

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
(CASTLEBAR AND ENVIRONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN) DIRECTION 2008

WHEREAS it appears to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, that the development plan for Castlebar and Environs for the period 2008 to 2014 (as adopted on 6th May 2008) is unsatisfactory in failing to set out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development for the National Spatial Strategy Hub town of Castlebar by reason of the following matters:

- the land use zoning objectives of the plan indicate an excessive level of residentially zoned land that is not founded on a needs based assessment as recommended in the Planning Guidelines on Development Plans; and
- which will give rise to the unco-ordinated development of Castlebar, the uneconomic provision of essential public services and will have the effect of increasing the cost of providing future public infrastructure in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 31(2) of the Act, the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government hereby directs as follows:

- (1) This Direction may be cited as the Planning And Development (Castlebar and Environs Development Plan) Direction 2008.
- (2) The Town Council of Castlebar and the County Council of Mayo are hereby directed to take the following steps with regard to the Castlebar and Environs Development Plan 2008-2014;
 - The land use zoning objectives of the written statement and maps of the plan shall indicate any lands located to the North of the Northern Regional Route and to the South of the proposed N5 Castlebar Bypass and which have not been zoned in any previous development plan as “Objective J: Rural Character”;

- The rural housing objectives of the plan shall be set out in a manner consistent with the Mayo County Development Plan 2008 as amended by the Planning And Development (Mayo County Development Plan) Direction 2008.

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GIVEN under the Official Seal of the
Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
this 11th day of July 2008.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Smyth', is written over a faint, circular official seal.

Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government