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Department of Housing, Planning,
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Office of the Minister

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For the Attention of:

Peter Carey
Chief Executive
Kildare County Council
Áras Chill Dara
Naas
Co. Kildare



Local and Community Facilities - Sallins

Dear Chief Executive,

I am writing to you in connection with Sallins and the recent Ministerial Direction relating to the Sallins Local Area Plan 2016-2022.

Notwithstanding my decision to issue the Direction, I am concerned about the reported deficiency in local community and recreation facilities relative to the needs of the town, as borne out by the significant number of submissions on the draft Direction, from those working closely in and with the community of Sallins.

As you will be very much aware, Sallins has experienced dramatic growth in housing and population over the last 20 years. This population growth has been significant and created commensurate demand on local services and infrastructure. The submissions from local residents and those involved in local sporting and community organisations, to the Draft Direction, emphasize and detail the significant deficiency in local community and recreation facilities relative to the needs of the now expanded town population. This situation was also emphasised at a meeting between officials from my Department and relevant personnel from Kildare County Council including the Director of Services and Senior Planner.

There is therefore what appears to be an identified need for efforts to provide the required local and community facilities (including open space/recreational lands) to be increased on the part of the public agencies involved including Kildare County Council.

It is therefore important that the significant issues raised in the high volume of submissions on the subject by the residents of the town are responded to comprehensively by Kildare County Council. My Department is here to assist you in the objective of securing suitable open space and amenities for the local community in Sallins.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Coveney, T.D.,
Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government

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