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The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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Re: Limerick City & County Council An Bord Pleanála Reference: ABP-304028-19

Application under Section 175 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, for the redevelopment of a c.2.35 hectare 'Opera Site' in Limerick City Centre. The development site is bound by Patrick Street, Rutland Street, Bank Place, Michael Street and Ellen Street, comprising 1-8 Patrick Street, 3-9 Ellen Street (including 9a), Watch House Lane, Michael Street Car Park, The Granary, Oscail House, 4-9 Rutland Street and the Town Hall Patrick Street.

Dear Sir / Madam

On behalf of Shannon Foynes Port Company (SFPC) I am making this submission in support of the development as proposed by Limerick City & County Council. Please find attached a cheque in the sum of €50.00 in respect of the submission fee.

Regeneration of the Opera site has been considered and brought forward within the wider context of the city in an integrated way, locking the area into the shared vision for a sustainable city under the guiding principles of Limerick 2030.

At the launch of Limerick 2030 in April 2013, a Charter of Convergence and Cohesion was signed by the heads of the principal agencies in the Mid-West region. This Charter sets out a series of commitments which at the centre contains a resolution to working in a collaborative way for the benefit of Limerick city and the region. As a signatory to the Charter, SFPC commits to joint planning, integrated development and coordinated deployment of resources and it is in this regard that we support the development as proposed.

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Limerick 2030 has set an ambitious agenda and regeneration of the Opera site is high on the list of projects to be delivered. The proposed development, in accordance with Limerick 2030 Masterplan seeks to regenerate multiple sites and buildings in the heart of Limerick city centre whilst facilitating a mixed-use scheme for the betterment of the city and the wider community.

The proposed development has many positive implications for the proper planning and sustainable development of Limerick city and the wider region. In this regard I would urge An Bord Pleanála to support the development as proposed and grant consent to Limerick City & County Council.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Keating CEO
Shannon Foynes Port Company

