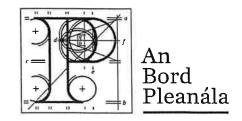
Our Ref: ABP-304028-19



Dee Ryan Limerick Chamber 96 O'Connell Street Limerick

Date: 10th June 2019

Re: 10 year permission for opera site re-development including a mixed use scheme of primarily offices, supported by a range of retail and non-retail services, cafes/restaurants, licenced premises, apart-hotel, civic/cultural uses (including a city library in the existing town hall), residential, refurbishment of existing protected buildings and open space.

Site bounded by Michael Street, Ellen Street, Rutland Street, Patrick Street and Bank Place, Limerick.

Dear Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with conditions.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Kieran Somers

Executive Officer Officer Direct Line: 01-873 7107



An Bord Pleanála 64 Marlborough Street, Rotunda, Dublin D01 V902

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Re: Opera Site Development, Limerick City Centre.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Limerick Chamber, I would like to fully endorse and support the proposed project to redevelop the Opera site in Limerick city.

For a decade the abandoned site has been a visual reminder in the heart of our city, of the devastating impact that the recent recession had in the Mid West.

The development of this project will be an important step towards building a modern Limerick. It will be a boost to the overall city centre regeneration and will give an economic and social uplift to the city.

I am pleased to note the sensitive approach that has been taken to the protection of the architecture and heritage of the existing buildings. The proposed development will help rejuvenate our Georgian quarter and bring life back to the Old Town Hall.

The provision of a modern, tall office building at Bank Place is a particularly welcome feature that the Chamber believes will add visual interest to the urban skyline. The addition of this tall building, together with other tall buildings in the city centre, announces Limerick as a modern place to do business.

To sum, Limerick Chamber urges you to favourably regard this planning application which will allow for contemporary buildings to mix comfortably with heritage buildings and establishes new visual interest in the heart of Limerick City. The potential economic benefits from the development will have positive ripple effects across the region.

Yours sincerely,

Dee Ryan

Chief Executive Officer Limerick Chamber