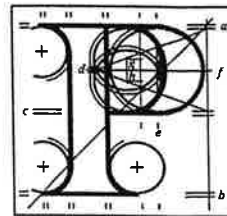


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An
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Michael MacAree
National Transport Authority
Dún Scéine
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Date: 6th June 2019

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.

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 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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Subject: NTA Submission - Limerick Opera Site

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find attached the NTA's submission on the redevelopment of the Opera Site in Limerick City.
Can you please confirm receipt at your earliest convenience.

Kid regards,

David Clements
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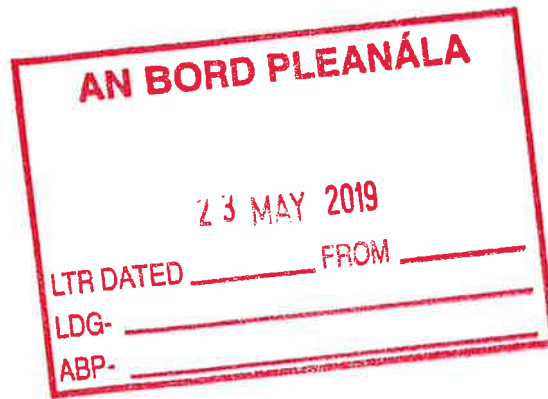


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RE: Redevelopment of the “Opera Site” in Limerick City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

The National Transport Authority (the “NTA”) have reviewed the above planning application and, based on the principles of transport and land use integration, and on the associated policies and objectives of the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES), make the following observations.

The NTA has commenced the preparation of the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (L-SMATS). This Strategy will be based on the emerging RSES and, as such, will incorporate the following as core principles:

- Closer integration between land use planning and transport planning;
- Increased population, employment and supporting services in central areas and on public transport corridors, in particular the consolidation of development into Limerick City Centre;
- Travel Demand Management Measures, including reduced parking standards in central areas; and
- Improved public realm to support walking and cycling.

In principle, therefore, the NTA supports the proposed development as it seeks to maximise the use of this city centre site and to manage access by private car by departing significantly from the prevailing maximum car parking standards. The proposed development focusses activity into a part of the city which is relatively well-served by public transport and where the potential for walking and cycling is greatest, while the provision of a new public open space accessible from four locations will improve the permeability of this part of the city. In addition, the scale of the proposed development, and its landmark nature, may act as a catalyst for further redevelopment and regeneration in Limerick City Centre, contributing to the achievement of the NTA’s core principles as set out above.

I trust that the views of the NTA will be taken into account in the assessment of the above planning application.

Yours sincerely,

Michael MacAree

Head of Strategic Planning

