given its proximity to Dublin international airport, the future growth of St, Margarets must be carefully considered and its inclusion within a specific category of the Settlement Hierarchy would not be appropriate.

Notwithstanding, Objective 61 of the current Development Plan (2017-2023) required the preparation of a strategy for 'St. Margaret's Special Policy Area' involving consultation between the existing community, Fingal County Council and the DAA. This has been prepared and is included in Appendix 1 of the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan 2020.

The Dublin Airport LAP 2020 also includes Objective LEAP 01 which states:

'Commence preparation of a 'Local Enhancement Action Plan' for the 'Special Policy Area' of St. Margaret's within 12 months of the adoption of the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan, in consultation with the local community and other relevant stakeholders based on the focus areas identified in this strategy for St. Margaret's. This plan shall address priority actions, funding and a delivery programme for proposed environmental and community enhancement projects.'

RECOMMENDATION:

No change

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Insert the following text into Section 3.5.15.1 Rural Villages of the Draft Plan as follows:

St. Margaret's is a small linear settlement located c. 7 kms to the south-west of Swords, in the rural area of the County, off the R122 Kilsallaghan/Oldtown Road and immediately to the west of the Dublin Airport 'DA' zoned lands. St. Margaret's Church, Parochial House, Parochial Hall and St. Margaret's National School are centrally located, with existing residential development to the north and south of the existing centre. St. Margaret's Village lies immediately to the west of the Dublin Airport ('DA') zoned lands within close proximity of existing airport infrastructure. This Plan recognises the distinct heritage and recreational assets of the area and supports its enhancement through the roll out of environmental works under any relevant Town and Village Renewal Scheme.