

An Bord Pleanála

Des Fitzgerald University of Limerick 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 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,

Kieran Somers/ Executive Officer

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An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") 64 Marlborough Street Dublin 1

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Re: Opera site development, Limerick city planning application to An Bord Pleanála

To Whom It May Concern

University of Limerick is very happy to confirm its full support for the proposed development of the Opera site in Limerick.

I believe this project will rejuvenate Limerick City centre with the provision of much-needed office accommodation in the core of Limerick. The provision of a modern tall building at Bank place is extremely welcomed, will be perfectly integrated with its surrounding, and will bring national and international recognisance to Limerick.

I also applaud the project's focus on assisting the regeneration of the Georgian Quarter where the buildings on Patrick Street and Ellen Street will be re-used to residential and retail. I would like to congratulate the fact that the Old Town Hall will be transformed to an exciting 21th century library in the city centre. It will give an opportunity to demonstrate that the architectural heritage of Limerick can be appropriately used and renovated.

I am delighted to see the provision of innovated public squares at key locations throughout the site. This will bring back people of Limerick at the heart of the project.

Overall, it is stimulating to see the creation of a new modern city with a balanced approach with the protection of Limerick's history.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Des Fitzgerald

President