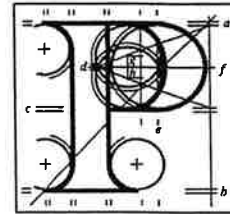


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**An
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Pleanála**

David O'Brien
Limerick Civic Trust
Bishops Palace
Church Street
King's Island
Limerick

Date: 6th 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 Sir,

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,

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Regarding application: Limerick City and County Council application for the redevelopment of the c. 2.35 Hectare 'Opera Site' in Limerick City Centre.

To whom it concerns,

Limerick Civic Trust is very pleased to endorse the Opera Site planning application which will be a transformative project for Limerick city centre.

This initiative will have the capacity to attract thousands of new jobs to the city centre which should have a very positive impact on the commercial and residential sectors and may well help to rejuvenate the Georgian Quarter and other areas, consistent with the objectives of Limerick 2030 'Economic & Spatial Plan'. We understand that the project will be extremely sensitive to any and all historical aspects in the area of construction enhancing what is already known and provided for within this area.

We are delighted to note that the architectural design team is led by renowned firm JCA Architects of Cork whose back catalogue is of a very high calibre with particular consideration of the historical and heritage aspect of the area under review along with the environmental impacts of such a development within the city centre of Limerick. We are glad that a vast amount of the Georgian elements of the development will be retained, enhanced and put back into life, especially the former town hall building will be used as the new facade to the public library. We feel that the new proposed modern fourteen storey building is a welcome addition and will be the focus of commercial development for the city.

People are at the heart of what is Limerick and there isn't a city with greater need to promote and develop its core than Limerick bringing life back in to the heart of this once great metropole the jobs, homes and commercial life that was once common place.

Limerick Civic Trust embraces what Limerick 2030 'Economic & Spatial Plan' is striving to achieve for Limerick and Ireland and wishes this exciting international initiative every success.

Yours sincerely,

David O'Brien

Encl. Cheque for €50 payable to An Bord Pleanála