

LIMERICK DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028

Chief Executives Report on Pre-Draft Consultation Process

Report to Council Under Section 11(4) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended)

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1.1 Introduction

Limerick City and County Council is in the process of preparing a new Development Plan for Limerick. In accordance with Section 11 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Limerick City and County Council have commenced the review of the Limerick City Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended) and the Limerick County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended) and the preparation of the proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028. The Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028, will be the first combined development plan for Limerick City and County, since the merger of the two local authorities in 2014.

The preparation of the Limerick Development Plan is one of the most important functions of the council acting as a blueprint for the development of Limerick from a physical, economic, social and environmental viewpoint over the lifetime of the plan.

The review process commenced on the 15th August 2020, with the publication of the Issues Paper entitled **Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028, What is your Vision for Limerick?** The Issues Paper provided the context of the preparation of the proposed Development Plan and identifies how the proposed plan fits into the hierarchy of legalisation, which includes United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Southern Region and Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP), which is contained in the RSES.

Notwithstanding the restrictions placed on holding public events and meetings due to Covid 19, the level of engagement at this stage of the process was high with a total of 248 submissions received, 12 of these related to zoning requests and were therefore considered invalid and 7 were received after the closing date.

Limerick City and County Council wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who made submissions, all those who gave of their time to attend meetings, both physical and virtual, and engaged with officials and also the Elected Members.

1.2 Purpose of the Chief Executive's Report and next step

The preparation of a new Development Plan involves a 3 stage process as set out in figure 1 below. This report forms part of stage 1 of the statutory process of making a new Development Plan. Its primary function is to list and summarise the main issues raised in the submissions received during the pre-draft consultation process, and to provide recommendations on the policies to be included in the Draft Development Plan. This report will be issued to the Elected Members of Limerick City and County Council for consideration.

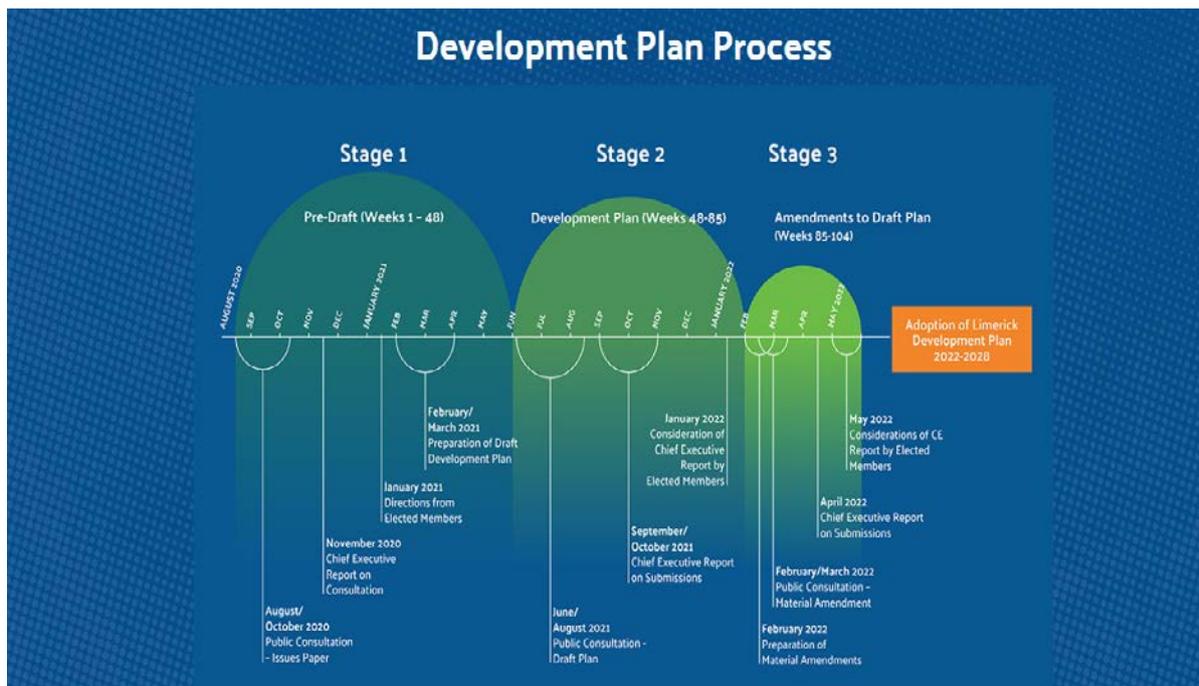


Figure 1: Development Plan Process

The next step involves the Elected Members considering the report within a period of up to 10 weeks. Following this, the Members may issue directions to the Chief Executive, regarding the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.

Any such directions shall be strategic in nature, consistent with the draft core strategy, shall take account of the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area, and shall take account of any relevant Government or Ministerial policies or objectives.

In accordance with section 11(4)(f), in issuing directions the Elected Members shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development plan relates.

Within 12 weeks following the receipt of any directions from the Elected Members, the Chief Executive shall in accordance with Section 11(5)(a) of the Act, prepare a draft development plan and submit it to the members of the planning authority for their consideration.

1.3 Format of the report

The report is split into a number of parts as follows:

- Part 1 outlines the purpose and legislative requirements of this report, outlines the pre-draft consultation process, gives an overview of the submissions received and recommendations made and presents a draft core strategy;
- Part 2 summarises the submissions from the Office of the Planning Regulator and the Southern Regional Assembly and gives the Chief Executives opinion and policy recommendations;
- Part 3 contains a summary of the submissions, the Chief Executives opinion and recommendations on the main policies and objectives which should be addressed in the new Development Plan, grouped under themes. They are not intended to be

exhaustive but give a good indication of the key broad policy areas which will be detailed and expanded upon in the Draft Development Plan.

- Part 4 gives an overview of the issues raised at information events.
- There are 7 appendices as follows: Appendix A lists the bodies and persons that were consulted; appendix B lists the submissions received, identifies the relevant theme(s) and SDG(s); appendix C lists the late and invalid submissions, appendix D gives a list of principle international, national, regional and local policy documents and guidelines and plans that need to be considered in drafting the plan; appendix E sets out the mandatory requirements for making a development plan as set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Appendix F includes a copy of the newspaper advertisement and list of acronyms listed G.

1.4 Legislative Background for the Chief Executive's Report

Section 11 (4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), sets out the requirements in relation to the preparation of a Chief Executive's Report. The Chief Executive's Report is required to deal with any submissions or observations received on foot of the notifications and consultations (carried out under Section 11 (2) and (3) of the Act), with, inter alia, the public, prescribed bodies, service providers and the Board.

In accordance with Section 11 (4)(b) the Chief Executive's Report must:

- (i) List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations, as well as any persons or bodies consulted;
- (ii) Summarise the issues raised in the submissions and during the consultations, where appropriate, but shall not refer to a submission relating to a request or proposal for zoning of particular land for any purpose;
- (iii) Give the opinion of the Chief Executive on the issues raised;
In this regard, the Chief Executive's opinion must take into account (a) the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, (b) the statutory obligations of any Local Authority in the area, and (c) any relevant policies or objectives of the Government or any Minister of the Government.
- (iv) Finally, the Report shall state the Chief Executive's recommendations on the policies to be included in the Draft Development Plan.
- (v) The Chief Executive's Report must then be submitted to the Elected Members of the Planning Authority or a committee of the Planning Authority for their consideration.

Following consideration of the report the Elected Members may then issue Directions to the Chief Executive regarding the preparation of the Draft Development Plan (Section 11(4)(d)). These Directions shall be strategic in nature, be consistent with the Draft Core Strategy and shall take account of the statutory obligations of the Local Authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives of the Government or of any Minister of the Government.

In issuing Directions, Section 11(4)(f) of the Act states that the Members shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the Development Plan relates.

1.5 Pre – Draft Consultation Process

1.5.1 Description of notification

The process of making development plans must be open, transparent and inclusive. All interested individuals and organisations, at local, regional and national level, must be given adequate opportunity to comment or make submissions for consideration by the Elected Members before the policies; objectives and measures to be included in the plan are decided upon. Consultation provides a key opportunity for citizens, stakeholders, community groups, businesses and the general public to ensure that their views are considered in shaping the future of their community and of their City and County.

The Pre-Draft consultation stage commenced on the 15th of August 2020 and ran until 12th October 2020. The process commenced with the publication of a ‘Section 11 notice’ indicating Limerick City and County Councils intention to review the existing Limerick City Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended) and the Limerick County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended) and prepare a new Limerick Development Plan for the period 2022 – 2028. This notice was published in the Limerick Leader on the 15th August 2020.

The Covid-19 public health crisis and the related restrictions on public gatherings provided a significant and unprecedented challenge to the consultation process. Limerick City and County Council looked for new ways to consult with the public at a time when the ‘traditional’ drop in consultation evenings were not accessible or appealing as previous consultations. Engagement in the process was actively encouraged through various measures, including:

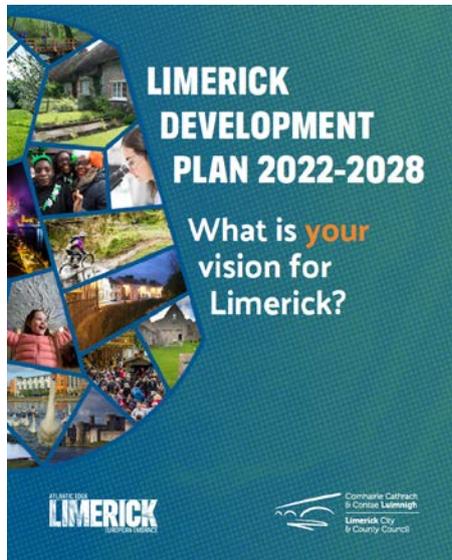
- A new brand was developed for the proposed Development Plan, which give the development plan process its own distinctive identity to make it recognisable as a unique project;
- A dedicated webpage on www.limerick.ie and a dedicated email address were developed devplan@limerick.ie
- A social media campaign was run using Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram, which included biteable video clips, updates on the public consultation events, details of the webinar etc.
- A direct mailing campaign was undertaken and 62,000 residences received a postcard, outlining details of the plan review and details of the public consultation events;
- Members of the Development Plan team participated on local radio interviews;
- A number of presentations were made to the Public Private Network (PPN).

1.5.2 Issues and Background papers

An Issues Paper and eight supporting background documents were published and made available on the dedicated website www.limerick.ie/limerick-development-plan and hard copies provided in Limerick City and County Council Offices in Corporate Headquarters in Merchants Quay, County Buildings in Dooradoyle, in each of the Municipal Offices and in all public libraries.

The Issues Paper set out the key question - What is your vision for Limerick? It also considered a number of key themes and background papers were prepared to support the Issues Paper,

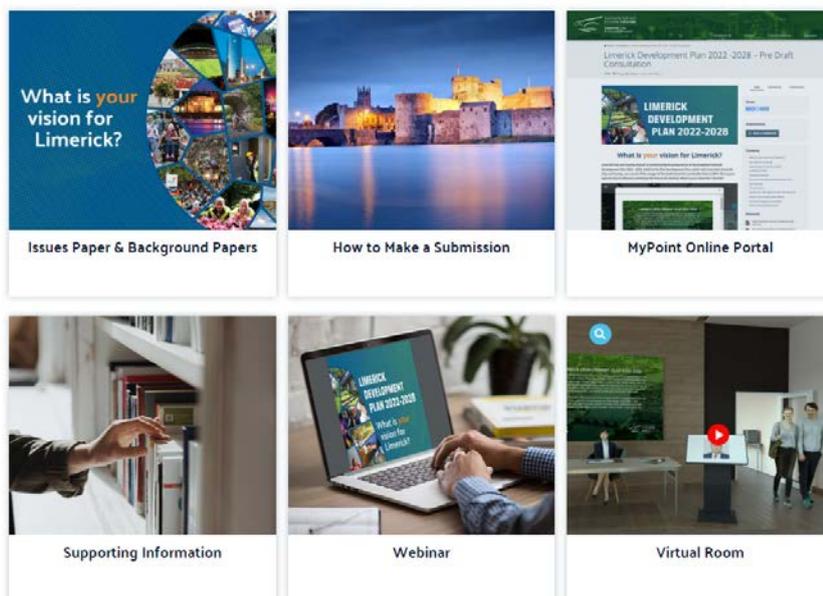
should the public wish to engage further on any of the themes. The background papers focused on eight key areas, which included People and Places, Economic Development and Employment, Settlements and Key Facts, Connectivity and Infrastructure, Environment, Heritage, Landscape and Green Infrastructure, Energy, Climate Change, Flooding and Transition to a Low Carbon Economy, Community and Recreation and Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Document.



1.5.3 Webpage

A dedicated Development Plan webpage was developed by the Local Authority, which includes a simple format with a number of tabs to ensure ease of accessibility of the public in using the webpage. There were 9,493 hits on the website during the public consultation period.

limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-property/limerick-development-plan/limerick-development-plan-2022-2028



The webpage displayed the key elements in terms of content and included the following:

- Details on how to make a submission via the various different means, including via email, post or the online portal;
- An online portal to facilitate the making of submissions under themed headings was provided on the webpage. The portal facilitated compliance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (amended), which requires all submissions were uploaded online within 10 days of receipt;
- Supporting information, which included the existing Limerick City and County Development Plan, the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region;
- Details of registering for a webinar, which was hosted on September 17th 2020;
- A virtual consultation room.

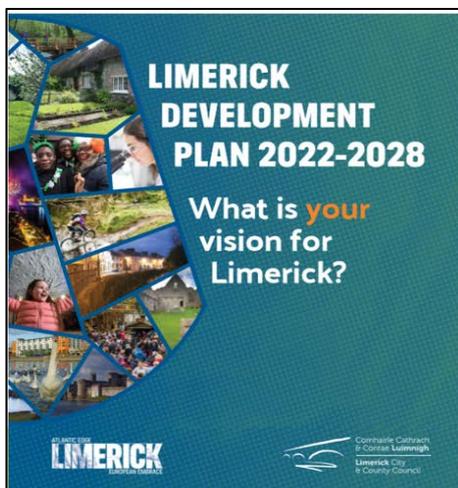
1.5.4 Virtual room for public consultation

A virtual room, which was developed by Limerick City and County Council to provide an online consultation room to allow the public access a ‘virtual consultation’ of the pre-draft issues. The virtual room allowed users the experience of a drop in public consultation from the comfort of their own home. Given the restrictions and implications of the current pandemic, the Local Authority wanted to create a safe alternative to the ‘traditional’ drop in consultation evening.

The virtual room included a welcome note by the Limerick Mayor Michael Collins and Limerick City and County Council’s Chief Executive Pat Daly. By following the room layout, the user could access information on the Development Plan process, the UN Sustainability Goals and each of the themes included in the First Issues Paper. Each theme was presented by accessing a banner with infographics detailing existing statistics and ‘where we are at’ and included some thought provoking questions to stimulate debate and feedback on the vision for Limerick. The room had 2,953 viewers over the period of the public consultation.

1.5.5 Webinar

An online webinar was run on the evening of the 17th September and afterwards presentations were made publicly available online.



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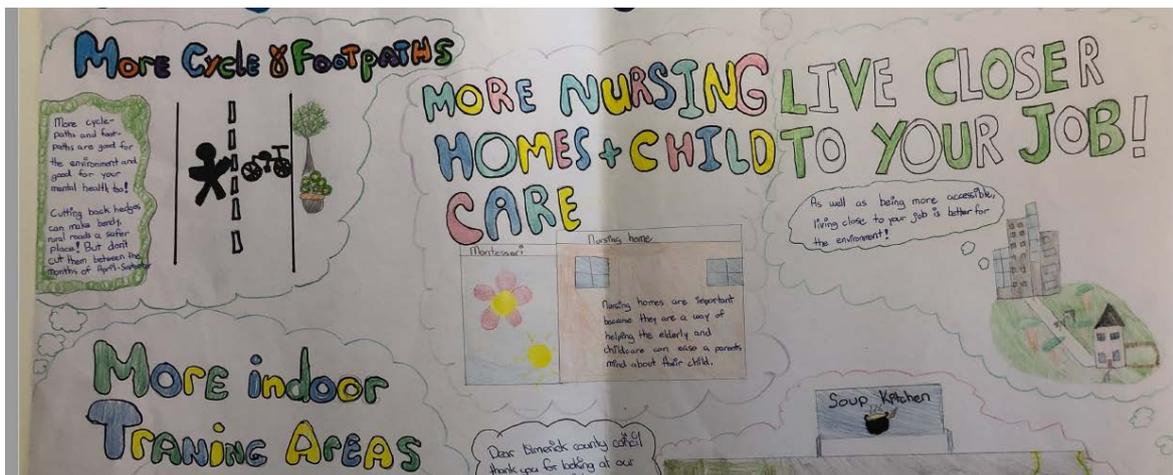
- **Vincent Murray** Director of Services, Limerick City and County Council – Host
- Welcome by **Mayor Michael Collins** and **Chief Executive Pat Daly**
- **Maria Woods A**/Senior Planner, Limerick City and County Council Our Plan for Limerick - *Introduction, Legislation & Context*
- **Kieran Reeves** Senior Executive Planner, Limerick City and County Council - *Sustainable Development Goals*
- **Karen Burke** Senior Executive Planner, Limerick City and County Council - *Limerick's Key Challenges/Opportunities*
- **David Clements** Transportation Planner, National Transport Authority – *Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Plan*
- **Siobhan O'Dwyer** Assistant Planner, Limerick City and County Council - *Online Consultation Tools and How to Make A Submission*

1.5.6 Engagement with young people

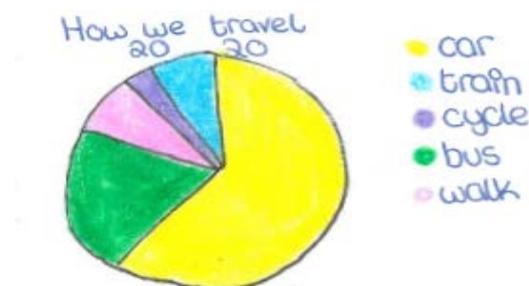
The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires engagement with young people and groups who represent young people. Engagement with primary and secondary school students was delivered via an interactive schools programme, which was developed for both primary and secondary schools in line with the school geography curriculum – 170 packages consisting of 10 maps with 1km and 2 km radius shown from each school building and an Issues Paper document was distributed. The programme was designed to engage young people in the Development Plan process, also tying in with lessons that teachers were delivering in the classrooms.

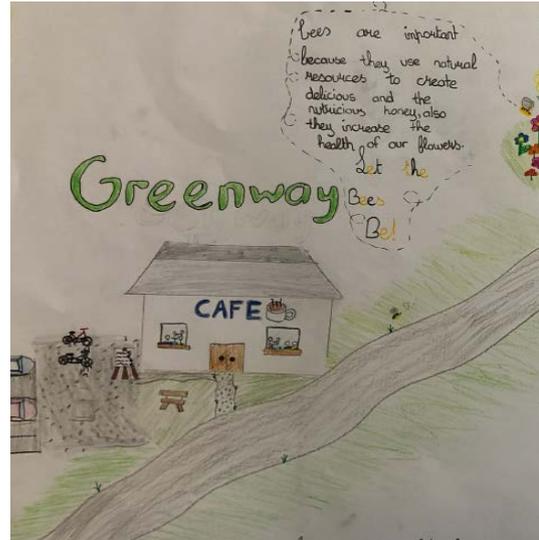
Overall 12% of the schools across Limerick engaged in the process and made formal submissions. Additional resources were offered to all schools interested in taking part including additional mapping material, additional Issues booklets and a zoom call with a Planning Official to discuss findings, ideas and issues raised throughout the workshop.

The virtual meetings proved very popular among schools and in total, ten additional hours were spent in consultation online with student groups to discuss the workshop and allow the students to present their 'vision and follow on phone calls with teaching staff.



Thank you
Limerick for listening
to our recommendations
and change ideas
& hope you can
try and implement
them!





1.5.7 Public Meetings

Notwithstanding the Covid 19 restrictions, there was demand for physical meetings. Public meetings were facilitated, by appointment only, in each of the Municipal Districts as set out below. Over 30 meetings were held over 5 days.

- 7th September 2020 Corporate Headquarters, 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm
- 8th September 2020 Newcastle West Municipal Office, 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm
- 9th September 2020 Cappamore – Kilmallock Municipal Office, 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm
- 14th September 2020 Corporate Headquarters, 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm
- 15th September 2020 Rathkeale House Hotel, 2.00pm – 7.00pm

1.5.8 Social Media Analytics

The social media campaign on social media platforms kicked off on the 15th of August with information links, links to the online portal and biteable videos and advertisements to create awareness around the proposed Development Plan and a call for the public to get involved. The social media campaign was highly successful with tweets on the Development Plan featuring in the top 20 tweets for Limerick City and County Council's official twitter page in August, September and October. The following table is a brief outline of the social media analytics collected from the 15th of August 2020 to the 12th of October 2020.

Social Media Analytics	
Impressions on Social Media (Number of times users saw the Tweet on Twitter)	69,964
Engagements – Total number of times a user interacted with a Tweet	2,555
Engagement rate	3% (7% highest rate)
Media Views – Number of times people saw media file for three seconds or more	7,529
Media Likes	229
Most popular tweet (9988 view)	<i>'What is your vision for Limerick? First consultation period begins on new #LimerickDevPlan</i> <i>More info:</i> https://t.co/fWWZfrQ9Mp https://t.co/YR6FKqOo3Q
Highest Engagement Rate Tweet (7%)	<i>Busy day getting our 170 Primary and Secondary Schools their #LimerickDevPlan consultation packs into the post. Looking forward to hearing, what our younger citizens have to say. What is your vision for Limerick? Get involved check out</i> https://t.co/2i9Yiyi82q https://t.co/ytX455tylm

Table 1: social media analytics

1.5.9 Stakeholder Consultation Meetings

Given the restrictions of Covid 19 in terms of travel and gatherings, stakeholder workshops were not feasible, alternative arrangements were made to ensure that all Stakeholder groups were given the appropriate footing to raise any concerns and updates ahead of the draft plan stage. Thirty-three online meetings were held with interested stakeholders at this stage of the plan preparation process (see figure 2 below).



Figure 2: Stakeholder meetings

1.5.10 Consultation with Elected Members of Limerick City and County Council

The Elected Members of Limerick City and County Council are responsible for making the Plan under Section 12 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (amended) and are required to consider each stage of the plan review process. They are both contributors and decision – makers to the review process and engagement with Elected Members throughout the process is critical, having regard to the nature and scale of the material to be considered.

Education and training for Elected Members is critical at the initial stages of the Plan review process. A number of training workshops for the Elected Members were held in advance of the publication of the Section 11 notice. These sessions were offered both virtually or physical meetings format, to allow for ease of access for all Members. These training sessions were also recorded and available to view by the Elected Members after the event.

The Economic and Planning Strategic Policy Committee will also play an important role in the formation of a new plan for Limerick. The proposed plan was discussed at a number of meetings including June 2020 and October 2020.

Further engagement will take place throughout the plan review process, this will take place via a number of fora, much of which will be dictated by Covid 19 and the measures Government set out in the coming months. These will include, workshops / briefing meetings, Strategic Policy Committee meetings, Full Council Meetings for agreement at the various stages of the plan making process, etc.

1.6 Overview of submissions received and recommendations made

In total there were 248 submissions received during the pre-draft stage, which comprised of 229 valid submissions, plus 7 late submissions. There were also 12 invalid submissions, which

were deemed not to comply with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act as they specifically requested zoning changes. Of the 229 valid submissions:

- 68 (29%) were online submissions submitted via the online consultation portal;
- 23 (10%) were submitted by post;
- 138 (60%) were submitted by email.

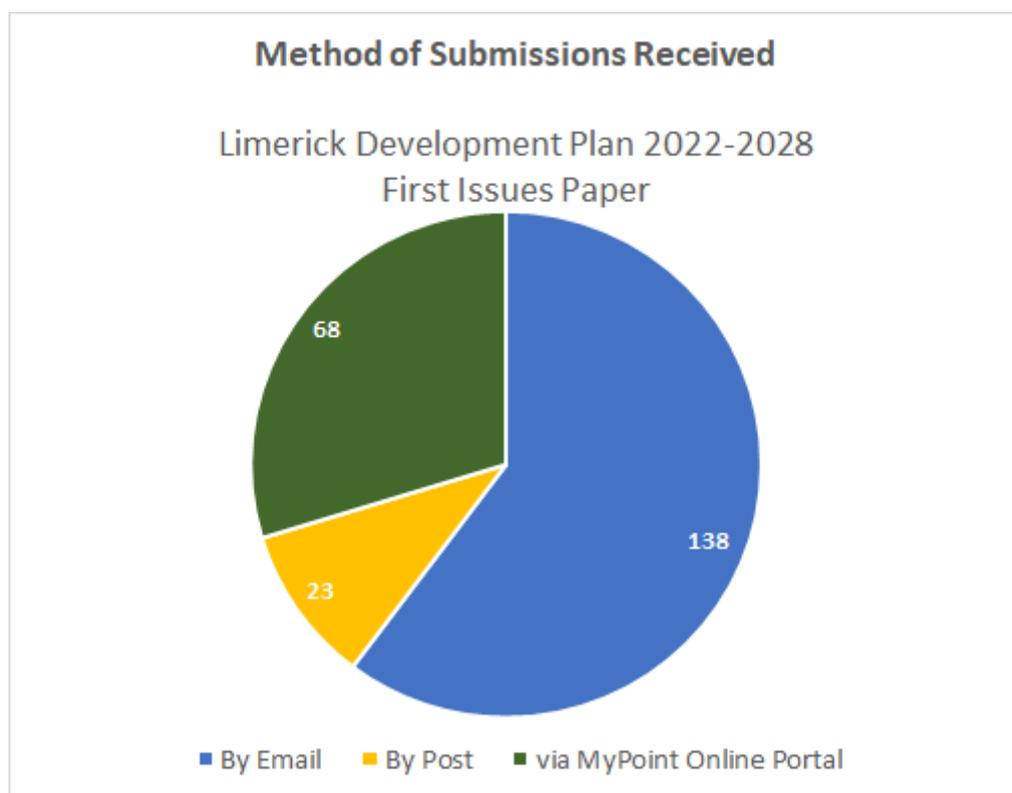


Figure 3 – Breakdown of submissions by method of receipt

A wide range of issues were raised in the submissions received. These are summarized, and addressed by the Chief Executive, and form the bulk of the content of this report. A list of all those who made a submission is included in Appendix 1 of the Chief Executives Report. A summary of the Chief Executives recommendations are summarised below.

Theme	Summary of Main Issues Raised	Chief Executive Recommendations
1. Vision	The vision should include for the development of Limerick as a place for all people to live, learn, work, relax and engage in economic activity. The vision should be achieved through an integrated approach to housing location and public transport provision, climate change mitigation and adaptation,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a strategic vision and policy objectives that align with, as appropriate UN Sustainable Development Goals, the National Strategic Outcomes in the NPF and the Regional Strategic Outcomes of the RSES.

	<p>social justice including ongoing development of Regeneration and disadvantaged communities, additional dwelling provision and elevated building standards. Human and environment wellbeing should be at the core of the vision and all policies. Limerick also needs to use its strong points such as its sporting background to create a sense of pride and take advantage of its potential due to its waterfront location.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft plan shall be informed by the ‘Guiding Principles’ and ‘National Enablers’ that are set out in the RSES and NPF.
<p>2. People and Places and core strategy</p>	<p>The Core Strategy will be a key element in the Draft Development Plan to apply in detail the ambitious growth rates for the Metropolitan Area and to determine the hierarchy of settlements and appropriate growth rates for the County. Population growth shall comply with the targets set out in the NPF and RSES. Development shall be in the form of compact growth with 50% of new housing to be located within the existing footprint of the City and Suburbs and 30% in all other towns. The key town of Newcastle West shall play a critical role in underpinning the RSES and ensuring a consolidated spread of growth beyond the cities to the sub-regional level. There was concern expressed in the relation to the excessive quantum of lands zoned in the Newcastle West LAP compared to the RSES targets. Issues raised also included the need for farming families to be able to develop on family lands.</p> <p>Other issues included ensuring there is enough physical, social and community infrastructure in place to support both existing and new residential development, ensuring that there is good housing choice with opportunities to downsize and allow all residents, including older people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare an evidence based Core Strategy for the proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028, which will be informed by key data, including land availability, demographics, population and housing targets, planning and construction activity, which will identify population growth and future projections in line with the NPF Implementation Roadmap, the RSES and the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan • Prepare a robust Settlement Strategy, which will deliver strategic development in areas identified for growth, with Limerick City and the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area at the centre of the growth, followed by the Key town of Newcastle West. • Include a policy to review and update Local Area Plans to comply with the Limerick Development Plan, following adoption. • Include policy and objectives to support compact growth by prioritising housing and employment development in locations within and contiguous to existing city and town

	<p>and those with disabilities, to be catered for within the community.</p> <p>Further issues include the need to maximise what Limerick has to offer such as the waterfront, the Georgian Quarter, the Docks and the need for people to live in the city, to address dereliction and vacancy throughout the City, towns and villages. Need to support city and town centres for high quality retail and identify major regeneration opportunity sites & have clear strategy.</p> <p>The need for the development of accessible neighbourhoods & to focus on local services was highlighted as a key issue.</p>	<p>footprints where it can be served by public transport, walking and cycling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include objectives that continue to support the communities in the regeneration areas, in line with the Limerick Regeneration Framework Plan. • The preparation of the Draft Development Plan will include consideration of how best to increase densities, where considered appropriate, while having regard to key considerations, such as delivery of compact growth, compliance with national guidelines, availability of high – quality public transport, provision of affordable housing. • Include policies and objectives to deliver rural housing in line with national and regional guidelines. • Incorporate the recommendations of the Housing Strategy and the Housing Need Demand Assessment to inform the policy of the Draft Development Plan. • Incorporate the recommendations of the Building Height Strategy into the Draft Development Plan. • Deliver site briefs for strategic sites and incorporate the outcomes of the review and update of the ‘Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Plan’. • The Draft Plan shall incorporate the relevant objectives from the LDA’s proposed Framework Plan for the Colbert Quarter.
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<p>3. Economic Development and Employment</p>	<p>In terms of enterprise and employment, a range of submissions made recommendations regarding the needs of the county to develop as an economic, education and tourism hub including the appropriate location for enterprise and employment, support for start-ups, support for diversification of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Draft Plan shall provide strong policy support for the delivery of an integrated transport and spatial planning approach. This will be reflected in the proposed Core Strategy, which will set out the population allocation and employment growth for Limerick that

	<p>agricultural farming with the implications of Brexit and encouraging maximising the growth of sustainable tourism.</p> <p>The need to match the requirement of market demands and density of residential development is recommended as needing greater flexibility while the need to seek opportunities for economic development in sector developments is outlined.</p> <p>The Marine sector is identified an emerging sector and this is considered applicable to Limerick given the potential of Shannon Estuary.</p> <p>Recommendations include the protection of agriculture. Smart Specialization is raised as focus needed to develop place making for enterprise, knowledge diffusion, clustering and capacity building;</p> <p>Issues raised includes the request for a comprehensive review of all lands zoned, unzoned and underutilised, to meet housing and employment uses. In light of the current pandemic, support for home working, shared work spaces and hub developments and the improvements in rural broadband as supporting the change in work pattern.</p> <p>There were a large number of submissions on the city centre, recommending the city to redevelop into a multifunctional place with retail, office and residential accommodation in the City Centre providing people with what they need, near where they live and the need to address issues of dereliction and vacancy. There were suggestions</p>	<p>will deliver sustainable population growth and support greater modal shift to sustainable modes of transport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preparation of the Draft Development Plan shall involve the review of the employment hierarchy in line with the emerging core strategy. The Draft Plan shall consider how best to ensure that there are sufficient zoned lands available in appropriate locations to support the range of future employment needs for Limerick. The Plan shall seek to protect and promote the strategic employment locations identified in RSES and seek to identify other opportunity sites for development. • The Draft Plan shall set out policies and objectives to support and develop the rural economy to enhance the competitiveness of rural areas by supporting innovation in rural economic development and enterprise through the diversification of the rural economy into new sectors and services, including ICT-based industries and those addressing climate change and sustainability. • Opportunities for smart home working including the development of hubs should be considered. • The Draft Plan shall provide policy guidance in relation to Data Centres. • The Draft Development Plan shall seek to provide policy and objectives to support the delivery of education, training and skills development.
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	<p>that the Georgian area shall be promoted for re-use and a need to activate and bring more life through events into the city centre. Need for greater mixed use developments along the Quays. Need for employment within regeneration areas also referenced. In relation to retail it is suggested that the City centre to be repositioned as the premier regional shopping destination at the top of the retail hierarchy and retail policies should support the sequential approach.</p> <p>Submission in relation to the importance of and need for policy support for Shannon Airport and Foynes port were made.</p> <p>A large number of submissions were made in relation to tourism and the potential for economic growth in this area. Some of the opportunities identified included medieval Limerick, Adare, Bruff, Lough Gur, development of the night time economy, enhance Limericks food heritage and need for motor home parking. It is requested that the proposed plan includes more proactive rural tourism polices and identification of strategic tourism sites.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed retail strategy shall inform the retail policies in the development plan and shall have regard to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The requirements of the NPF and RSES; (b) The Retail Planning Guidelines; (c) Ensure new retail development, wherever possible supports the role of the City Centre and town centres as the principle location for shopping activities; (d) Ensure that the continuing vitality and viability of the City Centre and town centres is maintained and enhanced; and (e) Ensure provision in the plan for retail activities appropriate to meet the needs of the population targets set out in the core strategy. • Incorporate the outcomes of the review of the Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Plan into the Draft Development Plan. • It is recommended that the Draft Plan contains clear policies and objectives setting out the important role that the City Centre plays at the heart of the Metropolitan Area and the importance of active land management to regenerate the city centre and address vacancy and dereliction. • The Draft Plan shall include policies and objectives to safeguard the City Centre and to increase the residential population living in it.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include policies and objectives to safeguard open space and green space in the City Centre. • Support the Limerick Food Strategy and include policy support in the Draft Development Plan to support and promote the food industry. • Update the policies and objectives of the chapter to reflect recent developments, trends and areas of new policy guidance. • Acknowledge the importance of the natural environment, landscape and heritage as a resource for tourism and include strong policies in the plan to protect these assets. Ensure the link between tourism and other sectors of the plan is recognised and ensure that policies and objectives are consistent and supportive across sectors. • Recognise the importance of the Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland’s Ancient East as significant tourism brands and to encourage the expansion of the brands where appropriate. • Include policies to support the development of greenways, blueways, walkways and cycle ways across Limerick in order to encourage sustainable activity tourism. • Include policies in relation to promoting good quality and design of shop fronts. • The Draft Development Plan shall recognise the importance of Shannon Airport for the Limerick Region.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Draft Development Plan will recognise the strategically important role of the both the Limerick and Foynes Ports for jobs growth and its future potential as an engine of growth for in Limerick, and as a major attractor of investment. • The Draft Plan shall recognise the strategically important role of the Shannon Estuary and support the ongoing implementation of the SIFP. • The Draft Development Plan will include policy support for the Foynes to Limerick Road Scheme including Adare by pass. • The Draft Development Plan shall include policy support to reopen the Foynes to Limerick rail line. • The Draft Plan will set out policies and objectives to protect access to mineral resources. • The Draft Development Plan shall reflect the 5 principles outlined in the RSES in terms of developing the Economic Development Strategy, which will form an integral part of the Draft Development Plan. The Draft Development Plan shall seek to ensure that Limerick maintains its desirability in terms of attracting investment, including supply of highly skilled graduates, available housing at a reasonable costs both from a rental and purchase perspective and good quality of life, by supporting third level institutes and identifying appropriate zoned lands to ensure adequate supply of housing to serve the market.
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<p>4. Connectivity (transport and digital)</p>	<p>The main issues raised included the need to consolidate urban generated development and for integration of spatial land use planning and transport planning. Investment in the active modes of cycling, walking and public transport, support infrastructure for Electric Vehicles and the expansion of the Coke Zero bike scheme were raised. Limerick City Centre Traffic Management Plan needs to be a priority and there needs to be ‘safe school zones’ around schools.</p> <p>A revision to parking standards and reduction in parking spaces within the city center and removal of HGVs to allow for infrastructure for smarter modes. The marginalization of rural Limerick due to lack of public transport network was also raised.</p> <p>There was specific submissions on the Adare Bypass, the Foynes to Limerick Road, the Limerick to Cork Motorway, the Northern Distributor Road and the Colbert Station Transport Hub. In light of Brexit, changes to transport and in particular freight transport, importance of Foynes, access with Cork and Waterford, as well as air transport – for high value goods was supported. Issues around the protection of Shannon Airport and the removal of flight services was raised. Support was submitted for the reopening of Kilmallock Railway service and the electrification of existing services are supported.</p> <p>Concerns in relation to rural broadband and requests for improved digital connectivity were also made.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Draft Plan shall provide strong policy support for the delivery of an integrated transport and spatial planning approach in line with the proposed LSMATS. This will be reflected in the proposed Core Strategy, which will set out the population allocation and employment growth for Limerick that will deliver sustainable population growth and support greater modal shift to sustainable modes of transport. • Provide policy support for the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy on adoption and measures to support its implementation. • Provide support for the delivery of a modern mobility system that enables and encourages modal shift from the private car to more sustainable public transport and active modes and increases accessibility for all, through quality of service and frequency. • The Draft Development Plan should include measures to support opportunities for sustainable 10 Minute Cities and Town neighbourhoods. • Support the Local Link Rural Transport Strategy. • Support high frequency connectivity with Shannon Airport in line with the draft LSMATS. • Update policies to support and promote cycling and the provision of cycle infrastructure throughout Limerick, including upgrade of existing cycle facilities.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update the standards for car parking, cycle parking and associated facilities. • Have regard to the proposals set out by the NTA in relation to the location of strategic park and ride sites in line with LSMATS • Promote the implementation of the Limerick Digital Strategy. • Support for the development of key enabling infrastructure projects, subject to the outcome of the environmental assessments (Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment) Flood Risk Assessments and the planning process.
<p>5. Infrastructure</p>	<p>The main issues raised include the need for investment in services in towns and villages in relation to water and waste facilities and the need for a phased infrastructure led approach to the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The importance of Local authorities requiring the incorporation of Blue Green Infrastructure (BGI) and Nature Based Solutions (NBS) was highlighted as these offer opportunities to create additional infrastructure capacity as well as delivering multiple co-benefits to our society and environment.</p> <p>In line with the Waste Framework Directive, prevention and minimisation should be placed at the forefront of any waste policy. A number of suggestions were also made on how to improve recycling.</p> <p>Submissions on the need for more renewable energy projects and identify new emerging energy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with Irish Water, the Draft Development Plan, shall set out the water services capacity of each settlement and prioritise the necessary water services investment required over the lifetime of the Plan. • The Draft Plan shall include policies that supports the provision of Blue Green Infrastructure (BGI) and Nature Based Solutions • Review and update the wind energy mapping in the existing County Development Plan and prepare an overall strategy for Limerick, in accordance with the relevant guidelines, considering onshore and off shore wind. • Details in relation to all renewable energy technologies shall be considered and supported in the Draft Plan, including solar energy, bioenergy and other technologies including energy storage, combined

	<p>technological diversification and alternative energy sources. A review and update of the landscape character areas and wind energy policies is required.</p> <p>A number of submission relating to air quality and emissions were also made.</p>	<p>heat and power, Liquefied natural gas and carbon capture and storage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Limericks landscape character areas, in accordance with the relevant guidelines. • The Draft Development Plan shall comply with the requirements of the Southern Regional Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021. • The Draft Development Plan will include development objectives to address air quality, to support the reduction of carbon emissions, and to implement the Climate Adaptation Strategy.
<p>6. Social, Community and Recreation</p>	<p>Main issues raised include a request to ensure each town, village, local area has access to recreational and community facilities and the protection of existing community facilities. Education and community facilities should be provided in tandem with the population growth.</p> <p>Growing and developing Limerick’s arts and culture scene as well as the night time economy in the city is critical. Other issues include; importance of identifying lands for educational uses and buffers around existing schools to allow for expansion; anti-social behaviour particularly in city neighbourhoods needs to be addressed; using existing landmarks and buildings to their full potential and developing for alternative uses; wellbeing as the centre of the development plan particularly given current times and the impact on health, wellbeing and the quality of life; development of community gardens, integration of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Draft Development Plan will include policies and objectives to support community, social and educational infrastructure in tandem with residential development. • The Draft Plan shall incorporate polices that support healthy, accessible and diverse communities. • Incorporate the outcomes of the Sports and Recreation Strategy into the Draft Development Plan. • The recommendations from the Play Policy shall inform the Draft Development Plan. • The Draft Development Plan shall align with the Sustainable Development Goals set out by the United Nations. • Recognise the importance in Arts and Culture in policies and objectives of the Draft Development Plan.

	<p>Direct Provision Centres; standards for traveller accommodation; need for inclusive communities and places; disadvantaged communities and the impact of the Regeneration Programme and lack of facilities and spaces for youth.</p>	
<p>7. Landscape, Environment, Heritage and Green Infrastructure</p>	<p>Main issues raised included the timely provision of enabling infrastructure, water and air quality, telecommunications and energy efficiency; need for the recreation of native woodland habitats; need to safeguard Geo-heritage; issues such as illegal dumping and general rubbish and untidiness; recognising and promoting the importance of green infrastructure, landscape, trees, biodiversity, parks and green spaces; integration of ecosystem services, need for green infrastructure strategy, biodiversity action plan and updated landscape character assessment. The need to identify public rights of ways and tree preservation orders (TPOs) in the plan was highlighted.</p> <p>Submissions requesting policy support to protect architectural heritage and archaeology, as well as cultural. Issues in relation to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS), including the inclusion of structures from the NIAH list onto the RPS was also recommended.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a Landscape Character Assessment in line with the relevant guidelines. • Review the existing Records of Protected Structures (RPS) and Architectural Conservation Areas. • Review and Incorporate, where appropriate, the list of National Inventory of Architectural Heritage into the RPS. • Expand the policy and objectives of the plan relating to protection and enhancement of Limerick's built heritage. • The Draft Development Plan shall set out policies to protect our archaeological heritage, including under water heritage. • Update and expand the policies and objectives in relation to safeguarding the Georgian heritage of Limerick. • Provide policy support to protect Limerick's literary heritage. • Recognise the importance of heritage as a tourism product in the Draft Development Plan. • The recommendation of the Burial Ground Strategy shall inform the Draft Development Plan.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a Blue – Green Infrastructure Strategy and incorporate the recommendations into the Draft Development Plan. This shall recognise the multifunctional benefits of blue – green infrastructure, as a key component of climate change, placemaking, recreation and amenity. • The Draft Plan should encourage green infrastructure and nature based solutions, as an alternative to engineered solutions, where feasible. • The Draft Development Plan shall be informed by the outcomes of the Sport and Recreation Strategy for Limerick. • Identify existing rights of way and walking routes, where possible. • The Draft Development Plan shall recognise and support the crucial role biodiversity plays in a wide range of areas including climate change mitigation and adaptation. • The Draft Development Plan shall contain a range of policies and objectives, including a tree policy and will also consider how best to integrate green infrastructure and ecosystem services. • A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SRFA) will be carried out as part of the Draft Development Plan process, in compliance with the relevant legislation to assess the environmental effects of implementing the plan.
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<p>8. Climate Change and Flooding</p>	<p>The main issues raised include the desire that the Limerick Development Plan should address Climate Action and biodiversity and the need to focus on mitigation of and adaptation to climate change. The importance of flooding was highlighted in number a of submissions and also the need to carry out a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and consider OPW flood relief schemes in the formulation of the plan.</p> <p>The need for integration of land use and transport planning was highlighted.</p> <p>In addition, submissions were received supporting renewable energy and local renewable energy projects; need for nature based solutions and the use of blue green infrastructure solutions to create a climate resilient economy; need of increased generation of green energy, across all technologies, all business should be considering clean technology; energy is essential for the development of lands within the Shannon Estuary Plan; need for a renewable energy strategy for Limerick – with a review of areas suitable for renewable energy development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change shall be considered in all elements of the Draft Development Plan formulation; its central role shall be reflected throughout the Plan as a cross cutting theme and all policies and objectives are climate proofed. • Acknowledge the Council’s Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and the work of the Southern Climate Action Regional Office. • It is recommended that an Energy and Emissions Balance be carried out for Limerick to enable an appropriate level of effective monitoring to be carried out. • Include policies and objectives to support renewable energy. • Include policy support for improved energy efficiency and conservation. • The recommendations of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment shall be incorporated into the Draft Development Plan.
<p>9. Environmental Assessment</p>	<p>A number of submissions highlight the importance of carrying out adequate environmental assessments to assess the environmental impacts of implementing the plan and reference particular guidelines that should be considered.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SRFA) will be carried out as part of the Draft Development Plan process, in compliance with the relevant legislation to assess the environmental effects of implementing the plan.

<p>10. Implementation</p>	<p>To achieve the vision robust policies and objectives are required and targets should be established to allow for measurement of objectives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include policy support to ensure a collaborative approach to the preparation of the Draft Plan and examine the possibility for the development of network at implementation stage; • The Draft Development Plan shall identify a number of monitoring targets, which can be established at the plan preparation and which can be monitored through the plan to measure the impact of policies and objectives.
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1.6.1 Alignment of submissions with United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Limerick City and County Council is committed to alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and sets out this commitment in the Corporate Plan prepared in 2019. There are 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which represent a Global call to action across a number of areas including planet, people, prosperity, peace and partnership. They set targets to address issues such as poverty, health and wellbeing, equality, climate change and education. All countries have committed to achieving these goals and to embed them into policies and programmes. The SDG National Implementation Plan was adopted in Ireland in 2018 and the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region have developed and aligned their policies with the Sustainable Development Goals, the Sustainable Development Goals are outlined below and the Issues Paper published by Limerick City and County Council to commence the preparation of the Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 included the Sustainable Development Goals, seeking alignment with the Development Plan.



Figure 4 – United Nation Sustainable Development Goals

The preparation of the Limerick 2022 – 2028 Development Plan is supported by the Positive CityXChange Horizon 2020 project, which is currently being progressed by Limerick City and County Council. The issues paper prepared for the Limerick Development Plan 2022 - 2028 has commenced the process of integrating the goals and objectives and policies to be developed with the SDG's by aligning various policy areas to the relevant SDG's. In addition as part of this first issues consultation, the public were asked directly to identify SDG's that they considered to be most relevant to Limerick. In most cases these submissions did not make direct reference to the SDG's, however it was possible to align the submissions to one or a number of SDG's. In addition, the key themes of each submission were also captured which, indicates the specific areas that should be addressed within the plan. The combination of these elements provide the fundamental vision for the future of Limerick and the key areas for action over the plan period. Below is the result of the alignment process which has been completed.

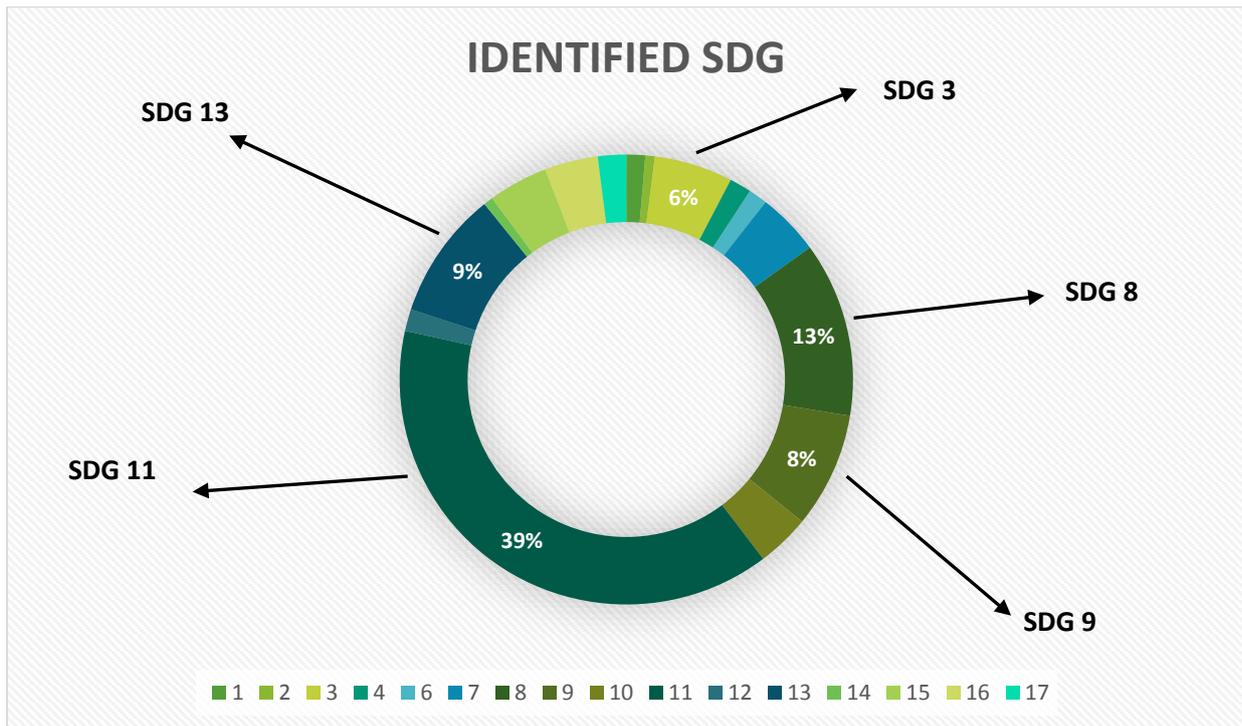


Figure 5 – Submission alignment with Sustainable Development Goals

The main themes that have arose include SDG 11 – Sustainable Communities, SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth , SDG 13 - Climate Action, SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure - A functioning and resilient infrastructure is the foundation of every successful community and SDG 3 – Health and Wellbeing. This first issues consultation demonstrates that above all else the objectives of the Development Plan should seek to create a sustainable communities.

1.7 Draft Core Strategy

1.7.1 Introduction

The Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 introduced the requirement of Local Planning Authorities to include in their Development Plans, a Core Strategy ‘which shows that the objectives in the Development Plan are consistent insofar as is practicable, with national and regional objectives set out in the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and with specific planning requirements set out under sub-section 1 of S28 [Ministerial Guidelines]’¹. The Core Strategy is also important in the context of being able to rationalise and justify the direction of the Development Plan

¹ The Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010, and ...

against all relevant EU Directives. The formulation of the core strategy in line with section 10 of the Act is the most significant element in developing the Draft Development Plan.

The NPF and the RSES, in addition to relevant specific planning policy requirements (SPPRs) specified in Ministerial guidelines under section 28 of the Act, will be key determinants in making the core strategy for the planning authority's functional area. However, the forthcoming updates to the Development Plan Guidelines by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in addition to the publication of guidance in relation to Housing Need Demand Assessment (HNDA), will provide enhanced guidance for the preparation of development plans and their core strategies.

The central focus of the Core Strategy is on residential development and in ensuring that there is a transparent evidence based rationale for the supply of zoned, serviced land for the projected population and demand for new housing, over the lifetime of the Plan. These elements will be informed by a capacity analysis and the proposed Housing Strategy and Housing Need Demand Assessment which is currently being undertaken.

In addition, the Core Strategy must also promote the alignment of land use and transportation planning, which is a critical priority to achieve compact growth, enhanced regional accessibility, sustainable transport, and transition to a low carbon and climate resilient society.

1.7.2 Directions and the Draft Core Strategy

S11 (4) d of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provides that following the consideration of the Chief Executive's Report on submissions for the Pre-Draft consultation stage, that the Members of the Planning Authority may issue Directions to the Chief Executive regarding the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. The legislation provides that any such Directions shall be strategic in nature, consistent with the Draft Core Strategy, and shall take account of the statutory obligations of the Local Authority and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government, or of any Minister of the Government. In accordance with this statutory requirement, an indicative and 'strategic' level Draft Core Strategy is set out, in order to ensure that 'strategic' Directions issued by Members may be consistent with same.

1.7.3 Strategic Overview, key principles and parameters of Core Strategy

The overall population target for the city and county in the core strategy is required to be consistent with the NPF Implementation Roadmap 2018 and the RSES. The projected growth of settlements is also required to be consistent with the policy objectives of the NPF and the RSES, including for the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) concerning the distribution of population growth. This includes the national enablers and guiding principles for future growth for the Limerick-Shannon MASP contained in the RSES.

The following are key principles and parameters of the Core Strategy as set down by the National Planning Framework 2040 and the Southern Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020.

National Planning Objectives of the National Planning Framework (NPF) 2040, including in particular the following:

- There should be emphasis on **compact growth** of settlements in preference to low density urban sprawl: hence the following objectives, NPO3b, to ‘deliver at least half (50%) of all new homes that are targeted in the five cities and suburbs ...to be within their existing built up footprints’ and NPO3c: ‘deliver at least 30% of all new homes that are targeted in settlements other than the five cities...within their existing built up footprints’.
- The NPF targets **significant growth and development in all five of Ireland’s cities**. NPO2 states that a ‘target of half (50%) of future population and employment growth will be focused in existing cities’. The weight given to cities outside of Dublin will reflect the importance of these cities as ‘accessible centres of scale’. The NPF proposes that Limerick city should be able to grow by between 50,000 to 55,000 by 2040, or by up to 60% of its existing population.
- The NPF establishes the principle of **Metropolitan Area Strategic Plans (MASP)** ‘to act as 12 year planning and investment frameworks for the city and metropolitan areas, addressing high level and long term strategic development issues’². An allowance is made for up to 20% of the city’s phased growth to be accommodated in the MASP area. The MASP area or Metropolitan area relevant to Limerick as defined in the Southern Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020 also includes Shannon and parts of south-east Clare, and is called the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan area (see Map 1 below).
- **In relation to the implementation of Core Strategies**, a tiered approach to land use zoning: Three National Policy Objectives (72a,b and c) require that Planning Authorities exercise a structured tiered approach to land use zoning. NPO72a: ‘to differentiate between zoned land that is serviced and zoned land that is serviceable during the lifetime of the Development Plan’. Furthermore, it states ‘When considering zoning of land, if the land is not serviceable within the lifetime of the Plan, that land should not be zoned for development’.

Regional Planning policy adds a second strand of policy to that of the national policy framework, to be incorporated into the Core Strategy. Of relevance to Limerick, the Southern Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2020 has set down certain guiding principles for the Core strategies that will form part of the Development Plans of each of the Local Authorities in the Southern Assembly. The Regional Planning Objectives of particular relevance are:

- RPO3: ‘determine a hierarchy of settlement and appropriate growth rates in accordance with the guiding principles (including environmental protection) and typology of settlement in the RSES.’³

² National Planning Framework: Project Ireland 2040, p134, also see National Planning Objective NPO67, p135

³ Southern Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020, p35

- RPO4: ‘Infrastructure investment shall be aligned with the spatial planning strategy of the RSES’.
- RPO5: ‘Increased population growth should be planned with regard to environmental criteria including: assimilative capacity of the receiving environment, proximity of Natura 2000 sites and potential for adverse effects on these sites and their conservation objectives, areas with flood potential.

Limerick City and County Council will incorporate the following elements from the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and reflect their importance in the Core Strategy and Development Plan:

- Seeking to enable and facilitate the growth of the city and surrounding Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP).
- The promotion of Newcastle West as a ‘Key town’.
- Recognition of the diversity of rural places, to strengthen the settlement network to make rural areas more resilient, and to enable rural areas to function in ways that are complementary to the cities and which are not threatened by their growth.
- The following guiding principles: A living City and Metropolitan Area, Limerick Shannon as a global gateway, Compact sustainable growth, integrated transport and land use, accelerate housing delivery, employment density in the right place, social regeneration, amenities, enabling infrastructure and co-ordination and active land management.

1.7.4 Population projections

The NPF has a target population increase of up to 40,500 people by 2026 and up to 61,500 people by 2036 above its 2016 census figure for the city and county (see table 1 below).

Year	2016	2026	2031
Population projections	195,000	229,000-235,500	246,000-256,500

Table 2: NPF Implementation roadmap population projections for Limerick

The Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Strategic Plan, within the RSES sets out the projected population growth for the MASP area as follows:

Area	Population 2016	Projected Population 2026	Projected Population 2031
Limerick City and Suburbs (Limerick)	89,671	112,089	123,289
Limerick City and Suburbs (Clare)	4,521	5,607	6,150
Subtotal	94,192	117,696	129,448
Remainder Metropolitan Area (Limerick)	15,281	19,453	21,611

Remainder Metropolitan Area (Clare)	22,947	25,414	26,463
Subtotal	38,228	44,867	48,074
Total Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area	132,420	162,563	177,552

Table 3 – Population Projections from the RSES

Targets are not set for individual settlements outside of the cities. Instead a settlement typology was established: ‘It is a framework based on the pillars of our three cities, supported by a network of strategically located Key towns, towns and villages and rural areas’. The breakdown for the remaining settlements in Limerick will occur in the Core Strategy of the proposed Development Plan.

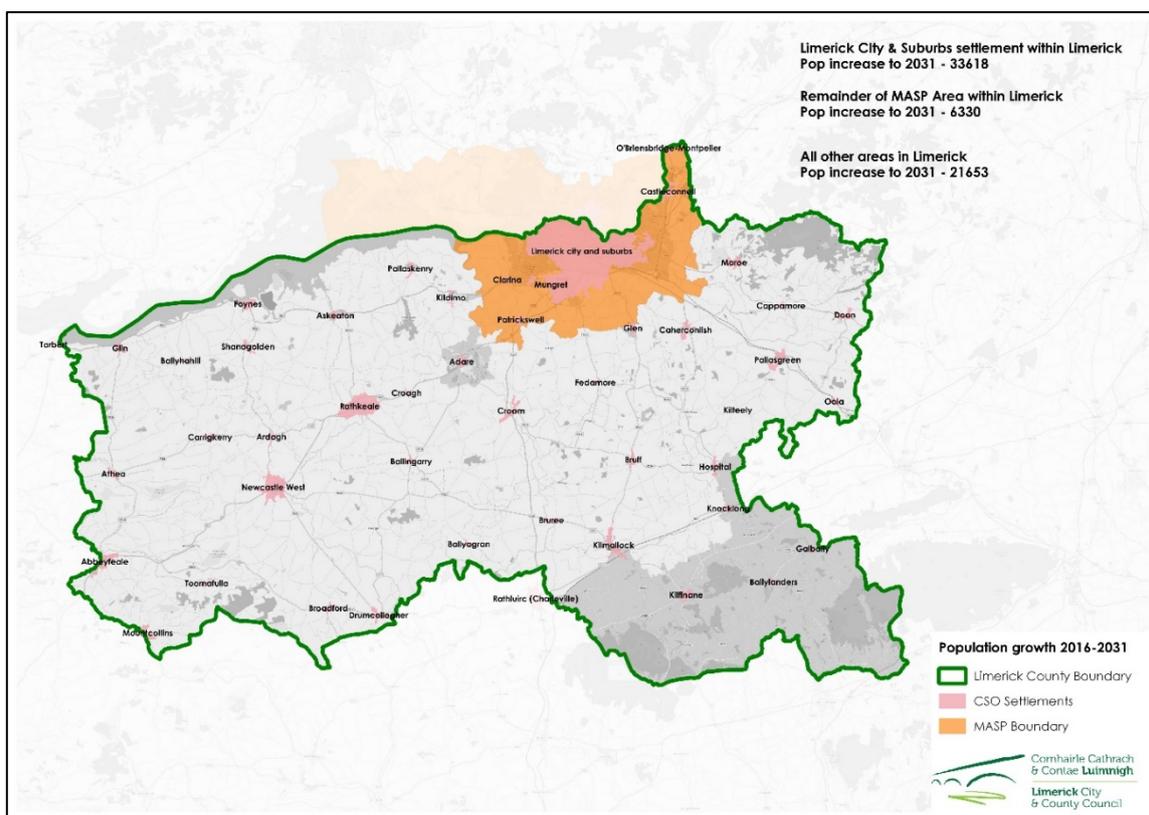


Figure 6 – Draft Core Strategy Map

1.7.5 Housing demand, land availability and service capacity

A key function of the Core Strategy is to show how future land requirements for housing can be met from serviced or serviceable land, in a timely and even-handed manner that supports the strengthening of settlements, and the settlement hierarchy, and which will utilize, enhance and not undermine local amenities and services. The Core Strategy brings together data on service capacity with land availability in the settlements to ensure there is a match between services and where housing development is needed to accommodate population growth across the settlement hierarchy.

To comply with NPO72 of the National Planning Framework (see above) a tiered approach to zoning will be required. A service and infrastructure matrix is applied to settlements focusing

on those settlements that already have lands zoned for residential and mixed use that includes residential.

The Council is aware that it is not sufficient merely to identify which lands can be made available for residential development, but also that there should be a systematic analysis of these sites in terms of the number of residential units (yield) that sites would be expected to accommodate (which is related to the appropriate housing density for that site); into which tier the site belongs (in terms of whether it is serviced or serviceable); and on whether or not development should be phased.

The need for new housing development, and by extension for development land, is derived from the future growth in population, divided by an assumed average household size, and taking into account estimated levels of vacancy and new build that has taken place since the last Census. Limerick City and County Council have commissioned Consultants to assist in the preparation of a Housing Strategy which will include a Housing Needs Demand Assessment (HNDA) as recommended in the National Planning Framework, and which addresses the various dimensions of housing need.

It is intended that the HNDA will assist Local Authorities in developing long term strategic views of housing need across all tenures, provide a robust evidence base to support decisions about new housing supply, wider investment and housing related services that inform overall national housing policy and inform policies about the proportion of affordable and social housing and the different types of houses, required. The Housing Strategy and HNDA will deal with the whole county including both urban and rural areas and their housing needs. This work will inform the draft Core Strategy, and this will, in turn, inform housing policy for Limerick.

1.7.6 Drafting the Core Strategy

The Core Strategy will be drafted as part of the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. The Core Strategy will focus on the population targets set out in the NPF, the RSES and the Limerick Shannon MASP. It will co-ordinate land use zoning, infrastructure and services, will align land-use and transportation planning and will focus on the key strategic issues identified above. A number of proposed strategies, including, the Housing Strategy (which will include a Housing Need and Demand Assessment), Building Height Strategy for the City, a Retail Strategy for the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area and the remainder of the County, an update on the Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Plan, Sports and Recreation Strategy and Environmental Assessments (SEA, AA, SFRA) will provide essential evidence-based input into the preparation of the Core Strategy.

The Core Strategy will be a central component of the Draft Development Plan and will form the basis for many of the Draft Plan's strategies, policies and development objectives.

1.7.7 Environmental Assessment

Environmental assessments of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 are a crucial element of the process, assessing the potential environmental impacts of the implementation of policies and objectives.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) aims to provide a high level of protection to the environment and to promote sustainable development by contributing to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of the Development Plan. EU Directive 2001/42/EC sets out the provisions in relation to Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Appropriate Assessment is an assessment carried out in accordance with Article 6(3) and 6(4) of the EU Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC of the implications of the plan, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects, on protected conservation sites (Natura 2000 sites). The Development Plan can only be adopted if it will not adversely affect the integrity of a Natura 2000 Site.

Part 2

Summary of submissions made by the Office of the Planning Regulator and the Southern Regional Assembly and the Chief Executives opinion and recommendations on policies to be included in the Draft Development Plan

Office of the Planning Regulator		
Key Issues	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
<p>Commends the Local Authority on the innovative methods of public engagement and preparation of background issues papers.</p> <p>Core Strategy & Settlement Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The overall population target for the city and county in the core strategy shall be consistent with the NPF Implementation Roadmap 2018 and the RSES, including the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP). - In respect of compact growth, the RSES states '<i>As required under the NPF 50% of all new housing within Limerick City is to occur within the existing city and suburbs footprint, through brownfield, infill and regeneration. Outside of Limerick City, 30% of all new homes that are targeted in settlements is to occur within their existing built-up footprints as per National Policy Objective 3 (c) of the NPF.</i>' Given the ambitious compact growth target for the city, the core strategy and settlement strategy will need to provide clarity on the anticipated delivery of housing and employment on greenfield and brownfield sites within the city's footprint and the remaining metropolitan area as it applies to County Limerick. - The recognition of the need for compact growth, consolidation and regeneration of town and village centres is welcomed. The settlement typology from the RSES will need to inform the settlement hierarchy and where growth will be prioritised in the forthcoming 	130	<p>Limerick City and Council welcomes the comments of the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) and acknowledges the support in the submission to the Development Plan process.</p> <p>The Council acknowledge the requirements of Section 10(2)(A) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (amended) that requires the Development Plan to be consistent with alia the NPF, RSES and the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan and relevant Section 28 Guidelines. The proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 will set out the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy for development of Limerick over the plan period in line with these requirements.</p> <p>The NPF identifies Limerick for significant population and economic growth over the next 20 years, with the City and suburbs set to grow by 56,000 people by 2040, Compact Growth is a key National Strategic Objective set out in the NPF and it has particular significance for the spatial planning policy for Limerick City. At least 50% of growth to be located within and close to the existing built-up area and will facilitate better use of underutilised land and buildings, including infill and brownfield land, with higher housing and employment densities. Detailed assessment are currently being prepared in relation to land availability and utilisation within the entire City and Environs and</p>

<p>plan. A significant proportion of the county’s future population growth will need to be allocated to the MASP area, the key town of Newcastle West and larger settlements consistent with the RSES.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It will be essential that the planning authority consult with Clare County Council regarding the preparation of its Housing Strategy and HNDA, to ensure an integrated and coordinated planning policy framework for the MASP area consistent with the projections and targets contained in the NPF and RSES. <p>Urban Regeneration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The NPF recognises that the regeneration and rejuvenation of cities, towns and villages of all types and scales can play a role in making stronger urban places and contribute to compact growth. The development plan and relevant local area plans (LAPs) will need to prioritise the development of opportunity sites close to town centres in the first instance. - The population of the city centre and outer city areas declined between 2011 and 2016, while the population of the city’s suburban areas of the Southern Environs and Castletroy, increased by 5.4% and 6.4%. The plan must implement objectives for infill development and regeneration in the inner core and city areas in particular. The development management standards should be reviewed with respect to current standards for residential and apartment development, to ensure they are consistent with the relevant Section 28 guidelines. 		<p>this will be addressed in the Draft Plan, in detail. The importance of the MASP will be reflected in the Draft Core Strategy.</p> <p>Limerick City and County is currently liaising with Clare County Council and will continue to do so throughout the plan preparation process. It is acknowledged that particular focus will be required to ensure consistency and an integrated approach to population growth in the MASP area, in line with the requirements of the NPF and the RSES.</p> <p>The Council recognise the importance of the regeneration of Limerick City Centre as a centre for growth both in terms of housing and commercial growth and also the need to rejuvenate the towns and villages. Policies and objectives of the Draft Plan will reflect this need and will support sustainable compact growth within these areas.</p> <p>The Draft Development Plan will be reviewed to comply with all Section 28 Guidelines setting out policies and objectives, which seek to rejuvenate and revitalise the City Centre, which seeks to deliver housing and employment.</p>
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<p>Economic Development & Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commends the planning authority for its investments and initiatives to stimulate economic rejuvenation in Limerick City and notes that key future growth enablers for the city in the NPF relate to the implementation of the <i>Limerick 2030</i> economic and spatial plan. - Key priorities for the plan will be demonstrating how it can implement and measure the implementation of economic and regeneration objectives and initiatives contained in the NPF, RSES and strategies such as <i>Limerick 2030</i>. - The strategic importance of the Shannon Estuary and the strategic development locations such as Limerick Docks referred to in the Shannon Integrated Framework Plan (SIFP) are noted. Policies and objectives should continue to support marine development, industrial development, an expanded city centre, and infrastructure upgrades consistent with the SIFP. - The importance of the Atlantic Economic Corridor to Newcastle West <i>'...to realise the full potential of the Newcastle West enterprise assets to support job creation, improve competitiveness, attract investment and create future economic growth'</i> is noted. - Impacts of Covid-19 will present significant challenges for the retail and tourism industries in particular. Of particular concern is the implication for the core retail area of the city, where commercial vacancy rates have increased since 2018. The objectives for retail development in the plan will need to support the objective in the 		<p>The Council recognises the importance of a strong economic engine at the heart of Limerick City and have been proactively working to deliver economic growth. Limerick City and County Council will engage consultants to review and update the Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Plan, to assess its impact, measure its success and consider next steps in the redevelopment of Limerick City and Environs.</p> <p>The RSES identifies strategic development locations throughout the City and Environs, the Draft Development Plan will provide policy support for these growth locations and seek to deliver the necessary infrastructure to facilitate this economic growth. The Council will continue to promote the Shannon Estuary in line with the Shannon Integrated Framework Plan.</p> <p>Covid 19 has presented many challenges for the country as a whole; particularly retail and tourism, the legacy of Covid in both sectors remain to be seen. The Council will continue to support the future vitality and viability of the City Centre at the top of the retail hierarchy, to facilitate a competitive and healthy environment for the retail industry in the future. Limerick City</p>
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<p>RSES to reposition the city centre as the premier regional shopping destination at the top of the hierarchy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The plan should be proactive in identifying sites or opportunities to support economic development and employment consistent with national, regional and local policies, and in particular, Section 28 guidelines on retail planning and national roads. <p>Key Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newcastle West is targeted for a population growth of 30% by 2040, increasing the population from 6,619 in 2016 to approximately 8,600 people by 2040. The RSES identifies Newcastle West as part of a group of key towns, which are '<i>Strategically located urban centres with accessibility and significant influence in a sub-regional context</i>'. The RSES also identifies its location as an opportunity for future economic development and employment growth and highlights its strong sub-regional interdependencies with Listowel, Rathkeale, and Abbeyfeale. - The Newcastle West Local Area Plan 2014-2020 has significant amounts of zoned lands, which could accommodate population growth far in excess of the target in the RSES. The planning authority must prioritise the review of the LAP and clearly outline in the core strategy how the 30% target for compact growth will be achieved. - The planning authority are advised to work collaboratively with Irish Water to resolve the existing infrastructural constraints in the waste water treatment plant serving the town. 		<p>and County Council in conjunction with Clare County Council have commissioned a Retail Strategy for the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area and for the remainder of the County, which will influence the future retail policy for Limerick.</p> <p>The Council will identify sites and opportunities to support economic development and employment in line with the requirements of the NPF, RSES and relevant guidelines.</p> <p>The Council recognises the importance of Newcastle West, as Limerick's only key town and consider that it has the ability to accommodate additional development, in line with the requirement of the RSES for an additional 30%, however there are constraints in terms of infrastructure capacity in terms of both water and waste water services. The Council will continue to liaise with Irish Water in this regard. The Council will progress a Local Transport Plan in line with the requirements of the RSES to inform the policies of the Local Area Plan.</p> <p>The Core Strategy will consider the population growth for Newcastle West in line with the NPF and RSES targets and will identify the quantum of zoned land required. An objective to review the LAP will be included in the Draft Plan.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The preparation of a Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Newcastle West in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and other stakeholders should be prioritised and advanced in tandem with the preparation of a new LAP. The development plan should specify what other settlements or areas within the city and suburbs require a LTP and indicate their priority and timing. <p>Local Area Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The large number of existing LAPs for settlements at tiers 3 and 4 of the county settlement hierarchy e.g. Askeaton LAP and Cappamore LAP, are noted. The number of development plan objectives requiring the preparation of a LAP, especially for the smaller towns/villages or where limited growth is anticipated should be limited. The incorporation of a number of the LAPs into the plan and the intention to review the LAPs for Kilmallock, Abbeyfeale, Rathkeale, Adare, Patrickswell, Croom, Askeaton and Castleconnell is welcomed. <p>The quantum of land zoned for housing in existing settlement plans and LAPs should be aligned with the proposed housing allocation from the forthcoming core strategy in accordance with NPO 9 of the NPF.</p> <p>Transport & Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commends the comprehensive nature of the background paper on connectivity and infrastructure. 		<p>The Council recognise the importance of the network of towns and villages throughout Limerick, each playing a role in the provision of services for its local area. There are currently 16 Local Area Plans covering varying settlements throughout Limerick and it is proposed to incorporate detailed objectives and zoning plans for the following towns: Bruff, Hospital, Kilfinnane, Cappamore, Caherconlish, Castletroy and the Southern Environs LAPS into the Draft Plan.</p> <p>A Local Area Plan review programme will be prepared to review plans to ensure compliance with the proposed Limerick Development Plan on adoption. The review of the plans will consider the quantum of zoned lands and projected population growth in line with the Core Strategy and Housing Need Demand Assessment and subject to Infrastructure capacity and environmental assessments.</p> <p>The Council is committed to the development of an integrated land use and transport-planning approach to the Draft Limerick Development Plan, the Draft Plan will align with the outcomes of</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In view of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from transport and associated energy use, it will be essential to achieve a significant modal shift to meet the requirements under section 10(2)(n) of the Act. Trends for walking and cycling to work are more positive than the national average, however there is scope to reduce reliance on the private car. - The NTA has prepared the Draft Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS). A key issue for the plan will be the alignment with the overall vision, objectives, supporting measures and implementation actions of the LSMATS. The inclusion of modal shift targets to be achieved over the plan period are encouraged. - Limerick has a number of national roads forming part of the EU's TEN-T transport network, which provide access to other cities, regional centres, ports and airports. The development plan must ensure policies protect the strategic function of national roads, maximise the benefits of existing and planned public transport investment, and that planned improvements to the national road network are not eroded by a growth in demand for car travel. - The route corridor planning and options for the M20 (Limerick to Cork), N21/N69 (Limerick to Adare to Foynes), N21 (Abbeyfeale), N21 (Newcastle West Bypass) and N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction must be protected. Policies and development management standards regarding access to national roads must be consistent with the <i>Spatial Planning and National Road Guidelines (2012)</i>. 	<p>the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy and the NPF and RSES, which emphasise active and public transport modes. There is a requirement for significant modal shift away from the private car, in order to reduce emissions, congestion and to comply with the requirements of national policy. In this regard the LA will work with the NTA to identify the targeted modal shift.</p> <p>Compact growth is a cornerstone of the NPF and RSES, the concept of 10 minute City and town as set out in the RSES, supports the approach of integrated land use and transport planning.</p> <p>The Council recognise the importance of the TEN – T network and the enhanced regional accessibility provided by the network, which is outlined in the NPF and RSES. Policies will be included in the Draft Plan to safeguard the existing and proposed network.</p> <p>The Council will provide policy support in the Draft Development Plan to support the development of key infrastructural enablers for Limerick and the wider region. Appropriate policies will also be included in the Development Management standards to safeguard the development of these projects.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proactive implementation of the <i>Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets</i> (revised 2019), consistent with RPO 151, will assist in delivering sustainable and active transport modes, improvement in the street environment and overall quality of life of urban areas and settlements. - While the city’s water and wastewater infrastructure has capacity to accommodate growth, a number of the waste water treatment plants in the county’s settlements are overloaded or have limited capacity and issues in terms of meeting EPA requirements. The planning authority must work proactively with Irish Water to progress projects that deliver infrastructure for the county’s settlements and support development in strategic locations such as Newcastle West, given the infrastructure issues consideration should be given to using the tiered approach to land zoning set out in NPO 72a and Appendix 3 of the NPF. <p>Rural Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The plan must provide the appropriate balance between policies supporting rural housing in appropriate locations, and proactively support regeneration and address issues of town/village decline and compact growth, consistent with NPO 19 and NPO 20. The projected need for single housing in the countryside in the HNDA should consider the current supply of vacant houses. - The development of rural housing policies should be consistent with NPOs 18 and 19 of the NPF, and distinguish between areas under strong urban influence and elsewhere. 	<p>The Council will continue to implement the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2019) as a tool in the delivery of new developments and enhancing public realm in Limerick.</p> <p>The Council will continue to work proactively with Irish Water to seek to deliver critical infrastructure for Limerick, particular in locations identified for growth, such as Newcastle West, as well as other key centres throughout Limerick.</p> <p>The Council recognises the importance of rural development for County Limerick in terms of sustaining rural communities and ensuring continued viability of these communities. The Draft Development Plan must reflect the provisions of the NPF and the RSES, while also reflecting the outcomes of the Housing Strategy and the Housing Need Demand Assessment, which will identify rural housing needs over the plan period.</p> <p>The existing County Development Plan reflects the policy as set out in the Rural Housing Guidelines 2005; careful consideration will be required to address this element of the Draft Development Plan while having regard to the provisions of the NPF and RSES.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The plan should consider the practical implementation of appropriate policy objectives through suitable land activation approaches and proactive facilitation of the building of homes within the existing footprint of rural settlements through measures such as site acquisition and serviced sites, consistent with NPO 18a and NPO 18b. <p>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) consistent with <i>The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009)</i> will be required. The Office advises against the use of information from the Office of Public Work’s (OPW) Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA) and arterial drainage benefitting land maps to inform the SFRA. The OPW Flood Relief Schemes should be considered and undertake adequate flood risk assessment to determine if there is sufficient information to inform zoning decisions or if further analysis is required. <p>Climate Action and Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Having regard to the <i>Climate Action Plan 2019</i> and to the objectives of the NPF and the RSES, the county’s transition to a low carbon economy and the overall reduction in carbon emissions will become a central issue in the preparation of the plan. The challenge for the plan in responding to climate action is acknowledged. - Regarding climate change mitigation measures pertinent to section 10(2)(n), section 6.3.3 – A Transport Vision for the Southern Region 		<p>The Draft Development Plan will continue to promote policies to support sustainable development of rural areas and facilitate development within rural settlements. Challenges relating to inadequate provision of infrastructure in many settlements will need to be considered.</p> <p>The Council, have engaged with consultants to assist in the preparation of a Strategic Flood Assessment. This inform the decision making in the Draft Limerick Development Plan. The Council have also consulted with the OPW at the pre- draft consultation stage and will engage further with them throughout the plan making process.</p> <p>Climate action, including a reduction in carbon emissions and energy use is a cross cutting theme and will be reflected throughout the plan. The Draft Development Plan will play its role in transitioning to a climate resilient low carbon city and county. The Council will work closely with the Climate Action Regional Office and have regard to the Limerick City and County Council Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019 – 2024, as well as through initiatives and tools developed in national and regional guidance.</p>
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<p>and RPO 151 in the RSES are of relevance regarding the integration of land use and transport planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Office commends the information on the location and output (in megawatts) from existing wind farms and permitted solar farms across the county. The promotion of renewable energy sources in accordance with the section 28 <i>Wind Energy Development Guidelines</i> (2006), Circular Letter PL 5/2017: <i>Interim Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Statutory Plans, Renewable Energy and Climate Change and Wind Energy Development Guidelines 2006 – Update on Review (July 2017)</i>, or any replacement guidelines, will be critical to ensure Ireland meets its national targets and commitments to increase renewable energy supply and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The specific planning policy requirement (SPPR) under the aforementioned interim guidelines requires, that the planning authority indicates how the implementation of its development plan over its effective period will contribute to realising overall national targets on renewable energy and climate change mitigation, and in particular wind energy production and the potential wind energy resource (in megawatts). 		<p>The potential for renewable energy generation will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan, the Wind Energy Strategy as set out in the existing County Development Plan will be reviewed in light of updated draft Guidelines. The Council is committed to carrying out an emissions balance for Limerick, which will outline energy consumption and generation, which will assist in addressing the implementation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare an evidence based Core Strategy for the proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028, which will be informed by key data, including land availability, demographics, population and housing targets, planning and construction activity, which will identify population growth and future projections in line with the NPF Implementation Roadmap, the RSES and the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan. 2. Prepare a robust Settlement Strategy, which will deliver strategic development in areas identified for growth, with Limerick City and the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area at the centre of the growth, followed by the Key town of Newcastle West. 3. Include a policy to review and update Local Area Plans to comply with the Limerick Development Plan, following adoption. 4. Prepare rural housing policies in line with the requirements of the NPF, RSES and the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines (2005). 5. Prepare a series of policy and objectives to achieve compact growth in all settlements. 		

6. The preparation of the Draft Plan will involve a review of the employment hierarchy having regard to the settlement network emerging from the preparation of the draft plan Core Strategy.
7. Provide policy support for the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy on adoption and measures to support its implementation.
8. The integration of transport and land use planning will be a key component of the Draft Development Plan, as it links all aspects of the development plan from place making, public realm and regeneration to climate change.
9. Climate Action as an overarching cross cutting theme, shall ensure that all policies and objectives are climate proofed.
10. Include policies and objectives to support renewable energy.
11. Carry out a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment in accordance with the relevant guidelines and include policies and objectives to ensure compliance with the outcomes.

Southern Regional Assembly		
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<p>The submission by Southern Regional Assembly begins by outlining the pivotal role the Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 has to achieving the transition to compact growth and delivering on targets and strategic infrastructure required by national and regional policy for Limerick and the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area. The RSES provides a vision for the development of the Southern Region to become one of Europe's most Creative and Innovative, Greenest and Livable regions. The submission also refers to the key component of the RSES strategy to strengthen the settlement structure of the Region and to capitalise on the individual and collective strengths of our three cities, our metropolitan areas, and our strong network of towns, villages and rural communities.</p> <p>People and Places</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The submission refers to achieving compact growth as a central theme of the RSES; 50% of all new homes targeted for Limerick City 	69	<p>The Council welcomes the comments of the Southern Regional Assembly; the Draft Plan will reflect national and regional strategic planning policy objectives by identifying Limerick City as the primary driver of economic and population growth. The Council acknowledge the importance of the both the NPF– National Strategic Outcomes (NSO's) and the RSES Strategic Outcomes (RPO's). It is recognised that the NSO's and RPO's are broadly aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as outlined in the Issues Paper, published in August 2020.</p> <p>The Council acknowledge the significant growth identified for Limerick and recognise the principles of sustainable</p>

<p>and 30% in other settlements must be within their existing built up footprints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Core Strategy will be a key element in the Draft Development Plan to apply in detail the ambitious growth rates for the Metropolitan Area and to determine the hierarchy of settlements and appropriate growth rates for the County. The RSES requirements relating to Core Strategy are set out in Section 3.3 of the RSES and include Regional Policy Objectives (RPOs) such as RPO 2: Planning for Diverse Areas, RPO 3: Local Authority Core Strategies and RPO 5: Population Growth and Environmental Criteria. - The Core Strategy should reflect NPF and RSES priorities by positioning the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area as a primary driver for economic and population growth in the Southern Region. <p>Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area (LSMA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The submission advises the NPF's opportunity for accelerated growth and transformational development of Limerick City to have strong expression in the new Development Plan. - The new Development Plan will require a strong and distinct focus and emphasis on the Metropolitan Area with development objectives to reflect MASP policy objectives and should be informed by the vision for the Metropolitan Area as set out in the LSMASP. - The Draft Development Plan should also be informed by the key infrastructural and transformative enablers in the following sections: 		<p>growth embodied in the NPF and RSES and the requirement to achieve compact growth. The Core Strategy of the Draft Development Plan will identify population growth for Limerick and the settlement hierarchy will identify where the development will occur outside of the Metropolitan area. The Council is committed to securing compact growth, with specific targets for the delivery of new homes on infill and brownfield sites.</p> <p>The settlement strategy of the Draft Plan will be prepared having due regard to the settlement strategy and settlement hierarchy contained in the RSES. The Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan will be the focus of significant growth with Limerick City at the nuclei of the growth.</p> <p>The Council recognises the focus on the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area and the opportunities for Limerick City to build on the resurgence that had been experienced pre Covid and has continued as a slower pace during Covid. The Council has commenced the review of the Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Plan and hope to engage consultants in the coming weeks, which will assist in the identification of further transformational projects within Limerick City and Environs. Limerick City and County Council will be carrying out a Building Height Strategy for Limerick City and have engaged with consultants to assist in its preparation. This</p>
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<p>Section 2.1: Limerick City, the Guiding Principles in Section 3.2 and National Enablers in Section 4.0 of the LSMASP in formulating the Development Plan policy for the Metropolitan Area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 3.4 of Chapter 3, addresses the key challenge for our Cities and Metropolitan Areas and sets out key RPOs to support their development and Appendix 3 of the RSES sets out shared goals shared across each of our Region’s Cities and Metropolitan Areas which should be addressed in the development of the overall strategy for the Metropolitan Area. <p>Key Town of Newcastle West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The submission identifies the key town of Newcastle West (see RPO 22) to play a critical role in underpinning the RSES and ensuring a consolidated spread of growth beyond the cities to the sub-regional level. - The submission advises that the Draft Development Plan should address the special circumstances of Newcastle West as one of the Region’s smaller scaled Key Towns but possessing a strategically located urban centre of significant influence in a sub-regional context. - Through the RSES, Irish Water (IW) Investment Plans must align with the objectives and settlement strategy of the RSES and assist the strategic role played by Key Towns. Collaboration is required between IW and local authorities to agree phasing, water and wastewater services to accommodate growth in a phased, sustainable manner. 		<p>will seek to establish a framework for increasing the scale of Limerick City, with a plan led approach.</p> <p>The Council recognises the importance of the identification of Newcastle West as a key town and seeks to consolidate development in the town. Newcastle West serves a large rural hinterland and is strategically located and well placed for growth. However as outlined in the submission, constraints exists in terms of wastewater and water capacity, the Council will continue to liaise with Irish Water to seek to deliver the critical infrastructure necessary to facilitate the growth as identified in the RSES.</p> <p>The RSES in section 3.5 states that some Key Towns may justify significant growth while others may place a greater emphasis on strengthened services, facilities and economic roles. The Council considers that having regard to the strategic location in West Limerick and links to North Kerry that the town has potential to justify additional significant growth which will also strengthen service and economic activity.</p>
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<p>Towns and Villages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The submission notes that after the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area and Key Town of Newcastle West, the distribution of growth across the County’s other towns, villages and rural areas is a matter for the Development Plan to address. The RSES does however seek prioritisation (see Section 3.6 Towns and Villages) in the growth allocation for settlements informed by guiding principles as set out under RSES Section 3.3. ‘A Tailored Approach’. - Section 3.3: A Tailored Approach states that when allocating for future growth in the Core Strategy of each Development Plan, local authorities will have regard to the RSES settlement typology and apply the guiding principles. - The Draft Development Plans should include appropriate guidance for new homes in small towns and villages and renewal initiatives to assist an evidence-based approach to identifying appropriate sites for housing, social and physical infrastructure, including water and wastewater infrastructure. <p>Rural Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The RSES strongly supports the development of our rural areas recognising the decline of population and services in many of our smaller settlements as a problem of strategic national and regional importance and acknowledges the need for investment to reverse decline and attract population and enterprise growth. - Section 3.7: Rural Areas of the RSES states that Core Strategies in Development Plans should identify areas under strong urban 		<p>The Draft Plan will include a settlement strategy and settlement hierarchy based on the existing and proposed population, availability of services and capacity of infrastructure to accommodate growth. Limerick is home to a large number of settlements scattered throughout the county of varying size, many with limited capacity in water and wastewater infrastructure. The Council will carry out a detailed assessment as part of the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p> <p>The Council recognises the importance of rural development for County Limerick in terms of sustaining rural communities and ensuring continued viability of these communities. The Draft Development Plan must reflect the provisions of the NPF and the RSES, while also reflecting the outcomes of the Housing Strategy and the Housing Need Demand Assessment, which will identify rural housing needs over the plan period.</p>
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<p>influence in the hinterlands of settlements. They will set an appropriate rural housing policy response to avoid ribbon and over-spill development from urban areas, support revitalised towns and villages, achieve sustainable compact growth targets and protect the rural resource for rural communities, including people with an established local connection to the area and relevant policy is set out in RPO 27. This facilitates the needs of rural communities, whilst controlling pressures for urban-influenced housing demand.</p> <p>Networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The submission outlines the recognition of ‘network’s within RSES; when settlements combine their similar economic strengths and specialisms it provides strategic opportunities to drive the regional economy. From a Development Plan perspective, the submission notes that while the RSES process has identified the potential for collaboration actions, a commitment to deliver is required at a local level if opportunities are to be realised. The submission identifies a number of potential networks in terms of economic development and collaboration on the Shannon Estuary. <p>Compact Growth and Regeneration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The RSES includes specific objectives in relation to compact growth and for Metropolitan Areas. In its preparation of the Draft Development Plan, the Council should implement RPO 10: Compact Growth for Metropolitan Areas with policies and actions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prioritise housing and employment development in locations within and contiguous to existing city footprints where it can be served by public transport, walking and cycling; 	<p>The existing County Development Plan reflects the policy as set out in the Rural Housing Guidelines 2005; careful consideration will be required to address this element of the Draft Development Plan while having regard to the provisions of the NPF. However, the Draft Development Plan will continue to promote policies to support sustainable development of rural areas.</p> <p>The Council will explore the potential for the development of networks to further enhance the collaborative approach that already exists in Limerick and the wider region. This includes the continued collaboration on the implementation of the SIFP with relevant stakeholders and adjoining Local Authorities.</p> <p>The Council will comply with the requirements of RPO10 in terms of compact growth considering infill and brownfield site as key development sites to achieve compact growth. The Council has already engaged with the Land Development Agency in terms of active land management, targeting underutilised City Centre brownfield sites in order to accommodate mixed use development at the core of the City</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify strategic initiatives to achieve compact growth and regeneration; - Consideration of Active Land Management Units with a remit to focus on the metropolitan areas and delivery of projects to achieve compact growth; - Demonstrate partnerships with the Land Development Agency; - Support for the role of the Local Authority as a development agency to kick start regeneration; - Deliver site briefs for strategic sites; - Active initiatives to deliver renewal under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015; - Active initiatives to tackle derelict sites and under use of vacant property assets; - Active initiatives for enhancing the public realm; - Creation of data bases and systems for reporting progress and action across regeneration, development and infrastructure delivery. <p>- The submission advises the central role Limerick City Centre will play in the accelerated growth and transformational development of the Metropolitan Area needs to find strong expression in the new Development Plan. Section 7.2 states that as regeneration issues in Limerick City are similar to Shannon, there are opportunities for both local authorities to work together to overcome challenges. This should be explored further through the Development Plan process.</p> <p>- For Newcastle West and other towns and settlements, RPO 35 (c) states: "Development Plans shall set out a transitional minimum requirement to deliver at least 30% of all new homes that are</p>		<p>Centre centred around a transport hub, which is Colbert Station.</p> <p>As outlined above, the Council is commencing the review of the Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Plan, which will review the progress since 2013 and next steps in terms of identification of additional sites, which can accommodate significant transformational projects for Limerick, address vacancy, dereliction and deliver on public realm, creating an high quality environment in the City Centre in which citizen would wish to reside.</p> <p>The Council acknowledge the importance of Limerick City in the development of the wider region and agree that it is not without many challenges, including the legacy of Limerick regeneration areas. LCCC often liaise with Clare County Council on a number of issues and are happy to work with Clare in terms of sharing experiences in terms of regeneration projects.</p>
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<p>targeted in settlements other than the cities and suburbs, within their existing built up footprints in accordance with NPF National Policy Objective 3c. This will be evidence based on availability and deliverability of lands within the existing built up footprints.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RPO 34: Regeneration, Brownfield and Infill Development states that, in pursuit of the NPF’s NPO 3a, 3b and 3c, the Development Plan Core Strategy should be accompanied by specific objectives setting out the achievement of urban infill/ brownfield development. <p>Economic Development and Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The submission advises the Draft Limerick Development Plan should strive to enable sustainable, competitive, inclusive and resilient growth. This requires the development of a strong and diverse economic base by incorporating the five Economic Strategy principles as contained in RSES: Smart Specialisation; Place making for Enterprise Development; Knowledge Diffusion; Clustering; Capacity Building. - The RSES advocates for greater economic and sectoral diversification, particularly in rural areas where it has been shown that many towns and villages are vulnerable to the effects of economic changes and shocks such as COVID-19 restrictions. - The submission notes the analysis undertaken by the three Regional Assemblies; the COVID 19 Regional Economic Analysis undertaken to inform policymakers at a local, regional and national level of the 		<p>The Draft Development Plan will reflect the 5 principles outlined in the RSES in terms of developing the Economic Development Strategy, which will form an integral part of the Draft Development Plan. The Draft Plan shall seek to ensure that Limerick maintains its desirability in terms of attracting investment, including supply of highly skilled graduates, available housing at a reasonable costs both from a rental and purchase perspective and good quality of life, by supporting third level institutes and identifying appropriate zoned lands to ensure adequate supply of housing to serve the market.</p> <p>The importance of diversification of the rural economy is acknowledged and will be promoted in the Draft Plan.</p>
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<p>extent of economic exposure and resilience across Ireland. The report indicated an Exposure Ratio of 44.9% for Limerick City and a relatively low Exposure Ratio for Newcastle West of 45.3%. The economic impact of COVID-19 will have far reaching implications and the ability of policymakers to use an evidence-based approach in identifying the exposure, resilience and appropriate responses is critically important.</p> <p>Region's Economic Drivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The submission outlines how creating a strong City and Metropolitan Area should be the central element to establishing Limerick's economic resilience. Enhanced collaboration between all three Metropolitan Areas will be a key enabler in this regard. Promoting a collaborative intra-regional partnership approach between Limerick-Shannon, Cork, Waterford and Galway should be a key priority in the Development Plan. Furthermore, the Atlantic Economic Corridor offer opportunities for inter-regional collaborative initiatives and an all-island economic perspective. Limerick's central location within this corridor is a significant advantage and presents an opportunity for Limerick to play a lead role in inter-regional collaboration initiatives. - Developing the economic potential of Newcastle West Key Town, towns and villages will provide the economic catalysis for rural areas. <p>Sector Development Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Marine sector is identified in the RSES as an emerging sector. This is applicable to Limerick given the potential of Shannon Estuary. This sector will be central to Marine Spatial Planning and revitalising rural and coastal communities. RSES Section 4.9.2: Growing the Blue Economy and Section 6.3.4.2: Our Regions Strategic Port and Harbour 		<p>The Council will consider the Covid Regional Economic Analysis in terms of informing the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p> <p>The Council is committed to promoting Limerick, attracting investment and driving the economic engine of the Mid – West region, collaboration has always been at the forefront of the approach taken by the Local Authority.</p> <p>The Draft Development Plan will consider the marine economy and will promote the Shannon Estuary as a strategic asset in line with the Shannon Integrated Framework Plan.</p>
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<p>Assets are important supports to Development Plan policy on marine potential.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RPO 55 specifically relates to retail and supports the sequential approach to retail development, place making to improve vitality and vibrancy of urban centres, and the preparation of retail strategies including Joint Retail Strategies. - RPO 17 of the Limerick-Shannon MASP states that within one year of the adoption of the RSES/MASP a Joint Retail Strategy shall be commenced for the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area in accordance with the Retail Planning Guidelines. - Section 8.7: Retail of the Limerick-Shannon MASP states that retailing business model is evolving in a digital direction. Therefore, retail should be at the centre of any digital strategies developed by local authorities. It is important given the rapid evolution of the economy that Limerick has the capacity to adapt to emerging trends. New sectors are constantly emerging and policy approach of the Development Plan should be flexible to allow adaption to emerging sectors. - The delivery of actions under Mid-West Regional Enterprise Plan and Mid-West Regional Skills Forum are important and should be supported through the Draft Development Plan. 		<p>Limerick City and County Council is preparing a Retail Strategy for the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area and have engaged consultants to assist. This is in line with RPO 17 of the Limerick – Shannon MASP, as outlined in the RSES and well as a strategy for the remainder of the County. Limerick City and County Council seeks to re-establish Limerick at the top of the retail hierarchy for the region. The Council is aware of the challenges posed to retail with the shift to online shopping, which has been exacerbated by the current global pandemic. The legacy for retail is yet to be determined, however, the Retail Strategy will inform the policy of the Draft Development Plan in relation to retail development.</p> <p>The Council recognise the importance of the Mid West Regional Enterprise Plan and the role the Regional Skills Forum play in the region. The Council consulted with the Regional Skills Forum as part of the stakeholder consultation and ongoing liaison will occur throughout the plan preparation process.</p>
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<p>Connectivity</p> <p>Transport and Mobility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The preparation of transport and mobility policies in the new Development Plan is a major challenge. There are four broad areas to consider a policy approach: (1) Sustainable mobility and public transport improvements for a City with a projected population growth of 50% to 60% to 2040. (2) Improved regional accessibility by road and rail. (3) Improvements to local public transport services and sustainable transport modes for the Key Town of Newcastle West and for the wider county with improved connectivity from towns, villages and rural areas as alternatives to use of the private car. (4) Policies to support the sustainable movement of freight through the County and to and from the Shannon Foynes Port and Shannon International Airport. - Section 6.0: Integrated Land Use and Transport of the LSMASP states the principles underpinning the MASP include the effective integration of transport planning with spatial planning policies, from regional to local level and the alignment of associated transport and infrastructure investment. The Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS) will be instrumental in the regeneration and transformation of Limerick City and the wider Metropolitan Area. - A key priority of the MASP is the development of strategic residential areas to support sustainable transport and the provision of the Limerick Northern Distributor Route (LNDR). PO 6 (b) of the LSMASP states that the Development Plan will identify public transport corridors and nodal points on corridors in the Metropolitan Area arising from the LSMATS which have potential to support high density development/regeneration. In addition, the submission advises the 		<p>The integration on transport and land use planning will be a key component of the Draft Development Plan, as it links all aspects of the development plan from place making and public realm to regeneration. The draft LSMATS will set the overall policy approach for the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area. Compact growth, development of a 10 minute city or town concept and modal shift will all be key determinants in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
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<p>Development Plan shall identify the appropriate land use zonings for these nodal points and demonstrate the effective alignment between land use and transport infrastructure planning and delivery of the NPF Compact Growth targets as they apply to the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The RSES supports the role of Local Transport Plans (LTPs) to be prepared for Key Towns and other settlements (RPO 157) by local authorities based on Area Based Transport Assessment guidance from the NTA and TII. - The Draft Development Plan should include measures to support opportunities for sustainable 10 Minute Cities and Town neighbourhoods and to develop good practice in the concept. - The Draft Development Plan should ensure investment in road infrastructure is also framed in economic, social, environmental and sustainable transport terms (the opportunity to strengthen rural public transport and bus networks) as identified under the NDO and supported in the RSES (RPOs 167 and 168). - RPO 174 is a strong support for local authority policy and actions to improve walking and cycling facilities within and between settlements. - The need for regional port and airport strategies has been identified to harness the combined potential and capacity. Efficient, safe and seamless transport chains between our cities, ports and airports for the movement of goods and passengers is recognised. 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investment in road networks is supported in the context of an increased priority for low carbon transportation, public transport networks and increasingly for use by e-mobility modes (such as autonomous and electric vehicles). <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The RSES supports the development a Smart Region to build on existing Smart City initiatives, embedding digital technology across many functions to improve our quality of life. The submission outlines Limerick’s unique position as having an excellent track record in digital connectivity initiatives and its ambition to become Ireland’s first digital city which should be highlighted in the Draft Development Plan while framing it in the context of relevant RSES and LSMASP policy objectives. <p>Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The RSES objectives require a Core Strategy approach for phased infrastructure-led development in Development Plans and for Irish Water (IW) to align their Investment Plans with the settlement strategy and objectives of the RSES. - To address regeneration of rural towns and villages, an important requirement of the RSES is coordination between local authorities, IW and other stakeholders to address Rural Wastewater Treatment Programmes and Servicing Rural Village initiatives. In setting out the Development Plan Core Strategy to 2028, adherence to NPO 72 (a) to 72 (c) will be required to differentiate between zoned land that is serviced and zoned land that is serviceable within the life of the plan. 		<p>The Council is committed to developing a smart city, and as set out in the ‘Limerick Digital Strategy’, strives to become the first digital city. The Draft Development Plan will provide policy support to continue to deliver on this ambition. Work on European projects like the +CityXChange project, which is a Horizon 2020 project highlights Limerick's commitment to lead in this area.</p> <p>As highlighted above, Limerick City and County Council acknowledge capacity issues in many towns and villages in Limerick and the Council will continue to identify priorities with Irish Water to create additional capacity where possible. The Council recognise the importance of availability of services to deliver in the revitalising of many of these settlements.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transition to new renewable energy technologies and positioning the Southern Region as a Carbon Neutral Energy Region is strongly supported. The Draft Development Plan should align with this position and elaborate on its policy approach, particularly in relation to climate action. - Local authorities are required to incorporate Blue Green Infrastructure (BGI) and Nature Based Solutions (NBS) which offer opportunities to create additional infrastructure capacity as well as delivering multiple co-benefits to our society and environment. <p>Landscape, Heritage & Green Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The integration of ecosystem services into the preparation of the Draft Development Plan as per RPO 110 will be an important tool in the recognition of ‘services’ provided by the natural environment where the term ‘ecosystem services’ is applied to the benefits derived from our ecosystem this regard. - The submission outlines the RSES emphases on diversifying the rural economy and creating greater economic and environmental resilience. - The SRA welcome the emphasis on Blue Green Infrastructure (BGI) in the Issues Paper and recommends including references to Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) in the Draft Development Plan. Development 		<p>The Council is committed to the transition to a low carbon economy and the policies of the Draft Development Pan will align with national and regional guidance.</p> <p>The Council is currently in the process of progressing a number of European Projects including Go Green Routes, Health and Green Spaces, European Blue Green Cities and are also the recipient of the European Green Leaf award for 2020. The learnings from these projects will inform the policy approach for the Draft Development Plan. Limerick prides itself in the large amount of natural open space that is located in the City and Environs, developing linkages and a coordinated approach to the protection of these areas will be required in the Draft Plan.</p> <p>The Draft Development Plan will explore the potential for the integration of ecosystems services and nature based solutions and the potential for blue – green infrastructure in terms of detail with issues like surface water, public realm and aesthetics, however, these solutions also deliver important mitigation and adaption measure for addressing climate change and are an important factor in the environmental assessment processes associated with the Draft Development Plan.</p> <p>Polices in relation to BGI and NBS will be included in the Draft Plan.</p>
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Plan policies that support the practices in both the guidance document Planning for Watercourses in the Urban Environment by Inland Fisheries Ireland and the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems are strongly encouraged.

Social Community and Recreation

- Improving quality of life to build and safeguard inclusive communities and places is central to the ambition of the RSES
- Section 7.1.1: Inclusive Communities and Places emphasizes that the role of public intervention is to provide supportive policies that strengthens the fabric of communities, fosters pride of place and facilitates parity of opportunities, towards achieving sustainable and societally enriching goals requiring policy support and context in the Draft Development Plan.
- Reference should be made to RSES RPO 177 in Section 7.1.2: Healthy Communities, RPO 170 in Section 7.1.3: Diverse and Inclusive Region, RPO 182 in Section 7.1.4: Age Friendly Communities, in particular. In the Limerick-Shannon MASP, Section 10: Social Inclusion and Infrastructure and MASP Policy Objectives 22 and 23 support working for social inclusion, diversity and enhancing health infrastructure.
- The RSES places a strong emphasis on education, skills development and lifelong learning in sections 7.1.6 to 7.1.9, with a key enabler being the establishment of an inclusive Learning Region for urban and rural centres across our Region.

The Council recognises the importance of healthy communities and neighbourhoods throughout Limerick. Access to services and facilities is a key determinant in the success of a community. However, the challenge for the Draft Development Plan will be to address the community and social infrastructure needs and wider requirements for education and healthcare to cater for an expanding and changing population profile.

Limerick City and County Council have commissioned a Sports and Recreation Strategy, which is currently being prepared as well a Community Facilities Audit to examine the current availability of services throughout the City and County, both of these studies will influence the policy of the Draft Development Plan.

- In preparing policy responses in the Draft Development Plan, reference should be made to RPOs 186: Lifelong Learning, RPO 190: Lifelong Learning and Healthy Cities, LSMASP PO 18, LSMASP Sections 8.9 and 10.

Climate Change and Flood Relief

- The submission reinforces the adoption of robust policies to address the challenges of climate change and the transition to a low carbon society and emphasis that it is a cross-cutting consideration. It reinforces the National Planning Frameworks aim to achieve transition to a competitive low carbon, climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable economy by 2031 through a strong and innovative commitment to change and prioritises action on climate change across all economic sectors and is committed to implementing national Climate policy enacted under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 (Climate Act).
- The National Adaptation Framework and the Climate Action Plan 2019 are key instruments of the Climate Act developed to advance national adaptation and mitigation measures to pursue and achieve objectives for the transition to a low carbon and climate resilient economy.
- In addition to the provisions of the RSES on climate action, appropriate account should be taken of National Climate Policy (existing and future) to ensure appropriate local level policy/objectives enable the achievement of sectoral targets that will work towards the broader national transition objectives.

The Draft Development Plan will take a cross cutting approach in terms of the impact of Climate Change, as it affects every aspect of the Draft Development Plan. The policies and objectives of each section of the Draft Development Plan will need to be climate proofed to determine the impact, which will inform the environmental reports of the Draft Development Plan. Issues such as compact growth, higher densities, and sustainable mobility are just some of the overarching aims in terms of reduction in carbon emissions and key to the transition to a low carbon economy. Flood risk management is also a tool in terms of addressing climate change and will be considered as part of the Draft Development Plan. Compliance with national, regional and local legislation will also have to be demonstrated in terms of Climate Action, which is constantly evolving. The Council will work with the Climate Action Regional Offices in the development of policies and objectives in the Draft Development Plan.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A focus on enabling communities to engage in positive climate action should also be promoted. The RSES recognises the need to climate proof our settlements, our built assets and our strategic infrastructure from the impacts of climate change - The integration of Blue Green Infrastructure (BGI) and Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) into policy formulation and project planning offers opportunities to reduce costs, enhance utilisation of existing infrastructure while creating a climate resilient economy. - The RSES requires that continued support is provided for the work of research and development, centres of excellence in the green economy and pilot projects. Supporting policies to implement actions through the Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs) and Local Authority Climate Change Adaptation Strategies is important for progress in this area. The Draft Development Plan should provide policy support for the initiatives of the CAROs. - The SRA recommends the inclusion of policies and objectives to reflect Limerick City and County Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024, ongoing climate action work by the local authority at local and community levels and the climate action priority areas set out in Chapter 5 of RSES for decarbonisation, climate resilience and resource efficiency as part of a transition to a low carbon economy and society. <p>Environmental Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The SRA recommends that Limerick City and County Council use the environment assessments contained on the SRA website to inform the Council’s own environmental assessments, including mitigation 		<p>A Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk</p>
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measures identified to address environmental sensitivities and constraints.		Assessment will be prepared as part of the Draft Development Plan, the Council will consider the SRA reports, as part of the preparation of these documents.
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a strategic vision and policy objectives that align with, as appropriate UN Sustainable Development Goals, the National Strategic Outcomes in the NPF and the Regional Strategic Outcomes of the RSES. 2. The Draft Plan shall be informed by the ‘Guiding Principles’ and ‘National Enablers’ that are set out in the RSES and NPF. 3. The Draft Plan shall implement Regional Policy Objective 10: Compact Growth for Metropolitan Areas with policies and actions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prioritise housing and employment development in locations within and contiguous to existing city footprints where it can be served by public transport, walking and cycling; - Identify strategic initiatives to achieve compact growth and regeneration; - Consideration of Active Land Management Units with a remit to focus on the metropolitan areas and delivery of projects to achieve compact growth; - Demonstrate partnerships with the Land Development Agency; - Support for the role of the Local Authority as a development agency to kick start regeneration; - Deliver site briefs for strategic sites; - Active initiatives to deliver renewal under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015; - Active initiatives to tackle derelict sites and under use of vacant property assets; - Active initiatives for enhancing the public realm; - Creation of data bases and systems for reporting progress and action across regeneration, development and infrastructure delivery. 4. The Draft Development Plan shall reflect the 5 principles outlined in the RSES in terms of developing the Economic Development Strategy, which will form an integral part of the Draft Development Plan. The Draft Development Plan shall seek to ensure that Limerick maintains its desirability in terms of attracting investment, including supply of highly skilled graduates, available housing at a reasonable costs both from a rental and purchase perspective and good quality of life, by supporting third level institutes and identifying appropriate zoned lands to ensure adequate supply of housing to serve the market. 5. The Draft Plan shall incorporate polices that support healthy, accessible and diverse communities. 6. The Draft Development Plan should include measures to support opportunities for sustainable 10 Minute Cities and Town neighbourhoods. 7. Include policy support to ensure a collaborative approach to the preparation of the Draft Plan and examine the possibility for the development of network at implementation stage. 8. Include policy support for improved energy efficiency and conservation. 		

9. Provide policy support ensuring that adequate community infrastructure is provided in tandem with residential development.
10. Provide policy support to enable transport infrastructure, as particular key enablers.
11. Provide policy support that seeks to manage travel demand by ensuring land use and transport policies and practices are aligned as part of the planning process.
12. Provide policy support aimed at supporting enterprise and employment in suitable locations across a wide range of sectors.
13. The Draft Plan shall recognise the strategically important role of the Shannon Estuary and support the ongoing implementation of the SIFP.
14. The Draft Plan shall set out policies and objectives to support and develop the rural economy to enhance the competitiveness of rural areas by supporting innovation in rural economic development and enterprise through the diversification of the rural economy into new sectors and services, including ICT-based industries and those addressing climate change and sustainability.

Part 3

Summary of submissions and Chief Executives opinion and recommendations on policies to be included in the Draft Development Plan

Theme 1: Vision

Key Issue	Submission no.	Chief Executive's Opinion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is requested that the proposed Limerick Development Plan delivers a new vision for Limerick that could become a reality if the proper supporting policy mechanisms are put in place. - The vision should align with UN sustainable development goals. - A number of submissions have highlighted the importance of placing both human and environment wellbeing at the core of the vision and all policies. Equal consideration should also be given to environment, society and economy in both urban and rural areas. - The plan needs to adopt a holistic and systems approach so as to integrate the various aspects, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Housing location and public transport provision. o Climate change mitigation and adaptation. o Social justice. o Urgently needed additional dwelling provision and; o Elevated building standards. - Limerick needs to use its strong points such as its sporting background to create a sense of pride and take advantage of its potential due to its waterfront location. - The plan needs to clearly set out how it will contribute to reducing the national target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 7% per 	<p>73, 78, 107, 114, 120, 129, 131, 181, 184, 186, 209</p>	<p>The NPF and the RSES has provided Limerick with an opportunity for accelerated growth and transformational development and this should have strong expression in the new Development Plan.</p> <p>The plan will set a vision that capitalises on its strengths and achieves the transition to a lower carbon economy through compact growth, consolidation and regeneration of our towns and villages and integration of planning and transport.</p> <p>Opportunities to become a city and county that is innovative, inclusive, green and livable will be explored during the preparation of the plan.</p>

<p>annum, without creating additional disadvantage to vulnerable social groups and areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limerick should become a European Green City by 2028. It should provide for connected and easily accessible urban and rural green spaces, which would improve health and community wellbeing and facilitate community development, reduce carbon emissions and contribute to cleaner air. - Empower communities, both urban and rural and enhance the liveability of all urban areas. - Prioritise actions to redress inequalities in relation to the existing spatial, social and economic challenges and reduce the level of social segregation in the city. The plan needs to set out a clear commitment to social inclusion and ongoing development of Regeneration and disadvantaged communities. - Limerick should become a Child Friendly City with safe places and youth facilities for teenagers and children. - Development of City Centre as a place to live, learn, work, relax and engage in economic activity. The city should have good quality retail, pedestrianised streets and cycle lanes and improved air and noise quality. 		
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<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a strategic vision and policy objectives that align with, as appropriate UN Sustainable Development Goals, the National Strategic Outcomes in the NPF and the Regional Strategic Outcomes of the RSES. 2. The Draft Plan shall be informed by the ‘Guiding Principles’ and ‘National Enablers’ that are set out in the RSES and NPF.
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Theme 2: People and Places

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Core Strategy		
<p>Submissions in relation to National Planning Framework population targets and importance of population growth for the city and county in attracting investment and to act as a counter balance to Dublin.</p>	27, 119	<p>The NPF identifies Limerick for significant population and economic growth over the next 20 years, with the City and Environs set to grow by an additional 56,000 people by 2040, which means additional housing and jobs over this period. The Draft Development Plan will identify the growth in Limerick to 2031 and the relevant employment over the period to support the additional population growth. The Core Strategy of the Draft Plan will identify the location of the proposed growth in line with the NPF Implementation Roadmap and the RSES.</p>
<p>Submission noting Limerick's potential to accommodate increased population projection in the post Covid recovery – need for large scale projects to be identified to accommodate the transformation changes.</p>	158	<p>The NPF and RSES set out the population growth figures for the development of Limerick to 2031; the Draft Plan will identify a number of key strategic sites for development, which will have the potential to accommodate significant population growth in line with the NPF and RSES.</p>
<p>The submission addresses the CSO boundary for Limerick noting it uses the old city boundary when indicating the City's population giving an outdated population figure for the City. Support of an extension to the City Boundary to include the metropolitan area or the electoral area of Limerick City and suggests population growth of the metropolitan area as priority.</p>	27	<p>The current CSO boundary for Limerick includes Limerick City and Environs without Mungret and Annacotty villages and also includes the built up area of County Clare (Corbally and Westbury). The NPF and RSES identifies the entire Metropolitan Area for significant additional growth, over the coming years, the old City boundary is no longer relevant in the context of the development of the City and County.</p>

<p>Submissions referring to the dependency age and predicted increase in 65+ age group in next twenty years – need for suitable housing units to meet this need.</p>	<p>113</p>	<p>The Council is carrying out a Housing Strategy and have appointed consultants to assist in its preparation and a Housing Need Demand Assessment for Limerick. This will consider existing and projected population over the lifetime of the Development Plan. The existing development plans have policies, which support the development of housing schemes, which adapt to serve the entire lifecycle, this policy shall be retained in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare an evidence based Core Strategy for the proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028, which will be informed by key data, including land availability, demographics, population and housing targets, planning and construction activity, which will identify population growth and future projections in line with the NPF Implementation Roadmap, the RSES and the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan; 2. Include policy and objectives to support compact growth. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
<p>Density and Compact Growth</p> <p>Submissions requesting that the development plan includes a comprehensive template for development policy in the smaller settlements and that the development plan prescribes the zoning of a significant proportion of serviced land for lower density residential development in accordance with 6.3(d) of the Guidelines for Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas.</p>	<p>140, 64</p>	<p>The Draft Development Plan will set out a comprehensive Settlement Strategy, which will be prepared based on a capacity assessment of the settlements, which will consider the ability of the settlement to accommodate growth. The Draft Plan will also set out policies and objectives to support the nature and rate of growth over the plan period, in line with the Core Strategy. The Draft Development Plan will contain zoning for the City and Environs and a number of settlements, which will include zoning of serviced sites, if appropriate for the settlement. Subsequent to the adoption of the Limerick Development Plan, a review of all Local Area Plans will occur, which will also consider the zoning of lands for serviced sites, where appropriate.</p>

<p>Submissions received regarding residential density - some agree, while others disagree with high densities and compact growth and request that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Redevelopment of derelict and vacant units; - Higher density can be achieved at public transport nodes, along main arterial routes, around neighbourhood centres; - Achieved near employment centres; - Reuse of existing buildings, infill and brownfield developments; - Empty units above shops to be used for residential uses; - On or near strategic road networks; - A need for far greater flexibility in other settlements; and on lands outside the City Core; - Submissions in support of increased density in housing projects and mixed use developments. 	<p>2, 120, 28, 64, 107, 151, 135, 140, 219, 151, 180, 168</p>	<p>Housing density is a key requirement in securing compact growth and efficient use of land in all settlements and is a requirement of the NPF and RSES. There are a number of Section 28 Guidelines, which are in place to promote higher densities, particularly in urban areas and where lands are close to high frequency transport corridors and in proximity to strategic employment locations. The Draft Development Plan will set out clear guidance in relation to achieving higher densities, particularly in Limerick City and Environs, as well as in other urban centres.</p>
<p>Submission by the Construction Industry Federation notes that development industry cannot source finance to build housing that does not fit with actual market needs or demands and advises that a push to higher density within Limerick will constrain housing delivery and exacerbate housing shortage.</p>	<p>64</p>	<p>Higher density is a requirement of national and regional planning policy in order to achieve compact growth. The NPF identifies significant population growth in Limerick to 2040 and to accommodate the projected growth, increased density will be a necessity. The Draft Development Plan will set out a detailed approach to suitable densities based on the settlement type.</p>
<p>LCCC is to carry out a survey of zoned land in response to the need for comprehensive data about the supply of developable and serviced land to inform zoning decisions. The CIF outline their concern of the risk that the quantum of developable land will be overestimated because insufficient research is carried out on measuring existing</p>	<p>64</p>	<p>The NPF sets out the Methodology for a Tiered Approach to Land Zoning in Appendix 3. It clearly outlines that only lands that are serviced or serviceable within the lifetime of the plan can be zoned. The Core Strategy will set out the required quantum of lands required. This approach will ensure that only</p>

<p>constraints stating that the viability of developments will be heavily dependent on an adequate supply of serviced, affordable, developable land in addition to the market demand for residential units.</p> <p>Submission suggesting a requirement is included in the new plan similar to the Galway City Development Plan, which stipulates a requirement for a minimum amount of good quality residential to be incorporated in every city centre development helping to repopulate the city centre.</p> <p>Submissions advising that a Building Height Strategy must balance the unique natural and heritage qualities of the city, but acknowledge focal/nodal points that can accommodate tall buildings.</p>	<p>97</p> <p>107, 113</p>	<p>lands which are suitable for development will be considered for zoning.</p> <p>The Council is carrying out a Housing Strategy, including a Housing Need Demand Assessment and have engaged consultants to assist in its preparation. This will set out the requirements for residential development in Limerick. The Housing Strategy and Housing Need Demand Assessment will inform the policies and objectives of the Draft Development Plan.</p> <p>The Council is carrying out a Building Height Strategy and have engaged consultants to assist in its preparation. This will assess the particular issues raised in the submission, managing increased density and height, while respecting the natural and historical importance of area of Limerick City. The Building Height Strategy will inform the policies in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The preparation of the Draft Development Plan will include consideration of how best to increase densities, where considered appropriate, while having regard to key considerations, such as delivery of compact growth, compliance with national guidelines, availability of high – quality public transport, provision of affordable housing. 2. Incorporate the recommendations of the Building Height Strategy into the Draft Development Plan. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Proposed Strategic Population Growth Locations		
Submission in support of the opening up of lands close to the route and junctions of the future Limerick Northern Distributor Road for mixed use including residential development.	140	The Draft Development Plan will set out zoning for the City and Environs, all land will be considered in line with the Methodology for a Tiered Approach to Land Zoning in Appendix 3 of the NPF and will also be subject to appropriate flood and environmental assessments.
Submissions in relation to the development of a new town on the Clare side of the University of Limerick	27, 151	The contents of the submission are noted. This is not a Development Plan issue in Limerick, as the lands are located in County Clare.
Submission by Shannon Group PLC (SGP) requesting priority within the Core Strategy in Limerick Development Plan in meeting population growth to be concentrated within the Southern Environs.	116	The Draft Development Plan will set out the allocation of population for each settlement, including the City and Environs. Priority in the Core Strategy will be allocated to Limerick City and the requirement to achieve compact growth.
The submission refers to development gaps in the Northside of the city and identifies the Clare suburbs of Limerick City as important for the growth of Limerick's population.	27	All lands on the North side of Limerick City will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. The zoning of lands in County Clare are outside the scope of the Draft Limerick Development Plan but the issue of housing within the parts of Clare that immediately abuts the north of Limerick will be considered in the proposed Housing Strategy.
Submission requesting where areas are identified for larger scale development, a masterplan, carried out by the local authority or landowner identifying proposed locations for schools, public services, open space etc. Submission requests that identification of future sites	195	Limerick City and County Council has a positive record of accomplishment, in terms of delivery of schools and recreational facilities (e.g in Mungret) to serve a large area of zoned lands, prior to the development of residential lands. The Council will continue to require developers of large

<p>need a degree of flexibility as to not lock in selected site locations. Submission requests flexibility on zoning matrix to be considered at these locations proposing flexibility on zoning matrix in the identification of larger scale development locations.</p> <p>The submission states that the redevelopment a strategic landholding at Dooradoyle should be considered as a strategic housing, employment and recreation location.</p> <p>Submission by Lioncor Ltd in its intention to develop a land parcel situated between the Dock Road and Courtbrack Avenue and request a development framework for the lands.</p>	<p>135</p> <p>142</p>	<p>landholdings to prepare masterplans, to facilitate a plan led approach to development.</p> <p>The Draft Development Plan will set out a Core strategy and overall zoning framework for the development of Limerick City and Environs. This will be prepared in accordance with the population projections of the NPF and RSES and also will be subject to environmental and flooding assessment.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted, see response above.</p>
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An evidence based Core Strategy shall be prepared for the proposed Development Plan. 2. Include policies and objectives aimed at delivering high quality places to live. 3. Include policies and objectives aimed at ensuring good quality housing choice is available for all stages of life. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
Housing Delivery		
<p>Submissions in relation to repopulating Limerick City through increase in residential units including the following proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Redevelopment of mews development and Limerick City Lanes as a way of increasing the residential stock in the city; 	<p>97, 113, 119, 120, 131, 184</p>	<p>Limerick City is identified for significant growth over the next 20 years, the Draft Development Plan will set out a clear and coherent vision for the development of the City as both the economic engine of the wider region and as a vibrant, bustling City, where people want to live. The RSES seeks to support the regeneration and continued growth of Limerick City and investment to achieve brownfield regeneration of City Centre</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requirement of a minimum standard of good quality residential in all city centre developments (up to 30% of development allocated to residential); - Built heritage areas of Limerick to be maximised and repurposed as residential development, redevelopment of Newtown Pery back to its original residential uses; - Repurposing and redevelopment of derelict and vacant sites for residential uses including incentivising owners to activate potential sites; - Proposal to look at neighbourhoods and a layering effect categorising neighbourhoods into different residential standards including density, car parking and open space; - Reference made to the Opera Site and former ESB site on Henry Street as potential to increase amount of residential as part of the proposal. 	<p>131, 107, 120, 194, 38</p>	<p>sites, with high quality mixed-use sustainable and transformative projects, which set national and international good practice standards in innovation, quality design, exemplary urbanism and place making. The Draft Development Plan will identify a series of initiatives to facilitate this regeneration and will also identify a number of transformational sites and will seek to deliver development on these sites, utilising a number of planning tools, to achieve high quality development in Limerick City.</p>
<p>Submissions welcome greater efficiency in land management and support the application of national and regional policies for compact growth and the avoidance of urban sprawl. Measures recommended include re-use of existing buildings, brownfield and infill development, vacant and derelict units.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>The Council have already been proactive in terms of active land management and the Draft Development Plan will incorporate a number of policies and objectives to address brownfield/infill sites and vacant and derelict buildings.</p>
<p>Submission addressing ribbon development and what is considered the inconsistency to the operations of the policy. Submission requests an increase or abolishment to the maximum limit of housing.</p>	<p>64</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development Plan will comply with national guidance in relation to the issue of ribbon development.</p>
<p>Submission by the Construction Industry Federation requesting that the new plan takes into account the methodology of the Colbert</p>		<p>The Draft Development Plan, will set out in the Core Strategy and the Settlement Strategy for Limerick, which will identify the amount of growth and the appropriate rate of growth over the lifetime of the proposed Development Plan. The Draft Plan</p>

<p>Station Land Development Agency (LDA) site relative to development lands in the rest of the city stating it is important that a development in one area does not adversely affect the development of other areas in the City or County.</p>		<p>will also seek to achieve a balance between the need for growth for both existing and new communities and protect the amenities that makes Limerick a great place to live and work.</p>
<p>Submission by Adare Community Trust requesting engagement with the local authority that residential developments in Adare are appropriate in scale.</p>	44	<p>The Core Strategy will set out the growth for Adare over the lifetime of the proposed Development Plan. On adoption of the Development Plan, the Council will review the Adare Local Area Plan to ensure compliance with the Core Strategy. There will be further opportunities for consultation in both the Draft Development Plan and the Local Area Plan review.</p>
<p>Submission notes a balance is required between promoting brownfield sites and releasing the development potential of outer suburban greenfield sites located within the urban footprint.</p>	64	<p>The Draft Development Plan will set out the approach for the activation of brownfield sites, while also allowing for the development of greenfield site.</p>
<p>Submissions in relation to the potential of residential uses at the Colbert Quarter.</p>	111, 121, 64, 158, 27	<p>The Council is committed to working with the LDA, as a partner to progress the development of a framework for the development of the Colbert Quarter and deliver sustainable development.</p>
<p>Submissions in relation to architectural integrity of developments including the Georgian Areas of the City and Newtown Pery is not valued in new developments, such as the Opera Site.</p>	61, 196	<p>The Draft Development Plan will set a series of policies and objectives to safeguard Georgian Limerick and other areas of architectural importance within Limerick.</p>
<p>The submission outlines the need for the new Development Plan to take into account plans in other counties, particularly those within the Southern Region. The submission outlines how the current City and County Development Plans fails to comply with, have regard to/take</p>	118	<p>The Draft Development Plan must comply with the Planning, Development Act 2000 (amended), and all relevant guidelines. There is a statutory obligation for the core strategy to outline how the plan complies with the relevant section 28 guidelines. The Council will engage with the Southern Regional Assembly</p>

into account: Planning & Development Act, Plans in adjoining counties, Development Plan Guidelines, Heritage Act 1995, National Heritage Plan.		and the adjoining Local Authorities as part of the Development Plan process.
Chief Executive's Recommendation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Include policies and objectives that support compact growth. 2. Include policies and objectives to protect architectural heritage. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Rural Housing Policy		
<p>Submissions in regard to rural housing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The need to accommodate family members in farming communities; - The positive impact of population growth from rural housing on local economy, community vibrancy, GAA - The impact of social housing allocation needs on core strategy figures for certain areas; - Premature to set out rural policy as proposed in the RSES in the absence of the revised Rural Housing Guidelines; - Societal changes including the increase in home working and the resulting changing dynamics of housing need. 	45, 83, 121	<p>The Council recognises the importance of rural development for County Limerick in terms of sustaining rural communities and ensuring continued viability of these communities. The Draft Development Plan must reflect the provisions of the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, while also reflecting the outcomes of the Housing Strategy and the Housing Need Demand Assessment, which will identify rural housing needs over the plan period.</p> <p>The existing County Development Plan reflects the policy as set out in the Rural Housing Guidelines 2005; careful consideration will be required to address this element of the Draft Development Plan while having regard to the provisions of the NPF and in the absence of updated Rural Housing Guidelines.</p>
<p>Submission refers to dispersed rural settlements, in support of rural housing but concentrated within a certain distance of a hamlet/village/town in working towards a more compact sustainable living.</p>	138	<p>The Draft Development Plan will continue to promote policies to support sustainable development of rural areas.</p>

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

1. Include policies and objectives to deliver rural housing in line with national and regional guidelines.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Settlement Hierarchy		
Submission requesting the identification of Martinstown as a Tier 6 Settlement within the settlement hierarchy of the new Development Plan outlining that Martinstown has all of the qualities, characteristics and services required to be a Tier 6 settlement.	55	The contents of the submission are noted and this issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan. The Settlement Strategy and Core Strategy will be prepared in line with the requirements of the NPF and the RSES. The Core Strategy will be prepared on an evidence-based exercise examining the amount of existing zoned land and the future land requirements. This will inform the Settlement Strategy and the requirement for the identification of additional settlements.
Submission requesting Bruff reinstated as a Tier 4 Town to include the reopening of critical services in the town	16	The Settlement Strategy will contain a settlement hierarchy, which will be informed by the Core Strategy.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

1. Prepare a Settlement Strategy for Limerick, taking account of an evidence based Core Strategy.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Residential Development		
Submission not in support of infill housing projects in historical areas Reference given to Corbally and the Mill Road as negatively being inflicted by infill development. Submission requesting no additional housing be located on the Mill Road.	103, 225	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is required by the NPF and the RSES to carry out an assessment of all brownfield/infill sites to inform the zoning of Limerick City and Environs, this will be carried out in accordance with the Methodology for a Tailored Approach as set out in the NPF,

<p>Ensuring that increasing housing stock was directly related and proportionate to the provision of open recreation space within the community.</p>	<p>121</p>	<p>which will consider availability and capacity of services, while promoting compact growth.</p>
<p>Submissions in support of mix of public and private housing developments.</p>	<p>131</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is currently carrying out an audit of open space, which will inform the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. Quality of life will be a key element of the Draft Development Plan, which will seek to protect open space and deliver community facilities, in line with the pace of residential growth.</p>
<p>Submission requesting the provision of more housing on the South Circular Road on available lands.</p>	<p>222</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is preparing a Housing Strategy and Housing Need Assessment and have appointed consultants to assist in its preparation. This will inform the policy in relation to public and private housing.</p>
<p>Submission proposing the redevelopment and upgrade of the local neighbourhood centre in Westbury, Corbally.</p>	<p>225</p>	<p>The contents of submission are noted. As outlined above the Council is required to assess all lands in the preparation of zoning. The Council will consider all lands subject to core strategy requirements, availability of services and appropriate flood and environmental assessment.</p>
<p>Submission highlighting the deterioration of Rathkeale town, including the town being overlooked in terms of housing policy and notes the disappointment in the change of use on main street to residential use.</p>	<p>212</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council will consider the population growth for all settlements in the Draft</p>

Request by students of Carrickerry NS for additional housing units in their area to increase the population numbers of their school	93	<p>Development Plan and on adoption of the Limerick Development Plan, the Council will commence the review of the Rathkeale Local Area Plan, to consider a detailed assessment on progress in the town since the adoption of the last Local Area Plan and set out detailed policy for the growth of the town, over the plan period.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Core Strategy will set out the appropriate population growth for all settlements in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
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Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

1. Incorporate the recommendations of the Housing Strategy and the Housing Need Demand Assessment to inform the policy of the Draft Development Plan.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
<p>Housing Need</p> <p>Submissions in relation to the provision of social housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social housing proposed to be built on public lands; - A return to council led development and building of social housing on public land rather than private developer led; - Increase to cost rental housing; - All new housing developments to be mixed between public and private tenure; - Actively managing the public housing stock and reducing the number of weeks’ vacancy arising at the end of tenancies. 	120, 83	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. As outlined above the Council will be informed by the outcomes of the Housing Strategy and the Housing Need Demand Assessment to inform the policy in relation to housing supply.</p> <p>The allocation of housing is an operational matter and not a Development Plan issue.</p>

<p>Submission referring to social housing stating the current system is not working and putting a burden on communities.</p>	34	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The provision of social housing is delivered in line with national legalisation.</p>
<p>Submission referring to Regeneration areas and large scale housing projects, which it is considered not to have worked, Limerick City and County Council needs to learn from this mistake.</p>	151	
<p>Submission considers that there is an imbalance of social housing developments on the North side of the City compared to the South side suburbs and it is felt that private developments should be encouraged rather than discouraged.</p>	27	<p>The contents of the submission are noted and the issue will be considered further in the preparation of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requesting a more proactive role in the management of housing stock, including the reduction in turnaround time of a vacant property following an end to a tenancy.</p>	131	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Housing Strategy which is under preparation will consider all elements of housing demand and details of the various housing market areas. This will inform the policy contents of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submissions relating to social and affordable housing as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision should be made for affordable housing in all future developments; - Proposed 35% of all housing stock allocated to affordable housing. 	44, 64, 120, 227	<p>The contents of the submission are noted however this is outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission suggests the halting site at Rhebogue is relocated.</p>	53	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. There has been discussion nationally for a number of years of an Affordable Housing Scheme, the Council will comply with the requirement of any scheme, which is introduced.</p>
<p>Submission relates to housing standards for Irish Travellers, as 'insufficient' lacking in basic hygiene, living amenities and located on busy roads or dumping sites.</p>	61	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The provision of halting sites must comply with the traveller accommodation programme, which was prepared in accordance with legislative</p>

<p>Provision of smaller housing units required for older persons, downsizing schemes within communities, retirement villages.</p> <p>The provision of housing for people with disabilities, including planned, designed, located and built to universal design to accommodate throughout the life cycle.</p> <p>Submissions requesting urgent consideration for housing for the homeless. There is a need to eliminate homelessness. Proposal to extend in Limerick, the Housing First Pilot projects which are operated in Dublin by Peter McVerry Trust and Focus Ireland.</p>	<p>86, 102, 133, 77</p> <p>102, 169, 185</p> <p>139, 120, 185</p>	<p>requirements as set out in the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted however they are outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The policies in the existing Development Plan require housing schemes to be designed to be adaptable to cater of all the needs of society and be adaptable to the entire life cycle.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The policies in the existing Development Plan require housing schemes to be designed to be adaptable to cater of all the needs of society and be adaptable to the entire life cycle.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Housing Strategy will consider homeless and the Council continues to work with housing bodies to deliver housing.</p>
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incorporate the recommendations of Housing Strategy and Housing Need Demand Assessment into the Draft Development Plan. 2. Include objectives that continue to support the communities in the regeneration areas, in line with the Limerick Regeneration Framework Plan. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Vacant/Derelict Sites		
<p>Submissions requesting that the Council supports the appropriate regeneration of vacant and/or derelict sites in Limerick City and Limerick's towns and villages.</p> <p>Particular reference made to the following locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dunnes Stores on Sarsfield Street; - Georgian Limerick; - The back of Limerick City and County Council Building in Merchant's Quay; - The Old Fireplace on Nicholas Street; - The former Garda Station on St. Mary's Street; - Fanning's Castle; Bridge Street Motors; - Former McCarthy Hides on O'Curry Street; - Nicholas Street; - The Island; - Wickham Street; - High Street; - Wolftone/Water Street in Kilmallock; - Former Boys School in Kilmallock; - Toll House at Abbey Bridge; - Abbeyfeale. 	<p>2, 28, 34, 54, 58, 61, 78, 86, 119, 133, 139, 218, 219, 224, 222, 184, 186</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Draft Development Plan will include policies to support the Council in the addressing dereliction and vacancy.</p>
<p>Submissions proposing the introduction of enforcement levies or bye laws to ensure owners to act on vacant or derelict buildings in their ownership.</p>	<p>28, 119, 121, 184, 129, 133, 218, 219, 84</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted however they are outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submissions proposing the repurposing of vacant or derelict sites into residential, community or retail uses.</p>	<p>129, 133, 217, 218, 225, 84</p>	

<p>Submissions referencing the need for policy for the inclusion of the arts in public realm improvements with particular reference to using animation and printed ‘Limericks’ through a modern media campaign.</p>	<p>82, 213</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council will consider the inclusion of policies in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan to promote the arts in public realm projects.</p>
<p>Request for the provision of seating/rest areas for all ages in city and public open spaces.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted and will be given further consideration in the drafting of the development plan.</p>
<p>Submissions regarding public realm improvements and maximising on the sporting success in Limerick.</p>		<p>The contents of the submission are noted.</p>
<p>Public realm improvements specifically mentioned for The rejuvenation of the area in the vicinity of Griffin St/Sean Heuston Place/John’s Square and O’Connell Street (including the Crescent).</p>	<p>159, 162, 213</p>	<p>The Council is committed to delivering high quality public realm projects and will include policy support for same.</p>
<p>Request that all public spaces include universal access and are accessible to all mobility abilities.</p>	<p>169</p>	<p>The Draft Plan will contain policies to promote universal design to be incorporated into all developments.</p>
<p>Submission requesting community led public realm improvement projects including painting and planning to reimagine housing policies with particular focus on routes to schools, playgrounds and local neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>181</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted; the issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submissions requesting ‘greening’ urban areas and public realms including within the city, towns and residential areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request for more trees, planting; - Parklets; - Rooftop gardens; - Greening the façade of developments. 	<p>2, 78, 131, 162, 183, 194, 120</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council is committed to incorporating green features into public realm developments, in terms of SuDS and also as a mitigation measure for climate change. The Draft Development Plan will incorporate polices promoting greening urban areas.</p>

Submission referring to Parnell Street and Colbert Station and the removal of trees for its redevelopment, but replaced to a significantly fewer degree. Referring it to a major entry point in the city, the submission outlines the need for more green areas to create a more attractive and welcoming location	198	The contents of the submissions are noted. See response above.
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<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Draft Development Plan shall incorporate policies to promote the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets to ensure the highest quality of design in new developments and public realm projects. 2. The Draft Development Plan will support and promote access for all and universal access.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
Sustainable Communities		
Submissions in support of the design of 15/20 minute neighbourhoods.	16, 111, 133, 158, 184, 184, 192, 196	The contents of the submissions are noted. The RSES sets out the concept of a 10-minute City/Town, in terms of sustainable compact settlements whereby, a range of community facilities and services are accessible in short walking and cycle timeframes from homes or are accessible by high quality public transport services. The Draft Development Plan will have regard to this concept.
<p>Submissions seeks the provision and retention of communities, where there is a good sense of place and where people feel connected to their area. There is a clear need to ensure that services are available if development is to occur, this includes physical, social and community support facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That social infrastructure and community support facilities, such as schools, doctors, community centres, childcare 	206, 216, 16, 61, 77, 79, 86, 107, 113, 120, 124, 133, 222, 225, 151, 158, 162, 168, 169, 195, 180, 214, 131, 184	The contents of the submissions are noted. As outlined above the concept of the 10-minute City/Town promotes exactly what the submission pertains to. The NPF demands that zoning shall only be considered where services are available. The Council will carry out an assessment of all available zoned lands in line with the requirements of the NPF.

<p>facilities are provided prior to or in tandem with new residential development;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residential development should not be permitted without existing infrastructure; - Communities should be walkable and cyclable with a view to creating age and family friendly communities - Need for more medical facilities and additional/enhanced educational facilities; - Mixed uses within neighbourhoods to ensure areas have constant passive surveillance and increased vibrancy to an area; - Mix of unit types within neighbourhoods to ensure tenure mix; - Low traffic neighbourhoods; - Sustainable communities with universal access 		
<p>Submissions requesting the commitment to social inclusion and the ongoing development of the Regeneration Communities and communities of socio-economic disadvantage.</p>	131, 94, 133, 168	The contents of the submissions are noted. The Draft Development Plan will include policies in relation to social inclusion and the development of an inclusive society.
<p>Submissions in relation to engagement with all community groups as best practice in the design and engage in community decision, including children and young people, older people and new residents into Limerick.</p>	178, 171	The contents of the submissions are noted. The Development Plan review process requires engagement with all sectors of society. There will be further opportunities for communities to engage as the process develops.
<p>Submissions refer to the creation of healthy communities. The submissions request that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The development plan focuses on the mental health and wellbeing of our citizens based on quality data and wellbeing indicators to inform policy and actions; 	177, 94, 133, 136, 149, 188	The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council is committed to improving health and wellbeing as part of the Draft Development Plan. This issue is a cross cutting theme and many aspects of policy and decision making impact on health

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of a well-being index for Limerick City and County Council; - Develop Limerick as a Trauma-Sensitive City; - Objectives and policies in relation to widening health inequalities across pockets in the city and county. 		<p>and wellbeing. The Draft Development Plan will consider this issue in detail and formulate policy responses in this regard.</p>
<p>Submission requesting a study in defining the needs of neighbourhoods and communities, mapping of services throughout the City and County and identifying gaps and preparation of an implementation and sequencing strategy.</p>	<p>94, 133</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is in the process of completing a community facilities audit, which will consider all community facilities in Limerick and mapping of same. This information will identify gaps and inform policy context in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submissions relating to making Limerick city and county sustainable, resilient and liveable through climate change mitigation and adaptation, increased use of renewable energy, retrofitting and Energy Efficiency of both new and old housing stock, access to public transport and active travel.</p>	<p>120, 102</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Draft Development will seek to make Limerick a sustainable, resilient, and liveable place. Policies and objectives outlined in the Draft Development Plan must address all of the issues highlighted.</p>
<p>Submissions referencing the importance of the UN Sustainability Goals in creating a sustainable city and communities to combat inequality and disadvantage in gender, ethnicity, disability, employment, income, health, housing, safety and security, educational opportunity.</p>	<p>16, 94, 120, 136</p>	<p>The Council recognises that the principals of sustainability are at the heart of long term planning. The broad alignment of the National Strategic Outcomes in the NPF, to which the Draft Development Plan must be consistent and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, in areas such as climate action, clean energy, sustainable cities and communities, economic growth, reduced inequalities, innovation and infrastructure as well as health and education will be at the heart of the Draft Development Plan and the plan shall align with these principals.</p>
<p>Submission commending some of the projects carried out by the Local Authority in recent years including, Baggott Estate, Mungret Park, the</p>	<p>87</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted and welcomed.</p>

1. Explore the 10-minute City/Town concept in terms of the future development of Limerick City and our towns.
2. All policies and objectives shall consider health and wellbeing as key element of the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.

Theme 3: Economic Development and Employment

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Economic Development		
<p>Submission by the Land Development Agency requests the following to be considered in terms of progressing the Development Plan: Utilisation of available funding for the plan led development and regeneration of key sites including publicly owned lands as relevant in line with the objectives of the Development Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A clear strategy for progressing regeneration of strategic areas is provided; - Key opportunity areas for regeneration are identified in the Draft Plan; - The plan should also specify what further urban regeneration projects the Council is committing to apply for funding for, or the criteria or framework which would guide the selection of such projects; - The Draft Plan would be strengthened by the inclusion of such selection criteria/framework and would suggest that projects located within identified major regeneration opportunity sites be listed for prioritisation; - Identification of key regeneration projects or projects eligible for funding under the URDF scheme; <p>The LDA are supportive of the strategy and ambitions for Limerick to grow significantly by 2031, and the potential for Limerick to continue to develop as a major urban centre by way of attracting new investment, enterprise and education facilities.</p>	144	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council welcomes the submission and recognises the importance of a plan led approach to progressing the redevelopment and regeneration of key sites in Limerick City and Environs and much progress has been made on this in Limerick since the preparation of the Limerick 2030 – an Economic and Spatial Plan for Limerick. In this regard, the Council have commenced the process to engage consultants to carry out a review on the progress of the plan over the last seven years and update the plan with new targets and ambitions to 2030. The Council will continue to engage with the Land Development Agency on land activation initiatives to meet the ambitious targets set out for Limerick in the NPF and RSES. LCCC also look forward to working with the LDA on the preparation of a framework plan for the Colbert Quarter area, which is currently ongoing, and propose to incorporate the relevant objectives into the proposed development plan.</p>
<p>Submission recommends that new development which is located close to both existing and proposed strategic road networks should be in principle</p>	147	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council will consider all suitable lands for zoning in the Draft Development Plan, within</p>

<p>considered suitable in terms of proper planning and sustainable development. The submission indicates that the lands adjoining City East Retail Park including in the Groody Valley Wedge are readily available for development and the extension of the retail park on a sensible basis over a portion of these lands would provide an opportunity to attract retail development.</p> <p>The submission on behalf of IDA Ireland focuses on strategic issues affecting the future sustainable development of Limerick and the encouragement of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to the city and county. The submission emphasises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The emerging Limerick Development Plan needs to include objectives that will support economic recovery from the impacts on the Covid-19 pandemic and create the conditions for long term sustainable growth; - Submission notes the importance of data centres to provide critical infrastructure for data based industries and recommended that the new Development Plan includes relevant policies in relation to Data Centres; - Submission recommends that the Development Plan includes a supply of land zoned for industrial and enterprise development to meet projected population increase and retains and protects the existing employment areas and facilitates their expansion; - The Development Plan should follow the NPF strategy in planning for strategic employment growth and consider, current employment locations, density of workers, land take and resource/infrastructure dependency, location for 	<p>141</p>	<p>Limerick City and Environs, subject to an appropriate level of assessment in accordance with the requirements of the NPF and RSES and the proposed core strategy and also environmental and flood assessment. The Council also recognises the importance of the maintenance of open space and green space to safeguard the quality of life that Limerick has to offer.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The NPF and RSES identifies significant job growth for Limerick to match the population growth outlined. The NPF recognises that enterprise development is drawn to locations by market forces, such as scale, accessibility, innovation, supported by higher education institutes and quality of life. The Draft Development Plan must recognise the critical link between the quality of urban place making and business investment/job creation. The NPF requires that regional and local authorities identify and quantify location for strategic employment in the main cities. The Draft Development Plan will include an assessment of the quantum of lands zoned for enterprise and employment and industrial development and propose additional zoning where appropriate in line with the Core Strategy. The Council will continue to engage with the IDA and other relevant stakeholders in this regard.</p> <p>Policies relating to Data Centres will be considered further during drafting of plan.</p>
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<p>expansion for existing enterprises, location for new enterprise, location for potential relocation of enterprises;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is recommended that a detailed assessment of the capacity of existing zoned land for industrial, enterprise and employment generating use is required to establish the net capacity of existing lands and will establish the amount of additional lands required; - The forthcoming Development Plan to support the ambitious growth targets for Limerick set out in national and regional planning policies and guidance; - The IDA offers full support to national and regional objectives for investment in the road network and enhanced public transport connectivity. 		
<p>Submission recommending inward investment be supported in the new Limerick Development Plan to ensure the economic development of Limerick and the creation of employment.</p>	140	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development Plan will seek to support inward investment and put in place the necessary mechanisms to secure such investment.</p>
<p>Submission proposing new employment opportunities and investment be considered for areas outside the City and town boundaries that would be considered suitable in terms of connectivity.</p>	140	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The NPF and RSES seek to deliver economic development close to where people live, to reduce travel congestion and in a bid to reduce emissions and to promote sustainable development.</p>
<p>Submission focuses on the development of the North side of the City which criticises what is perceived as little focus and neglect of the North side of the City. Support is noted for the Northern Distributor Road and LIT's move to Coonagh to invigorate private investment in the North side, however the slow movement of both projects and lack of progress needs to be addressed.</p>	27	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. These issues will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. Support for the Limerick Northern Distributor Road is welcomed and the Council acknowledge the importance of this infrastructure for the development of Limerick.</p>

<p>Submission notes that respecting and repurposing Limerick’s historic city will generate new employment opportunities in traditional skills, something which is also an aim of the 2020 Programme for Government</p>	113	The contents of the submission are noted.
<p>Submission addresses the Limerick Regeneration Programme and unemployment blackspots in Limerick. This submission outlines how Limerick City is home to eighteen of the countries unemployment blackspots which have dis-improved between 2011 and 2016 Census periods. The submission criticises the Regeneration Programme having wasted millions with minimal employment opportunities. The submission notes that the big employment centers in Limerick are still a distance from Regeneration areas if travelling by public transport.</p>	37	The contents of the submission are noted. The Limerick Regeneration Programme is in place to 2023 and the Council continue to engage will all stakeholders to address these unemployment blackspots including education and training providers, development companies etc. The Draft Development Plan will consider the issue further as it seeks to mainstream the policy support for the regeneration areas into the Draft Development Plan.
<p>Submission states the focus of the First Issues Paper was primarily on environmental sustainability and notes that as farming is the largest employer in rural Limerick, commercial and sustainable farming needs to be supported and not undermined in the new Development Plan stating that economic and social sustainability must be addressed within the plan.</p>	45	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognises the importance of the agricultural sector to Limerick’s economy and the Draft Development Plan will include policy support to safeguard this important industry.
<p>Submission notes the need for more part times employment for students and young people.</p>	114	The contents of the submission are noted; however, this issue is beyond the scope of the Draft Development Plan.
<p>Submission proposing that Limerick City and County Council actively support social enterprises which aim to increase re-use and recycling and which employ many long term unemployed.</p>	120	The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development Plan will seek to support social enterprises.
<p>Submission requesting the support needed for Local Employment Hubs including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social enterprises and co-operatives should be encouraged; </p>	188	The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development Plan will seek to support Local Employment Hubs in Limerick.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build local employment hubs with high speed broadband hot spots; - Encouraging development of co-working spaces in the city and in towns and villages; - Provide workspaces in the city, suburbs, country towns and villages for small enterprises. 		
<p>Submission proposing the Limerick Development Plan identify and support opportunities for employment growth across areas such as renewable energy.</p>	188	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development Plan will consider this issue and support employment growth across all sectors.</p>
<p>Submission suggests a focus on indigenous job creation across the region and notes while FDI investment has been exceptionally effective and beneficial for Limerick over recent years, it is important that the indigenous SME sector receives a level of focus to ensure that it is afforded the opportunity to be a vibrant and strong sector within the local economy.</p>	121	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development will consider this issue and support employment growth across all sectors, with particular focus on Small and Medium Enterprises.</p>
<p>Submission requesting the plan to support locally-owned small businesses through financial (e.g. lower rates) and non-financial (access to premises of unoccupied buildings etc.) means.</p>	131	<p>The contents of the submission are noted; however, this issue is beyond the scope of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission recommending the new Development Plan make provision for incremental increases in the retail floor area of the Crescent Shopping Centre over the lifetime of the Plan and proposes the development of the Dooradoyle Urban Quarter will provide the critical mass to support the public transport vision set out in the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy.</p>	135	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. All lands located in the City and Environs will be considered as part of the review of the Draft Development Plan, the requirement for zoning will be established in the evidence based core strategy and the zoning of lands will be based on availability of services and subject to flooding and environmental assessments, necessary to inform plan making. The need for additional retail floor spaces will be considered as part of the proposed Retail Strategy for the Metropolitan area.</p>

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

1. The Draft Plan shall provide strong policy support for the delivery of an integrated transport and spatial planning approach. This will be reflected in the proposed Core Strategy, which will set out the population allocation and employment growth for Limerick that will deliver sustainable population growth and support greater modal shift to sustainable modes of transport.
2. The preparation of the Draft Development Plan shall involve the review of the employment hierarchy in line with the emerging core strategy. The Draft Plan shall consider how best to ensure that there are sufficient zoned lands available in appropriate locations to support the range of future employment needs for Limerick. The Plan shall seek to protect and promote the strategic employment locations identified in RSES and seek to identify other opportunity sites for development.
3. The Draft Plan shall set out policies and objectives to support and develop the rural economy to enhance the competitiveness of rural areas by supporting innovation in rural economic development and enterprise through the diversification of the rural economy into new sectors and services, including ICT-based industries and those addressing climate change and sustainability.
4. Opportunities for smart home working including the development of hubs shall be considered.
5. The Draft Plan shall provide policy guidance in relation to Data Centres.
6. The Draft Development Plan shall seek to provide policy and objectives to support the delivery of education, training and skills development.
7. The Draft Plan shall incorporate the relevant objectives from the LDA's proposed Framework Plan for the Colbert Quarter.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Strategy, Policy and Objectives - City Centre		
Submission requests the new Limerick Development Plan promote an integrated framework of robust, resilient and sustainable strategies in response to the diverse physical and socio economic nature of the city.	107	The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development Plan will consider this issue in the formulation of policy.
Submissions recommending the city to redevelop into a multifunctional place with retail, office and residential accommodation in the City Centre providing people with what they need, near where they live. Submission noting residential is needed in association with the provision of office to ensure the city isn't a dead space after 6pm impacting on commuting traffic.	95, 27, 28, 206, 162, 107, 131, 143, 195	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognise the importance of a multifunctioning City Centre and also support the development of a variety of uses to enhance the quality of the City and to make it more attractive. The Draft Development Plan will seek to sets out policies and objectives to revitalise and

<p>Submission referencing Jane Jacob’s Death and Life of Great American Cities’ as a way of learning how to give life to a city noting the suburban development takes from a concentration of activity in the City Centre in terms of retail and business, which is what creates inwards investment into a city.</p>	61	<p>invigorate the City Centre in line with the review of the Limerick 2030 – an Economic and Spatial Plan for Limerick.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted.</p>
<p>Submission states Limerick City Council failed to implement its Limerick City Centre Strategy 2008. The adoption to the Limerick Economic and Spatial Plan 2030 into the Limerick City Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended) now places Limerick City Centre at the highest level for retail and commercial development in the planning hierarchy. The new Development Plan should bring with it a fresh impetus to use the "Limerick 2030 – An Economic and Spatial Plan" 2013 to deliver the projects proposed particularly relevant in post Covid-19 and post-Brexit times.</p>	95	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The review and evaluation of the Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Plan will commence imminently and this will outline how efficient the Council has been in terms of reimagining the City. The outcomes of this report will inform the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission focusing on the city centre and advises the Limerick Development Plan prioritise a number of ongoing initiatives to provide capacity to accommodate significant population growth within the existing built-up area. These initiatives could include: (i) Georgian Newtown Pery; (ii) Docklands; (iii) Colbert Station; (iv) Continued Regeneration.</p>	188	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development Plan will consider the development of the City Centre in line with the requirements of the NPF and the RSES, supporting compact growth the key driver for the development of Limerick over the lifetime of the proposed Plan.</p>
<p>Submission advises the new Plan build on the work already started under the Georgian Neighbourhood Project and commit to the development of a comprehensive Georgian Renewal Strategy that identifies specific projects with clearly defined targets that can be monitored on an ongoing basis.</p>	87	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. This issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan, with policies to protect, enhance and develop appropriately in Limerick’s Georgian Area.</p>

<p>In support of its commitment to the UN Sustainability Goals, the new Plan should recognise outputs from the University of Limerick’s Go Green Routes Project and identify areas for ‘public green space’ development in the city centre.</p>	<p>188</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is a partner in the Go Green Routes Project and will seek to protect and enhance green spaces in Limerick to protect the quality of life for Limerick’s citizens.</p>
<p>Submissions in respect to the impact that vacant units is having on the city. Submission proposes the Limerick Development Plan commit to the development of a vacant site strategy. The submission provides examples of mapping projects in other cities include: ‘Vacancy Detector’ in Bremen, a system of collaborative mapping that collects quality data on the empty spaces in the city; and ‘Occupy Me’ in Riga which identifies empty buildings with a sticker showing the words OCCUPY ME, in line with the idea that visibility can trigger attention.</p>	<p>188, 95</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council is committed to the implementation to addressing vacancy in the city and have been working proactively to address this issue through a number of tools including: The Vacant Site legalisation and the provisions of the Derelict Site Act.</p>
<p>Submission suggesting the renovation of Georgian buildings into high quality apartments for older people who wish to downsize and live more centrally should be considered as a means to revitalise the City.</p>	<p>87</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. This issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission noting the need for office space in the Colbert Quarter.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted.</p>
<p>Submission proposes the need for more events with real content in the city and cites the example of Chicago as an effective way of delivering events which includes policy to deliver events aimed at the residents of the city, while also attracting tourists.</p>	<p>79</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development Plan will include policies to support events in the City Centre.</p>
<p>The submission requests special designation for the core of the city centre, namely from the southern bank of the River Shannon, to the Abbey River, to Wickham Street and towards Cecil Street and incentivising private</p>		

<p>development and investment in the city. This "special designation" could look at many incentives available through both Irish and European institutions. The submission questions if there is a specific tax designation that could be introduced for urban regeneration to provide new residential and commercial accommodation and bring Limerick to the forefront counterbalancing the overreaching dominance of the Greater Dublin Area.</p>	95	The contents of the submission are noted. The issues raised are beyond the scope of the Development Plan.
<p>The submission suggests a detailed, action-driven plan for the protection of inner city as a hub for activity, which will be significantly impacted as a result of the COVID pandemic, and movement to on-line shopping, e-commerce and remote work. An understanding of how this will impact inner city areas will be key to developing strategies to address the issue.</p>	121	The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development Plan will set out the strategy for the protection of the City Centre, informed by the Retail Strategy, which is currently being prepared and the review of the Limerick 2030 – Economic and Spatial Plan.
<p>Concern is expressed regarding the increasing level of "low-end retail" in the City Centre and the Council allowing it to permeate the City Centre. The Council needs to balance rates income versus the societal, commercial and tourism impacts.</p>	121	The contents of the submission are noted. This issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan, in line with the outcomes of the Retail Strategy.
<p>Submission outlining the need for the presence of employers and third level/further education campuses in the city centre, through the provision of education, training, and business hubs.</p>	131	The contents of the submission are noted.
<p>Submissions noting the need to create a better atmosphere in the city akin to Cork and Galway and the need to keep people in the city outside their hours of work stating the city cannot rely on pubs, restaurants and retail. Submission highlights the need to bring sport into the city, make nightlife a central aspect and make it a fun place to be and to live.</p>	192, 221	The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development Plan will consider the issues highlighted in the submission.

Submission proposing the idea of a 'night time mayor' to help look after the nightlife in the City and encourage more events to increase night time footfall in the city.	184	The contents are noted.
Submission requesting the use of all historical valued existing buildings for developments and not just their facades.	61	The contents of the submission are noted; however, the proposal is beyond the scope of the Development Plan.
Submission on the potential that Nicholas Street has in the city to maximise on its tourism potential and also to create a bustling street with bars, restaurants and boutiques linking to The Quays.	222	The contents of the submission are noted. The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognise the significance of Nicholas Street and have worked with the local communities to enhance the street and will continue to support the development and enhancement of the street.
Submission outlining the need to reclaim O'Connell Street to make it a safe and create space to spend time in and to support the businesses that operate on and off O'Connell Street.	162	The contents of the submission are noted. The redevelopment of O'Connell Street is imminent.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

1. Incorporate the outcomes of the Retail Strategy into the Draft Development Plan.
2. Incorporate the outcomes of the review of the Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Plan into the Draft Development Plan.
3. It is recommended that the Draft Plan contains clear policies and objectives setting out the important role that the City Centre plays at the heart of the Metropolitan Area and the importance of active land management to regenerate the city centre and address vacancy and dereliction.
4. The Draft Plan shall include policies and objectives to safeguard the City Centre and to increase the residential population living in it.
5. Include policies and objectives to safeguard open space and green space in the City Centre.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Strategy, Policy and Objectives – County		
<p>Submission requesting the investment in skills, training and enterprise as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invest in skills, training and apprenticeships for all trades with a focus on low-carbon construction methods; - Support digital literacy education for all ages across the country, to allow people of all ages and backgrounds to benefit from IT; - Develop targeted and industry specific renewable energy courses for manual workers in general as well as for skilled tradespeople. 	120	The contents of the submission are noted. The issue is beyond the scope of the Development Plan, however, the Council will continue to work with education and training providers to deliver appropriate levels of education and training.
Submission proposing the Limerick Development Plan commits to the implementation of policies and programmes to support youth employment.	188	The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.
Submission referencing the concept of clustering supported in the RSES. The submission proposes that the Limerick Development Plan focus on identifying and supporting a small number of large-scale clusters in Limerick.	188	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council will seek to include policy support in line with RSES to encourage clustering of economic development.
<p>Submissions includes recommendations that the new Development Plan commit to supporting businesses in their efforts to adopt work-life balance policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submission propose LCCC support remote working practices by formulating short term policy responses that can be utilised in tandem with the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan; 	44, 188	The contents of the submissions are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposal for remote working hubs established in the city centre (in vacant units) to provide broadband access to individuals without access in their primary residence; - Further submission in request of remote working hubs in towns and villages. 		
<p>Submission requesting the local authority to work with local business to improve the city.</p>	148	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council continues to work with local businesses to improve the City.</p>
<p>Submission indicates the Covid 19 pandemic should have prompted a reset of all social and economic systems.</p>	16	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. Covid 19 has had a significant impact on a global scale, the nation has appeared to have reset the dial in terms of priorities, the legacy of Covid is yet to be determined.</p>
<p>Submission proposing the consideration of health and wellbeing of employees in large scale employment sites/industrial estates by ensuring measures such as travel plans, smarter travel infrastructure, access to recreational facilities and a high quality of design and landscaping be provided within these sites.</p>	133	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission noting the need for Limerick to compete with other regions in Ireland and in Europe for investment, talent and quality of life.</p>	168	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council continues to promote Limerick as a destination and seeks to develop its competitiveness with our European counterparts.</p>
<p>The submission acknowledges Limerick’s role as ‘the heart of the Midwest’ and outlines the massive part that food, drink and entertainment business plays in a modern city.</p>	2	<p>The contents of the submission are noted and welcomed. The Draft Development Plan will consider this issue in terms of the development of Limerick City Centre.</p>

Submission by Adare Community Trust requesting support in developing a business network among local businesses.	44	The contents of the submission is noted; however the issue is beyond the scope of the Development Plan.
Submission states Limerick suffers from a legacy of lack of 'joined-up thinking' by rival local authorities due to local government administrative arrangements in the past.	95	The contents of the submission are noted.
Submission considers the City and the County work together much better than they currently do to promote 'Brand Limerick'.	119	The contents of the submission are noted
Chief Executive's Recommendation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Draft Plan shall provide strong policy support for the delivery of an integrated transport and spatial planning approach. 2. It is recommended that the Draft Plan contains clear policies and objectives setting out the important role that the City Centre plays at the heart of the Metropolitan Area and the importance of active land management to regenerate the city centre and address vacancy and dereliction. 3. Opportunities for smart home working including the development of hubs shall be considered. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Tourism		
Submission from Fáilte Ireland highlights the importance of tourism to the economy and requests that tourism be considered as one of the most important indigenous sectors. Submission seeks the following to be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A dedicated chapter on tourism; - A strong emphasis on sustainable tourism; - Increased support in investment, promotion of Limerick as a domestic tourism destination, accommodation choice and support for local businesses; 	143	The contents of the submission are noted. Tourism is a significant part of the economy of Limerick, in terms of jobs supported and revenue generated. The Council published the Limerick Tourism Development Strategy which seeks to capitalise on Limerick's location as a gateway for the Wild Atlantic Way as central to developing the sector while also developing our natural assets in terms of culture, heritage, sports, the River Shannon and the vibrant arts and culture sector, just to name a few. The Draft Development Plan will seek to include policies and objectives to

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The period of the development plan coincides with the Ryder Cup event, and specific policies should be identified to support the required infrastructure necessary to facilitate the tournament and should work with all stakeholders; - Maintain connectivity via a good bus service including intercity/expressway services and to develop more frequent, convenient, and reliable bus routes; - Develop more coach parking and park and ride facilities. Road signage and entry signs on way to Limerick should be improved; - Investment in public realm and encourages the animation the public realm in the City; - Clearly set out tourism policies and objectives through the inclusion of maps in the Plan; - National Landscape Strategy 2015-2025 be referenced in the forthcoming Development Plan and that a specific Landscape Character Assessment for Limerick be incorporated. 		
<p>Tourism should not just be seen for its economic development opportunities, but also arising from a sense of local identify and pride in the area and a desire to make local historic features known, accessible and appreciated for locals and visitors alike.</p>	117	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. This issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requesting the continued support to sustainable rural based enterprises such as forestry and tourism in the county and make adequate provisions and objectives to facilitate their delivery including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring the zoning of sufficient lands with associated objectives for recreational, commercial, tourism and community uses; 	117	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support the provision of tourism infrastructure and visitor services, including the provision of tourism accommodation at appropriate locations in the Coillte estate. 		
<p>Submission seeks the inclusion of more proactive rural tourism policies and objectives in the new Limerick Development Plan and requests a change in tourism policy be facilitated with particular regard to short term tourist accommodation, e.g. new accommodation shall be permitted outside of defined settlements and in rural areas where there is an established tourism product. A request for a map for County Limerick identifying areas within the county that could be suitable/appropriate for further tourism development to be included the new plan.</p>	36	The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.
<p>Submission refers to policy in the current County Development Plan 2010 - 2016, which set out that developments to be sensitively located, and be sympathetic in manner with the environment, heritage and amenities. The submission sets out suggested policy updates.</p>	118	The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.
<p>Submission by Pallasgreen – Templebraden Community Council outline a number of potential developments that the Council is interested in pursuing including; an interpretive centre adjacent to Sarsfield’s Rock; an interpretive centre at Ballyneety to complement the attractions of Limerick City, Lough Gur and the Excel Centre in Tipperary Town; information panels and directional signage across the tourist route; a viewing point on the High Road to Nicker overlooking East Limerick and West Tipperary; a walking route at Nicker Hill.</p>	85	The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.
<p>The submission outlines the potential Adare has as a recognised tourist destination within Limerick and the wider Shannon region. It proposes Adare to become a ‘must see’ destination maximising on its reputation at</p>	44	The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. The Council recognise the importance of Adare as a destination and

<p>a local, national and international level in delivering high quality heritage, accommodation, retail activity and catering packages. Adare should be promoted as a tourism hub and creating collaborations with other key assets, attractions and activities across wider County Limerick and the Shannon Region.</p>		<p>policy support will be included in the Draft Development Plan to support this.</p>
<p>Submission requests the support to encourage start-ups in the Adare area of tour guiding and activity provision (walks, cycling, wellness, water activity).</p>	44	<p>The contents of the submission are noted but is beyond the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requests support in the development of a tourism marketing plan for Adare.</p>	44	<p>The contents of the submission are noted but is beyond the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requesting that Limerick City and County Council takes an active role in ensuring fair pricing of hotels, restaurants and bars are undertaken across City.</p>	79	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. This is beyond the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submissions referencing the built heritage and unique and attractive historic landscape should form the basis of Limerick's tourism industry.</p>	113, 2, 82, 225, 119, 120	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issues will be considered in the Draft Development Plan as appropriate.</p>
<p>Tourism Proposals include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The potential of Fanning's Tower House/Castle if renovated; - A theme park 'The Siege of Limerick Adventure Centre' in the Cleeve's Site; - An indoor attraction similar to the Aqua-dome in Tralee, located in the Groody area with access to the motorway; - Long distance off-road walking and cycling trails; - Create a City & County Walkways Development Plan; 	119	<p>The contents of the submission are noted.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extend the Slí na Sláinte walking routes and connect to tourist destinations; - Encourage water based activities; - Cultural summer schools and festivals; - Food trails; - Support local initiatives like tidy towns and local festivals to promote tourism; - Reimagining of the breath of formerly public and instructional property and land. 		
<p>Submission proposing LCCC works with Fáilte Ireland to develop and promote Limerick as a long stay tourism destination.</p>		
<p>Submission requesting support is provided for Limerick’s museums and publicly owned performance and cultural establishments.</p>	120	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission referring to the tourism potential of the ferry history in Limerick as being untapped, particularly the role of the Canals in the City and the 1821s paddle steamer service from Limerick to Kilrush and proposes its inclusion into the new plan.</p>	99	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered further in the Draft Development Plan</p>
<p>Submission noting the need to encourage and support tourist related developments, such as hotels and conference centres proximate to the future Northern Distributor Road.</p>	140	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission recommending the inclusion of a specific objective on new accommodation in the rural hinterlands of towns and villages.</p>	140	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submissions noting the lack of sanitation facilities for tourists.</p>	4	

<p>Submissions noting the potential tourism based economic benefits to the Ballyhoura Region should the Kilmallock Railway Station be reopened.</p> <p>Submission requests that consideration is given to the provision of accessible tourism for all facilities in Limerick.</p> <p>Submission suggests that LCCC should establish connected seasonal public transport links to enable visitors to traverse visitor attractions in the County.</p> <p>The submission requests the renewal and redevelopment of the approach roads from Killarney side of Newcastle West on the N21, as it currently gives a negative first impression to potential tourists.</p> <p>Submission noting the importance for the Limerick Development Plan to recognise the key tourism attractions such as Bunratty Castle and Folk Gardens located between Limerick City and Shannon and King John's Castle located within Limerick City and support same by appropriate transport infrastructure.</p> <p>Submission contends that there is an opportunity to increase tourism in Limerick City by developing a motorhome park in close proximity to the City Centre.</p>	<p>3, 17, 88</p> <p>117</p> <p>157</p> <p>225</p> <p>116</p> <p>1, 213</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue is beyond the scope of the Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue is beyond the scope of the Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan in terms of universal design.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue is beyond the scope of the Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue is beyond the scope of the Development Plan. This issue can be considered in the review of the Newcastle West Local Area Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan in terms of the overall regional tourism offer.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation:</p> <p>1. Update the policies and objectives of the chapter to reflect recent developments, trends and areas of new policy guidance.</p>		

2. Acknowledge the importance of the natural environment, landscape and heritage as a resource for tourism and include strong policies in the plan to protect these assets. Ensure the link between tourism and other sectors of the plan is recognised and ensure that policies and objectives are consistent and supportive across sectors.
3. Recognise the importance of the Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland’s Ancient East as significant tourism brands and to encourage the expansion of the brands where appropriate.
4. Include policies to support the development of greenways, blueways, walkways and cycle ways across Limerick in order to encourage sustainable activity tourism.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
Strategic Employment Locations		
<p>The Shannon Group PLC request the Development Plan recognises how Shannon Commercial Properties and the wider Shannon Group can contribute to the economic and sustainable development of the Mid-West Region, providing balanced economic development and delivering investment and growth in the region through a number of strategic sites in their ownership. To enable the successful and sustainable economic growth of the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area as envisaged by the NPF and the RSES, the Limerick Development Plan should take a holistic approach when identifying lands for future development, providing complementary designations and non-conflicting designations.</p> <p>Submission identifies the synergies set out in the NPF between Limerick and Shannon and recommends that the key growth enablers identified in the NPF are included in the new Development Plan.</p>	116	The contents of the submission are noted. The issues will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan, subject to compliance with the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and the NPF and the RSES in terms of economic development and strategic employment locations.
<p>This submission discusses strategic enterprise locations in Limerick and the need to ensure that a sufficient quantum of zoned lands is available to attract future investors and to ensure that existing successful enterprises</p>	122	The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. The Core Strategy will provide an evidence based population and

<p>can grow and expand their current operations The Draft Development Plan should review the nature and extent of the identified strategic enterprise locations as provided in the MASP and should seek to support, intensify and regenerate these existing assets as appropriate. Consideration should be given to the expansion of economic land use zonings for those location which are located adjacent to strategic transport networks, population centres and have good availability of social and physical infrastructure. The submission highlights locations where expansion of industrial lands may be appropriate including: The National Technology Park Plassey, IDA Raheen Business Park, Dock Road Business Park, Ballysimon Industrial Park, Clondrinagh Business Park, and Annacotty Business Park to facilitate future economic growth.</p>		<p>employment growth assessment for Limerick and this strategy will identify the quantum of zoned lands required. These lands will be subject to assessment to determine their suitable for development in terms of services.</p>
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The preparation of the Draft Development Plan shall involve the review of the employment hierarchy in line with the emerging core strategy. The Draft Plan shall consider how best to ensure that there are sufficient zoned lands available in appropriate locations to support the range of future employment needs for Limerick. The Plan shall seek to protect and promote the strategic employment locations identified in RSES and seek to identify other opportunity sites development. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
Development Opportunity Sites		
<p>Submission by Thomond Park requests the consideration of a proposal to develop a multi-purpose indoor events arena at and adjacent to Thomond Park Stadium. The key objective is to deliver a business model that will provide sustainable income and employment for Thomond Park Stadium, and contribute significant benefits to the Local Community, and to the economic growth of Limerick City and County. The project proposal outlined has widespread support from Elected Members, Failte Ireland,</p>	<p>51</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>

<p>Shannon Region Conference and Sports Bureau, The Shannon Group, Limerick Institute of Technology and ASM Global.</p>		
<p>Submission noting the potential of Cleeves site as a strategically located and potential gateway to the City. Submission contends that the site will be an important employment and housing site and should be identified as an opportunity site.</p>	107	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. The Council recognised the importance of brownfield development in terms of regeneration of the City and in accordance with the NPF and RSES requirements, all brownfield and greenfield sites in Limerick City and Environs will be examined and considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>The submission indicates the plans for ‘Colbert Quarter’ may address lack of population growth in the city centre and potentially encourage private retail investment and proposes the Local Authority to work with Iarnrod Eireann and Bus Eireann to develop office use in the vicinity of the station enabling a vibrant city centre economy.</p>	27	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. The Council recognised the importance of brownfield development in terms of regeneration of the City, in accordance with the NPF and RSES all brownfield and greenfield sites in Limerick City and Environs will be examined and considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. The Council will engage with the relevant stakeholders in Limerick as appropriate.</p>
<p>Submissions referencing the Opera site and the significance of the site in revitalizing the city.</p>	27, 29	<p>The submission is noted and welcomed.</p>
<p>Submission by Adare Council Trust requesting the support in investigating potential development opportunities for the development of the Former Monastery/Fever Hospital as a creative enterprise hub and training centre.</p>	44	<p>The contents of the submission are noted but are outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission proposing the new Limerick Development Plan supports the development of ‘Green Industries’ and commit to the development of a ‘Green Enterprise and Employment’ plan that: (i) sets clearly defined targets and metrics to develop an integrated view of life cycles (of</p>	188	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>

<p>products, of business units etc.) and value chains; (ii) identifies investment models and financial awards to support the transition; and (iii) incorporates education and communication tools to raise awareness of new opportunities.</p>		
<p>Submission noting the need for the provision of support infrastructure should the University of Limerick move into the City Centre including sporting and social facilities.</p>	120	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission proposes the development of Kings Island as a new quarter in the city reflecting on the opportunity that exists particularly given its historical value to the City and the potential connectivity to the Northern Distributor Road and the Railway Station.</p>	53	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>The submission notes concern over the proposed Plaza at Clondrinagh roundabout which is currently on hold and the progression of the Hertz dealership.</p>	27	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue is being progressed through the Development Management process and is beyond the scope of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requesting the redevelopment of the Docks to be high priority in any long term plan and proposes Limerick City and County Council request ownership of the Docks from the Harbour Board/Commissioners to move forward with its redevelopment. Submission also proposes the redevelopment of the old Mill and the Clock Tower in Limerick City.</p>	29	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. The NPF and RSES offer policy support for the redevelopment of the Docks subject to the appropriate level of assessment.</p>
<p>Submission requesting the Gas Works Site be considered within the Limerick Development Plan given the location at an entry point into the city and the potential for development capitalising on the new developments existing and proposed along the River Shannon.</p>	29	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>

Submission proposing expanding the city boundary to include lands at Plassey across the River and into Gillogue proposing the development of a new bridge to access the location which would allow the continued development at UL, Corbally, Castletroy and the National Technology Park.	29	The contents of the submission are noted. The issues are beyond the scope of the Draft Development Plan, as the lands are located in County Clare.
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Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

1. The Draft Development shall consider the inclusion of policies to support development opportunities as appropriate.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
Food Industry		
Submission proposing the need to support opportunities to promote the tradition of food businesses by providing permanent space for artisan food retailers and ‘pop-up’ space for seasonal markets.	44	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognises the importance of indigenous food producers in Limerick. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.
Submission noting food security and accessibility to be considered as a priority for the development of County Limerick.	45	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognises the importance of food security particularly in a post Brexit era. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.
Submission on food production proposing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move towards more regional markets of food production and trade that would deliver jobs and greater food security; - Encourage a wider range of food production on a smaller scale including horticultural produce; - Provide space for allotments and local food markets; - Support farm-to-fork supply chain activities and measures that help farmers transition to sustainable farming practices; - Launch a marketing initiative to encourage consumers to buy locally-grown, chemical free food; 	120	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognises the importance of food production in Limerick. The Council prepared a Food Strategy to develop and enhance Limerick’s reputation for outstanding food and drink by supporting Limerick’s food and drink producers. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for the establishment of local food processing facilities and kitchens for local food producers; - Train and support farmers to build their own micro-scale processing, with a view that these later develop organically into local co-ops; - Encourage small scale abattoirs to give farmers another channel for selling cattle for slaughter rather than only through the large producers; - Make use of existing infrastructure of town squares for publicly owned farmers' and craft markets - Collaboration between towns so that market days do not clash in different towns; - Encourage organic and nature/friendly production; - Request to change the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP); - Develop food trails to build on reputation for high quality produce - Improve the quality and nutrition of food served in public-sector areas such as hospitals, government buildings, local authority premises, etc.; - Encouragement of local food procurement policies for the public sector. 		
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Chief Executive's Recommendation:

1. Support the Limerick Food Strategy and include policy support in the Draft Development to support and promote the food industry.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Retail		
<p>Submission noting the requirement to reposition Limerick as the top shopping destination in the Mid-West and is submitted should be the main goal of the new Retail Strategy.</p> <p>Submissions noting the market failure for retail and office accommodation in the City Centre due to the migration of a number of larger retailers and office from the City Centre to Limerick's suburbs including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submissions referring to the impact the 'donut effect' has had on the city; - Submission noting the impact of particularly developments including the Crescent Shopping Centre and large-scale retail development in City East, Parkway Retail Park, Jetland, Castletroy Shopping Centre, National Technology Park and at Ballysimon; - Submission notes the refusal of Limerick One Shopping Park; - Three multiplex cinemas in the environs and none in the city; 	<p>188</p> <p>61, 95, 195, 188</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council in conjunction with Clare County Council have appointed consultants to assist in the preparation of a Retail Strategy for the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area in line with the RSES. The RSES sets out in Limerick – Shannon MASP Policy Objective 17 that 'It is an objective to support Limerick City Centre in maintaining its dominant retail function in the Midwest hierarchy'. The RSES supports and promotes the continued expansion and enhancement of retail development within the City Centre. It is an objective to protect and enhance customer experience of visiting Limerick City Centre through facilitating a mixed expansion of services including high order comparison retailing in conjunction with service, cultural and entertainment facilities through appropriate and sensitive redevelopment and infill development.</p> <p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council is committed to the development of the City Centre and have engaged consultants in assisting the preparation of a retail strategy. This shall consider and influence retail planning policy in the proposed development plan.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Limerick Development Plan to ensure that any proposals outside the city centre that would undermine its regional role should not be supported in principle. 		
<p>Submissions on the need to upgrade shopfronts, including a proposal to include a shopfront policy similar to what is existing in Kilkenny in the new Limerick Development Plan.</p>	187, 222	The contents of the submissions are noted and will be considered further in the drafting of the plan, particularly development management standards.
<p>Submissions requesting the upgrade of Cruises Street including the following proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resurfacing works similar to Thomas Street in the City; - Creation of a more atmospheric, colourful and welcoming pedestrian street; - Introduce a mix of uses onto the street such as restaurants, pubs and cafes to bring more life to it. 	222, 114, 187, 190	The contents of the submissions are noted. The issues will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.
<p>Submissions referring to the need to support the introduction of good quality and varied retail into the city that will increase day and evening footfall. Submission requesting an improved range of retail for younger people.</p>	195, 114, 221, 188	The contents of the submissions are noted.
<p>Submission requesting that consideration be given by the Council on how to attract new investment into the city and county, including the provision of rates incentives.</p>	95, 119, 218	The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council introduced a Business Incentive Retail Scheme in 2014, which was designed to attract business back into the City Centre, with reduced rates.
<p>Submissions proposing the main shopping area in the City and Nicholas Street to be covered with a roof. Submission cites Bristol in England as a successful example.</p>	23, 29, 79, 227	The contents of the submission are noted.

<p>Submission noting concern on the impact of online shopping will have on street retailing.</p>	<p>218</p>	
<p>Submission advising the needs of small retailers and business trying to adjust to changing consumer trends needs to be addressed and proposes the provision of support in the form of expertise and mentoring. Ground floors of carparks in the city should be used for alternative uses.</p>	<p>222</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. There is a marked shift to online retailing as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. The Retail Strategy will consider this issue and assess the likely impacts for Limerick.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted.</p>
<p>Submission requests that the existing Retail Strategy is re-examined and that certain larger floorplates are permitted in the environs of the city, most notably in the Ballysimon area.</p>	<p>195</p>	
<p>Submission requesting the new plan to make provision for incremental increases in the retail floor area of the Crescent Shopping Centre over the lifetime of the plan. Furthermore the submission proposes the development of the Dooradoyle Urban Quarter will provide the critical mass to support the public transport vision set out in the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy.</p>	<p>135</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Retail Strategy will consider these issues</p>
<p>Submission encourages the Local Authority to continue to engage with stakeholders in the retail sector to ensure that there are appropriate policies in the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 to attract new investment in the county, protect the viability and vitality of existing retail premises and accommodate refurbishment and expansion of the older premises.</p>	<p>127</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Retail Strategy when completed will determine the policies in relation further development outside of Limerick City Centre in terms of retail expansion.</p>
<p>Submission requesting flexibility with regard to zoning policies to facilitate the provision of retail floorspace at appropriate locations and that the new plan include supportive zoning and policy objectives to attract new</p>	<p>127</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. There will opportunities for stakeholder engagement as part of the preparation of the Retail Strategy for the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area and the remainder of Limerick.</p>

<p>convenience retail operators to the county to stem any potential leakage to neighbouring counties.</p> <p>Submission requests that the policies in the Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 recognise that the design of modern retail formats are dictated by retailer’s requirements, current Building Regulations, Fire Safety and Disability Access requirements. Each of these regulations necessitates extra space requirements. The submission requests that policies provide flexibility and allow for the development of modern convenience retail units.</p>	127	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Retail Strategy when completed will determine the policies in relation further developments outside of Limerick City Centre in terms of retail expansion.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Retail Strategy will consider this issue.</p>
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Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

1. The proposed retail strategy shall inform the retail policies in the development plan and shall have regard to the following:
 - The requirements of the NPF and RSES;
 - The Retail Planning Guidelines;
 - Ensure new retail development, wherever possible supports the role of the City Centre and town centres as the principle location for shopping activities;
 - Ensure that the continuing vitality and viability of the City Centre and town centres is maintained and enhanced; and
 - Ensure provision in the plan for retail activities appropriate to meet the needs of the population targets set out in the core strategy.
2. Include polices in relation to promoting good quality and design of shop fronts.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
Neighbourhood and Local Centres		
<p>Submissions request retail planning policy is standardised throughout Limerick City & County such that no specific caps are imposed on retail provision within neighbourhood centres and local centres either through policy or development management standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Retail Impact Statement would deliver a site-specific result rather than the generic application of a quantitative standard; 	105, 125	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Retail Strategy when completed will determine the policies in relation further developments outside of Limerick City Centre in terms of retail expansion. The NPF and RSES set out the need to re-establish Limerick City Centre at the top of the retail hierarchy. The Draft Development Plan will be informed by the outcomes of the Retail Strategy and in line with National and Regional policy.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are no neighbourhood centre retail policy caps advocated in any statutory document or guidelines at national or regional level, with specific reference to the National Planning Framework (NPF), the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region (RSES) and Mid-West Retail Strategy; - The current floor cap on retail floor space (not exceed 900sqm in area) within neighbourhood centres as that implemented within the Southern Environs Local Area Plan 2011 – 2017 (as extended to May 2021) and Objective ZO.5 (D) Local Centers within the current Limerick City Development Plan restricts opportunities in a number of neighbourhood centres and local centres; - Further difficulties are encountered through Objective ZO.5(D) Local Centers within the Limerick City Development Plan where centers allow for convenience shopping with anchor units of 400sqm or less. <p>Submission requesting as part of the new Limerick Development Plan and any future retail strategy, that the established retail designations including ‘District Centres’ and ‘Neighbourhood Centres’, are protected to ensure these retail centres can continue to meet the needs of communities in the long term.</p>	127	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Retail Strategy, when completed will determine the policies in relation further to the designation of the appropriate level of retail provision in line with the Retail Planning Guidelines.</p>
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Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

1. The outcomes of the Retail Strategy shall inform the retail planning policy for neighbourhood and local centres.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Shannon Airport		
<p>Submissions outlining the importance of Shannon Airport and its role as an economic driver for Midwest region and nationally in the new Development Plan to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support the development of Shannon Airport by promoting the prioritisation of air access outside of the Capital; - Advocate for Shannon Airport to receive CapEx funding under the Regional Airports Programme; - Ensure that the LSMATS supports high frequency connectivity to Shannon Airport. 	6, 16, 27, 44, 116, 130 188, 151	The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council recognises the importance of Shannon Airport for Limerick and for the wider region and also recognises and supports the synergies that exist between Limerick City and the development of the airport.
Chief Executive's Recommendation:		
1. The Draft Development Plan shall recognise the importance of Shannon Airport for the Limerick Region.		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Towns and Villages		
<p>The submission outlines how towns and villages need to be reinforced and supported to develop and become more than a high quality environment that supports economic activity back into the city. To enable this to happen the requests the following be facilitated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reimagining of vacant units including public and instructional property and land that is available to communities for community, tourism and business use; - Fit for purpose business and industry work spaces in rural towns and villages; - The development of walking, cycling and blueway connections between towns and villages for use of local and visitors; 	120, 225	The contents of the submissions are noted. The NPF and RSES recognise the value of our towns and villages, Limerick has a large dispersed population outside of Limerick City, made to of a network of towns, villages and neighbourhoods. The NPF and RSES seeks to strengthen the rural fabric and supporting the communities who live in towns and villages, by planning for the future growth and development of rural areas, including addressing decline, with a special focus on activating the potential for the renewal and development of towns and villages. The Council is working closely with communities in towns and villages to seek funding to enhance community facilitates, address dereliction and vacancy and make town and villages attractive places to live with a strong sense of

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wifi enabled public access points to enable visitor information services; - Community markets and on street production and retailing. - The provision of grants to improve shop fronts. <p>Submission requesting the Limerick Development Plan should support the goals identified in the Town Centre Living Initiative.</p> <p>Submission by ICMSA noting the first issues paper weighed heavily on the progress and growth of Limerick City with little to no mention of plans for rural and county development.</p> <p>Submission proposing the new Development Plan to seek to achieve Purple Flag status for towns.</p> <p>Submission requesting that connectivity and active modes of transport (including greenways) within and to the towns and villages not included under LSMATS to be promoted within the new plan.</p>	<p>188</p> <p>45</p> <p>143</p> <p>188</p>	<p>community and inclusiveness. The Draft Development Plan will include policies and objectives to protect and enhance our towns and villages throughout Limerick.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issues will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted; however, this is beyond the scope of the Draft Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council will seek to improve modal shift across Limerick through a number of measures, including policies in Local Area Plans, through the Development Management process and seek funding where possible to support such initiatives.</p>
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Draft Development Plan will set out policies and objectives to support and develop the rural economy to enhance the competitiveness of the rural areas by supporting innovation in rural economic development and enterprise through diversification of the rural economy into new sectors. 2. The Draft Development Plan will review the settlement hierarchy in line with the emerging evidence based core strategy, which will seek to set out the polices for growth in our towns and villages, at an appropriate level relative to their scale. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Forestry		
Submission requests the new Development Plan have regard to the regulatory framework established under The Forestry Act 2014 and overseen by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine with respect to the forestry sector.	117	The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.
Chief Executive's Recommendation: 1. The Draft Development Plan shall set out policies to support and develop the rural economy across all sectors.		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Foynes Port		
Submission on behalf of Shannon Foynes Port Company request the following to be included in the new Limerick Development Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognition that Shannon Foynes Port as a national and regional economic driver and as a unique, natural asset in the region. - Reference to SFPC's TEN-T status in the Development Plan would be welcomed in the interest of enhanced connectivity within Ireland and throughout Europe. - Recognition of national policy supporting the future development of SFPC. The Development Plan should acknowledge, in line with the NPF, that greater investment in internal transport connections are required to yield optimal returns for the maritime economy, including the Foynes to Limerick Road Scheme (including Adare Bypass). - Promotion of the port as a significant national and regional asset. It is requested that the new Development Plan 	90	<p>The contents of the submission is noted. The Council recognise the importance of the both Foynes Port and Limerick Docklands as key economic drivers for the region, but also recognise the value of the infrastructure in terms of connectivity and freight transport. The Draft Development Plan will include policy support for the Limerick Docklands and Foynes Port.</p> <p>The Council also recognises the need to connect the Port Infrastructure with road and rail connections, the importance of the Foynes to Limerick Road Scheme including Adare by pass and the redevelopment of the Foynes railway line will have policy support included.</p>

<p>continues to dedicate a Chapter within the Development to the Shannon Estuary and its future potential, in accordance with the principles of the existing Chapter 9.0. of the Limerick County Development Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Carries forward and expands the existing Objective SE O3: Port Facilities such that the Council will support efforts to expand and upgrade the port facilities available in Foynes Harbour in line with the Strategic Integrated Framework Plan for the Shannon Estuary and the Vision 2041 - Shannon Foynes Port Company Masterplan. A specific objective should facilitate the provision of a Logistics Hub at the Port of Foynes.- Retains the status of Foynes Island to enable future port development and that supportive development objectives are provided in the plan to facilitate port development on the island. Suggested wording as follows: <i>“It is an objective to safeguard and maintain Foynes Island as a vital port asset and to support the provision of natural deep water berthage on the island capable of facilitating Panamax vessels and next generation Panamax”</i>.- Recognises the Limerick Docklands Framework Strategy and that in accordance with the provisions of the RSES that clear objectives are implemented in the Development Plan to facilitate an extension of the city centre to the Docklands, whilst also acknowledging the operations of a commercial port. Provision should be made in the Plan for the promotion of internal vehicular, cycle and pedestrian linkages between		
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<p>Ted Russell Dock and Corcanree in accordance with the objectives of the Framework Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes an objective supporting the development of SFPC as a marshalling port to service an ORE hub on the West Coast of Ireland. It is suggested that the following text could be inserted: <i>“To facilitate the development of an Offshore Renewable Energy Hub off the west coast of Ireland supported by the development of Shannon Foynes Port Company including development of natural deepwater berthage at Foynes Island as an ORE Marshalling Port”</i>. - Prioritises the delivery of the Foynes to Limerick Road Scheme (including Adare Bypass). - Promotes the delivery of the Limerick to Foynes rail line. - Encourages the enhancement of critical enabling infrastructure to the Shannon Estuary and the Port of Foynes including gas, water, electricity and broadband provision. <p>Submission in support of Foynes to become the Port of Shannon.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted; however this is beyond the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Draft Development Plan will recognise the strategically important role of the both the Limerick and Foynes Ports for jobs growth and its future potential as an engine of growth in Limerick, and as a major attractor of investment. 2. The Draft Development Plan will include policy support for the Foynes to Limerick Road Scheme including Adare by pass. 3. The Draft Development shall include policy support to reopen the Foynes to Limerick rail line. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Mineral Extraction		
<p>Submission by Irish Cement notes the importance of Irish Cement to the wider economy and the need to protect the operations of working quarries with proven raw materials/aggregate resources suitable for cement and concrete manufacture is firmly established in national and regional planning policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The submission requests that a key issue for the Limerick Development Plan is to construct a proactive minerals policy to protect mineral resources (including related production capacity) and facilitate the sustainable development of cement production within the plan area to include; identification and protection of strategic mineral reserves within the plan area; and a specific protective designation acknowledging the strategic importance of the related production capacity at Castlemungret; - The submission requests a policy and/or objective that subject to environmental considerations, is supportive of local industries securing energy/power on their own lands from sustainable and renewable sources; - The submission requests the inclusion of the freight network link to serve the Port of Foynes and a dedicated extension of the rail and road link to serve the deep-water berth at Foynes Island to be included on the list of key growth enablers for connectivity in the First Issues namely; the N21/N69 - Foynes to Limerick improvement scheme (including Adare bypass); the M20 - Limerick to Cork scheme; the LNDR- Limerick Northern Distributor Route, and the Bypasses-for Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale, given their critical importance to the movement of goods and services across the region, international connectivity and promoting multi-modal 	<p>81</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognises the importance and economic value of aggregates and the mineral sector to the national, regional economy and will seek to establish policies and objectives to protect the operations of working quarries and proven aggregate resources in line with national and regional policy and subject to appropriate levels of environmental assessment.</p>

<p>capability. Both additions requested are stated to be fully aligned with the TEN-T (Trans European Transportation Network) programme with capital funding available;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The submission requests the integration of the SIFP into the body of the new development plan to align some areas of potential conflict in respect of the land use policy for managing marine related development and the protection of key shipping assets both at Ted Russell Dock in the city and at the Port of Foynes; - Planning policy needs to be explicit on this issue within the new development plan. Irish Cement iterates the importance of marine related uses deemed appropriate for location within or alongside core port facilities which must remain fully compatible with the nature of this industrial shipping activity and avoid the creation of conflict. This issue is particularly applicable to the Ted Russell Dock, from which Irish Cement currently operates its cement export business. 		
<p>Submission by Glenore Zinc, a subsidiary of Glencore International as one of the most significant lead and zinc resources are located in County Limerick the submission requests this is recognised in the new Development Plan. Submission considers that policies supportive of mineral extraction and exploration and rural employment would be useful additions to the plan.</p>	84	The contents of the submission are noted. See response outlined above.
<p>Submission noting the lack of reference to the economic importance and benefits of the quarry and extractive industry within the Issues Paper and the potential revitalisation of the sector to support the county's growth, economic and employment objectives. The submission states extraction can only take place where resources occur and it is, therefore, tied to</p>	104	The contents of the submission are noted. See response outlined above.

<p>certain locations. It is considered that with regard to the economic and social benefits of aggregate extraction, a long-term secure supply of aggregates and valued added products should be balanced carefully against the potential for environmental and other effects. The submission proposes the importance to ensure that the future interpretation of the Limerick Development Plan's policies does not result in the sterilisation of aggregate resources and does not prevent the secure, long-term supply of construction aggregates and related value-added products, such as concrete blocks and road and house building materials</p>		
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Draft Development Plan shall set out policies to support and develop the rural economy across all sectors. 2. The Draft Development Plan will set out policies and objectives to protect access to mineral resources. 		

Theme 4: Connectivity

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Sustainable Travel and Communities		
<p>Many submissions were received which refer to the need to support sustainable travel enabling citizens to have alternative options to the private car and support policies for compact growth. A number of submissions request an increased budget towards promoting sustainable travel.</p>	<p>49, 74, 120, 133, 143, 156, 103</p>	<p>Limerick City and County Council recognise the importance of integrating land use and transport planning and investment in sustainable transport options. The Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy currently in draft format is being progressed by the National Transport Authority in conjunction with Limerick City and County Council, Clare County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The RSES sets out that the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy will contribute in the regeneration and transformation of Limerick City and the wider Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area along with the plans and programmes of other agencies. The draft strategy seeks to deliver a high quality, accessible, integrated and more sustainable transport network that supports the role of the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area as the major growth engine of the Mid-West Region, an internationally competitive European city region and main international entry to the Atlantic Corridor.</p>
<p>Submissions suggest that in terms of influencing carbon emissions the focus in the Draft Plan should be on reducing transport emissions and move towards sustainable modes.</p>	<p>17, 115, 190, 225, 129, 151, 161, 168</p>	<p>Transition to a low carbon economy will be a key cornerstone influencing policy development in the proposed plan and addressing climate change will shape every policy. Increased public transport, enhanced walking and cycling facilities as set out in the Draft LSMATS, will all be promoted and facilitated by the Council.</p>
<p>Increase in targets set for modal split.</p>	<p>120</p>	<p>A key issue for the proposed Limerick Development Plan is achieving modal shift from use of the private car to more</p>

<p>Submission requesting the reduction in access for private vehicles into the city centre and associated congestion charges for entering.</p> <p>Submissions calls for improvements to the inter-connection of sustainable transport systems, simplified ticketing and the provision and upgrade of signage.</p> <p>Commitment to provide safe, segregated cycling and walking infrastructure for every school in Limerick including school streets, school zones and low traffic neighbourhoods as appropriate.</p>	<p>131, 152</p> <p>120</p> <p>213, 77</p>	<p>sustainable modes of travel. The plan will need to implement the Avoid-Shift-Improve approach to achieving modal shift. Limerick City and County Council is currently considering modal split in conjunction with the National Transport Authority and this information will inform the Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 policy contents.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted, the Council is committed to enhancing the City Centre, as a destination for the greater Limerick region, details of traffic management and congestion charges will be subject to a detail traffic management plan for Limerick City Centre.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted; the Council is committed to improvements to a sustainable transport system which is connected. Ticketing and signage is an operation matter for the NTA and transport providers and not a Development Plan issue.</p> <p>Modal shift to active modes of (walking and cycling) accord with national and regional policy and will be addressed in the proposed Development Plan. The Council in conjunction with the NTA and An Taisce have been engaged for many years with schools within Limerick City and County to support the development of safe walking and cycling facilities near schools and is committed to this engagement. The draft LSMATS set out a comprehensive package of walking and cycling measures and policies and travel to school will form a major element of the strategy’s implementation. Commitment to these measures shall be included in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
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<p>Submission outlining the need for a transport strategy that includes domestic, business and tourism requirements and positioned to connect people with work, recreation and education and tourism attractions. A transport strategy that ensures no communities including those in Regeneration areas are left behind. Strategic Plan that aims to eliminate through traffic in city residential neighbourhoods and local streets.</p>	<p>121, 143, 162</p>	<p>As outlined above, LSMATS is currently being prepared by the National Transport Authority for the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area and this Strategy shall address the development of sustainable modes of transport at the strategic metropolitan level. The Transport Strategy will consider the entire Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area, inclusive of regeneration areas.</p>
<p>Submission refers to road projects that place the private car at the top of the planning hierarchy, encouraging rural sprawl and further car dependency.</p>	<p>168</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted, car parking is not placed at the top of the planning hierarchy, all modes of travel are considered in the development of road projects. The NPF and RSES require compact growth in all settlements, sequential development of settlements and increased densities, which will benefit modal shift in new road projects.</p>
<p>Submission refers to Spatial and Settlement Policy and how the historical physical growth of Limerick City and County has been characterised by urban and suburban spread resulting in an increase on dependency on private motor transport and public transport services struggling to keep pace with population growth and dispersal resulting in increased commuting times.</p>	<p>196</p>	<p>See response above in terms of compliance with the NPF and RSES and for development to comply with National Strategic Outcomes outlined in the NPF in terms of Compact Growth, Sustainable Mobility, Transition to a Low Carbon Economy and Climate Resilient Society. The Draft Development Plan will be prepared to ensure consistency with the above objectives.</p>
<p>Submission in support of an electric car rental schemes.</p>	<p>139, 171</p>	<p>The Council supports the development of an electric car rental scheme. However, this issue will be delivered by the commercial market and is not a Development Plan issue.</p>
<p>In relation to the guiding principles for Integration land use and transport planning the NTA recommends that policies and objectives which deliver on the following principles are included in the Draft Development Plan.</p>	<p>38</p>	<p>The contents of the submission will be considered further in the drafting of the plan.</p>

- The NTA recommends the preparation of the Development plan be guided by and include land use policies and objectives which support the consolidation of urban-generated development within existing urban areas
- For urban generated development the development of lands, within or contiguous with existing urban areas should be prioritised over development in less accessible locations – particularly in the largest urban areas
- Residential development in urban areas should be carried out sequentially – lands most accessible by walking, cycling and public transport, including infill and brownfield sites, are prioritised
- Larger scale, trip intensive developments, such as offices and retail, should primarily be focused into central locations in urban areas
- The management of space in town centres should deliver a high level of priority and permeability for walking, cycling and public transport modes to create town centres that are accessible, attractive, vibrant and safe, as places to work, live, shop and engage in community life
- Planning at the local level should promote walking, cycling and public transport by maximising the number of people living within walking and cycling distance of their neighbourhood or district centres, public transport services and other services at the local level such as schools;
- New development areas should be fully permeable for walking and cycling and the retrospective implementation of walking and cycling facilities should be undertaken where practicable in existing neighbourhoods, in order to a give competitive advantage to these modes for local trip making;
- The density and location of employment development should maximise the potential for the use of walking, cycling and public transport;
- Where possible, new residential developments should provide for filtered permeability, i.e. provide for walking, cycling, public transport

<p>and private vehicle access while restricting or discouraging private car through trips;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trip destinations (employment sites, schools, retail, etc.) should be developed at locations that can maximise the potential to access such developments by walking, cycling or public transport; - The strategic transport function of national roads should be maintained and protected in accordance with national policy; - All residential and non-residential development proposals should be subject to maximum parking standards; - In locations where the highest intensity of development occurs, an approach that caps car parking on an area-wide basis should be applied. This is of particular relevance to the larger urban areas; - For all major employment developments and all schools, travel plans should be conditioned as part of planning permissions and be carried out in a manner consistent with existing NTA guidance. <p>The NITS submission in relation to Local Transport Plans is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objective SM1 of the Draft LSMATS states that it is the intention of the NTA and the local authorities to develop Local Transport Plans to translate the strategy to city or Metropolitan town level. - The NTA therefore recommends that a specific objective is included in the Draft Development Plan which identifies the settlements within the County, or areas within the city and suburbs, for which Local Transport Plans are to be developed. - The NTA, in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, published a guidance note titled Area Based Transport Assessment in 2019. This document provides guidance on the preparation of Local Transport Plans that is applicable at a range of development scales and settlement types, and the 		
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- Guidance on the preparation of Local Transport Plans can be found in the NTA's and Transport Infrastructure Ireland's 2019 guidance note - Area Based Transport Assessment in 2019.
- NTA recommends that any proposed objective(s) relating to Local Transport Plans should make reference to this document.
- The NTA recommends that Local Transport Plans should be prepared in tandem with Local Area Plans rather than subsequently, and that a timeline for the delivery of each plan should be provided in the Draft Development Plan. The NTA further recommends that the development of larger sites within the subject settlements should be contingent on the completion of this joint process.

The NTA has commenced work with the Council in the preparation of the Limerick City Centre Traffic Management Plan, and therefore recommends that specific objectives are included in the Draft Development Plan which commits to its completion within 6 months of the adoption of the Development Plan and which sets out the key principles for the plan in relation to the rebalancing of the city's street network towards sustainable modes of transport and the management of Heavy Goods Vehicles.

In relation to transport accessibility the NTA made the following points:

- The National Planning Framework recognises that social inclusion can be improved in the transport sector through, among other things, universal design.
- The accessibility of the built environment, transport infrastructure and transport services for all users, including those with mobility impairments and disabilities, should be a key consideration in the Development Plan.
- Enabling universal access and facilitating and promoting universal design should be a key consideration in the development plan, as it relates to

<p>transport policies and objectives. Making the external built environment accessible to all can facilitate and promote the greater use of public transport, walking and cycling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The NTA recommends that specific objectives should be included in the Plan requiring that Accessibility Audits be carried out for new developments and transport infrastructure, including bus stops and taxi ranks, to ensure they provide adequately for all users. - The NTA recommends that the provision of a minimum of 5% of car parking spaces as accessible spaces. <p>The NTA recommends that the Development Plan includes sustainable transport indicators, including mode share, for the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness of policies and development objectives against a range of sustainable development indicators. The NTA would be happy to work with Limerick City and County Council on the development and analysis of sustainable transport indicators.</p>		
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide strong policy support for the delivery of an integrated transport and spatial planning approach in line with the proposed LSMATS. This will be reflected in the proposed Core Strategy, which will set out the population allocation and employment growth for Limerick that will deliver sustainable population growth. 2. Provide support for the delivery of a modern mobility system that enables and encourages modal shift from the private car to more sustainable public transport and active modes and increases accessibility for all, through quality of service and frequency. 3. The allocation of population and jobs growth in the Core Strategy of the Draft Plan shall be prepared with regard to maximising sustainable transport opportunities and compact growth. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Public Transport		
<p>Submissions requesting improvements in bus transport across the city and county including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in departure times to all city routes; • Require that all new urban buses should be 100% electric, biogas or low emission hybrid; • More direct routes particularly the City Centre to the University of Limerick; • Need for additional bus lanes; • Improved accessibility and navigability of city routes; • Free intercity transport bus service; • Reduced cost for public transport users; • Extension to existing services citing Annacotty as an example; • Problem with infrequent bus service; • Provide secure and sheltered waiting spaces in public transport hubs. 	120, 5, 10, 45, 72, 77, 78, 79, 92, 114, 120, 140, 151, 161, 184, 192, 197, 206, 217, 218, 221, 227	<p>The NPF identifies the provision of a citywide public transport network, with enhanced accessibility from the City Centre to the National Technology Park, UL and Shannon Airport, as a key enabler for Limerick. This aim is consistent with the Climate Action Plan, National Development Plan and RSES, which envisage a significantly enhanced bus service in Limerick by 2027.</p> <p>The draft LSMATS provides for a BusConnects Limerick, which will provide a reliable, high-frequency public transport service to improve the connectivity of Limerick City and suburbs. An enhanced Bus system would represent a significant upgrade on the existing system and will comprise of a more comprehensive network, bus priority and new fleet. It will serve all key destinations and provide interchange with the rail network and proposed Park and Ride services.</p> <p>It is envisaged that adoption and implementation of the proposed LSMATS proposals will significantly enhance availability and access to public transport in Limerick.</p>
<p>Submission requesting strategic sites to be located for public transport terminuses with associated park and ride facilities.</p>	77	<p>All land use zoning proposals will be considered taking account of availability of services, including sustainable modes of transport in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Framework, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and all relevant guidelines.</p>
<p>Submissions outlining the importance of Rural Transport and the impact of isolation on areas not serviced by a public transport route.</p>	45, 72, 156	<p>It is intended that the draft plan will support the Local Link Rural Transport Strategy.</p>

<p>Submission notes the potential for more flexible forms of transport such as Demand Responsive services play a vital role in connecting people in rural areas to the services and amenities they rely on daily.</p>		
<p>Submission requesting Limerick's public transport service to be accessible to all levels of mobility.</p>	120	The contents of the submission are noted.
<p>Specific service improvements requested for commuter settlements such as Kildimo, Clarina, Mungret, Patrickswell, Crecora, Clarina, Ballybrown, Caherconlish, Ballyneety and Castleconnell.</p>	92, 121, 171, 217	The contents of the submission are noted.
<p>Submission requesting the provision of orbital routes connecting the periphery areas of Limerick as well as 'spoke' routes connecting to central routes.</p>	120	This is a matter for the LSMATS and Subsequent plans and programmes. This is beyond the scope of the Development Plan.
<p>Submission in support of a Quality Bus Corridor networks, constructing Bus Rapid Transit and implementing priority traffic signalling for buses.</p>	120	This is a matter for the LSMATS and Subsequent plans and programmes. This is beyond the scope of the Development Plan.
<p>Support for an Integrated public transport fare system and the introduction of a 'one tag' scheme for multi leg journeys.</p>	120	The contents of the submission are noted; the Council is committed to improvements to a sustainable transport system which is connected. Ticketing and signage is an operation matter for the NTA and transport providers and therefore is outside the scope of the Development Plan.
<p>Submission suggests the need for a 'public awareness' campaign of bus and train timetables, bus stop infrastructure and information board in the village.</p>	121	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council welcome the development of educational awareness; however it is outside the scope of the Development Plan and a matter for the NTA.

<p>Submission requesting enhanced linkages to industrial zones, education and training centres, Colbert Station, Shannon Airport.</p>	<p>131</p>	<p>The draft LSMATS proposed Bus Priority Measures, identifies all major centres of employment and proposes improved connectivity between these and to the City Centre.</p>
<p>Submission outlining the importance of maintaining a good quality intercity and expressway connection services.</p>	<p>143</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognises the importance of enhanced connectivity in line with the NPF and RSES.</p>
<p>Submission by Limerick Clare Local Link Services in support for their proposed growth and focus including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To seek further integration with other public transport services, including HSE and school transport; ○ Ensure fully accessible vehicles operate on all services. ○ Enhance the customer experience. ○ Increase patronage among children and young people. ○ Encourage innovation in the service. ○ Increase frequency for Rural Regular Services to seven days a week service with higher frequency in tourist season ○ Increase frequency of once a week services to accommodate commuter times and feed into the current public mainstream transport and train stations, providing a larger network of connectivity. ○ Further enhance social inclusion through the continued provision of an equitable transport network. ○ Continue to provide and expand a reliable public transport service to cater for areas of deprivation. 	<p>156</p>	<p>It is intended that the draft plan will support the Local Link Rural Transport Strategy.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expand transport services giving access to Greenway's. ○ Adapt existing transport services to connect to the M21 Foynes to Limerick Road. 		
<p>Submission supports bus lanes to be shared with cars.</p>	157	<p>The purpose of providing bus lanes is to deliver priority to public transport passengers and use of these lanes by cars is not supported.</p>
<p>Submission outlining that safety and drug use is a deterrent in using public transport in the city particularly for females.</p>	221	<p>The issue raised in this submission is noted but is outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>St. Brigit's 6th Class have concerns over school transportation when they go on to second level, particularly having access to bus transport.</p>	228	<p>The contents of the submission is welcome, the NTA and the Council have being progressing the roll out of real time information, at location in Limerick City and Environs and will continue to do so, subject to budget. This project will be supported in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission not in support of a bus corridor cutting through Limerick' Georgian area and instead focus should be centred on the transport hub at Colbert Station.</p>	158	<p>The draft LSMATS has detailed proposals in the relation to the delivery of a number of Bus Priority Measures and bus service enhancement, which will be incorporated into the Draft Plan. Many of the routes are along existing transport corridors, however avoidance of the Georgian area will be challenging and must be balanced with the needs to provide convenient access for all to the core of the City Centre.</p>
<p>The NTA recommends that the maximum degree of clarity around potential bus measures are included in the Draft Development Plan as follows: -</p>	38	<p>The contents of the NTA submission are noted and will be considered further in the drafting of the Plan.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To provide bus priority measures where required to eliminate delays to vehicles on the following corridors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ from the M7/Dublin Road junction to the City Centre; 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ from Mungret, Raheen and Dooradoyle to the City Centre; ○ on the Ennis Road to the City Centre; ○ on the Ballysimon Road from the proposed Park and Ride site to the City Centre; ○ and on Childers Road between Parkway Roundabout and Ballinacurra Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To provide for further bus priority measures on radial routes into the city centre, as identified by the NTA and Limerick City and County Council as part of BusConnects Limerick; - To provide for bus priority measures through the development site to the rear of Colbert Station, as part of an emerging masterplan to be agreed between the NTA, Limerick City and County Council, the landowner, and other stakeholders; - To provide for bus priority through Limerick City Centre linking the Dublin Road Bus Corridor to the Raheen/Dooradoyle corridor, with a strong preference for O'Connell Street as the most direct route into the centre delivering passengers as close as possible to their destinations; - To increase the capacity of Sarsfield Bridge by reallocating the carriageway to the movement of buses, cyclists, pedestrians and taxis; - To carry out any minor works required to facilitate additional and altered service patterns arising out of a review of the service network under BusConnects Limerick; - To prepare a strategy for the management of coaches in collaboration with the NTA. <p>- The NTA states that it is committed to on-going review and enhancements to the inter-city, regional and commuter services.</p>	38	
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<p>It is recommended that an objective is included in the Draft Development Plan reflecting the requirement to facilitate such improvements.</p>		
<p>In relation to the provision of Public Transport Services in Rural Areas the NTA submission states the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The rural economy and the rural social fabric of Limerick should be supported through the provision of better local connectivity and connectivity to services and commercial activities located in cities and towns. - Urban-generated development in rural areas needs to be managed in such a way so as to safeguard the integrity of rural areas and to support the accommodation of urban-generated development within urban areas. - The NTA provides rural transport services through the Local Link Rural Transport Programme. The NTA will develop and expand the Local Link Rural Transport Programme in the following manner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seek further integration with other public transport services, including HSE and school transport; o Ensure fully accessible vehicles operate on all services; o Enhance the customer experience; o Increase patronage among children and young people; o Encourage innovation in the service. 	<p>38</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is recommended that the Development Plan acknowledges the role rural transport services can perform in providing for social and economic connectivity between small villages/rural areas and larger towns. Policies and objectives to support the role of rural transport should be included in the Plan. 	<p>156</p>	

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

1. Provide policy support for the delivery of an integrated transport and spatial planning approach in line with the proposed LSMATS.
2. Support the Local Link Rural Transport Strategy.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Air Travel		
<p>Submissions addresses the potential loss of Shannon Airport routes and downgrading of the international status of the airport to be strongly resisted. Action needed to avoid Aer Lingus plans to remove transatlantic services from Shannon to UK. Elected Members need to take action. LSMATS supports high frequency connectivity to Shannon Airport. Connectivity to the airport to be included in the Development Plan.</p>	6, 151, 188, 129	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted, the Council recognises the importance of Shannon Airport to the region. The Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan supports strategic role of Shannon airport.</p>
<p>The submission requests the development plan should: (i) support the development of Shannon Airport by promoting the prioritisation of air access outside of the Capital; (ii) advocate for Shannon Airport to receive CapEx funding under the Regional Airports Programme.</p>	188	<p>The Draft Development Plan will support high frequency connectivity with Shannon Airport in line with the draft LSMATS.</p>
<p>Development of Shannon, Cork and Kerry Airports for freight transport particularly for high value goods and products.</p>	81	
Chief Executive's Recommendation:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support high frequency connectivity with Shannon Airport in line with the draft LSMATS. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Rail		
Submission referring to Tourism potential of a rail network including the reinstatement of Kilmallock Railway Station.	3, 17, 88, 114	The contents of the submission are noted. The reopening of the Kilmallock Railway Station is a matter for Irish Rail.
Set out a timetable and work programme for commuter rail improvements in Limerick.	120	The contents of the submission are noted, details of train timetabling is not a Development Plan issue.
Submission outlining the potential impact of Brexit on road freight through Northern Ireland and Britain and the need for improvement in rail and road access to both Cork and Waterford Ports from all parts of the county in the aftermath of a hard border. Importance of train linkages between Limerick, Waterford and Cork ports – significance in survival of companies in the aftermath of Brexit but also encouragement to draw in new employers knowing a good, safe, quick and efficient connection to Continental Europe. Submission proposes Limerick Junction as an appropriate location for a Freight Hub.	81	The contents of the submissions are noted and the Council recognises the importance of rail for Limerick to enhance regional connectivity.
Iarnród Éireann's submission addresses the undertaking of a revised rail freight strategic plan. There is a possibility for the reintroduction of rail freight in the Limerick Area with the reopening of the Foynes Line to service Shannon-Foynes Port which is noted in the draft LSMATS, with the objective to review the potential for rail freight in support of the proposed Regional Freight Strategy, including the reinstatement of the line between Limerick and the Port of Foynes. Rail Link to Shannon Airport	129	The contents of the submissions are noted. The submissions have identified a number of positive priorities for the Limerick area during the period of the Development Plan and beyond, including the development of an integrated hub at Colbert Station, incorporating proposals to enhance and develop the existing passenger facilities and the proposal for Intercity electrification which forms part of a long-term strategy to decarbonise the heavy rail network. The development of a revised rail freight strategic plan is also welcomed as is the

<p>The submission acknowledges the challenging period in the history of Shannon Airport but sees the rebuilding of the passenger numbers post Covid to be an opportunity to develop a rail link to Shannon Airport – a joint collaborative project between Limerick City and County Council and Clare County Council. It is suggested that the rail line would be a spur line off the Limerick – Galway rail link.</p> <p>Submission from Iarnród Éireann proposal to extend the reach of rail through high-quality suburban rail services over existing and currently disused lines, with Colbert Station Integrated Transport Hub at its centre.</p> <p>Possibilities of suburban rail offering in the Limerick area are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-opening the Foynes Branch to Adare and/or Mungret including; - Launching a new suburban service to Adare and/or Mungret - Possible four new stations (at six locations) - Direct curve added to Foynes branch from Colbert Station via old alignment - Through services connection made directly to Galway via Colbert - Possible new station and Park and Ride at Ballysimon per the draft LSMATS, and/or Lisnagry - Potential turnback and/or passing loop at either Sixmilebridge or Cratloe - Three possible new stations on the line to Ennis/Galway. 	<p>129</p>	<p>consideration of the reopening of the Foynes line to service Shannon-Foynes Port.</p> <p>The analysis undertaken for the draft LSMATS identifies a priority to invest in walking, cycling and bus over the next 10 years, which is circa the time period covered by the proposed Limerick Development Plan. Therefore the development of bus and active modes is fully supported as the way forward at current time. However LCCC would welcome NTA, Iarnród Éireann and Council cooperation in analysing the potential long term development of suburban rail network, provided that a business case can support this aspiration.</p>
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<p>Other submissions in support of a light rail or tram system in Limerick suggest the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To connect the University of Limerick/National Technology Park to Dooradoyle/University Hospital Limerick; - Railway station/stop at or near Rhebogue, Caherdavin, Corbally, Dublin Road; - Rail potential for Cappamore/Kilmallock; Mungret to the City Center; Newcastle West – Rathkeale – Kilmallock; Foynes line for commuting and freight; Shannon Airport; Northside of the City to the City Centre to University of Limerick; to connect the Midwest Urban Areas; - Exploration of the potential current Ennis to Limerick (light rail) suburban rail line and a new rail station at Moyross. Such a facility would improve accessibility to Ennis, Galway, western rail corridor, LIT, events at Thomond Park, and Limerick City. 	<p>10, 29, 53, 74, 81, 88, 90, 96, 114, 119, 120, 131, 148, 151, 157, 158, 161, 168, 184, 192, 193, 216, 215, 219, 221, 225</p>	<p>The contents of the submission in relation to the development of rail are noted. See response above in relation to the development of rail within the City and Environs.</p>
<p>The NTA submission made the following comments on rail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The preparation of the Draft LSMATS included a detailed and comprehensive analysis and assessment of the potential for rail and light rail to play a significant role in Limerick’s transport system. The outcome of that analysis was clear in that, beyond catering for increased demand on the inter-city and regional lines, the development of a commuter rail or light rail network for the city and suburbs was not viable, as the scale of population growth for the city and suburbs, and its proposed distribution and density, does not support any significant investment in a suburban rail system. 	<p>38</p>	<p>Having regard to the submissions in support of rail LCCC would welcome NTA, Iarnrod Eireann and Council cooperation in further analysing the potential long term development of suburban rail network, provided that a business case can support this aspiration.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The NTA therefore recommends against the inclusion of specific objectives to reopen disused rail lines or develop new stations (with the exception of Ballysimon) and that only those rail objectives set out in the Draft LSMATS should be included in the Draft Development Plan. - The NTA is willing to examine, in consultation with the local authority, the extent to which changes in land use policy at the national, regional and local level may be required to support investment in suburban rail and would not oppose a specific objective to this effect being included in the Draft Development Plan. 		
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Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

1. Provide strong policy support for the delivery of an integrated transport and spatial planning approach in line with the proposed LSMATS. This will be reflected in the proposed Core Strategy, which will set out the population allocation and employment growth for Limerick that will deliver sustainable population growth.
2. The Draft Limerick Development Plan should support the delivery of a modern mobility system that enables and encourages modal shift from the private car to more sustainable public transport and active modes and increases accessibility for all, through quality of service and frequency.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
Pedestrian Connectivity		
Submissions in support of the provision of pedestrian facilities in the city including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expansion of existing pedestrian infrastructure, upgrade and improvement works and ongoing maintenance on existing routes in the city. - Upgrade of canal walk from Clare Street to the University and all riverside pedestrian walkways. 	5, 19, 29, 79, 82, 102, 103, 114, 120, 151, 152, 157, 194, 206, 213, 219, 222, 225, 228, 229	The contents of these submissions are noted. Some of the issues are operational matters, however, it is recommended that the Draft Plan will seek to integrate land use and transport planning and will seek to maximise sustainable transport opportunities. The Draft Plan will seek to promote active travel and maximise opportunities for same.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for security measures on existing commuting routes including the provision of CCTV, wardens on duty citing the University of Limerick to City Center Route. - Pedestrianize O’Connell Street and adjoining street network. - Dedicate one of the bridges across the Shannon to smarter modes only. - Pedestrian infrastructure to be accessible to all levels of mobility. - Request for safe crossing zones and pedestrian crossings in the city . - Footpaths need to wider to accommodate social distancing. - Pedestrian linkages between towns and villages. - Pedestrianize Nicholas Street. - Submission requests the provision of additional pedestrian infrastructure at Garryglass roundabout to facilitate the safe crossing of pedestrians across the dual carriageway. Access needed for safe movement of pedestrians from Northern Trust to City East Retail Park. - Request for the development of a riverside walkway from the Shannon Bridge to Doonass and a boardwalk connecting Thomond Bridge to King Johns Castle. - The development of a direct pedestrian access route from Colbert Station into city centre with appropriate lighting and signage. - Submission proposes the reduction in waiting times for pedestrians at signalised junctions and increase crossing times. Particular reference to response time at Lee Estate. 		<p>Many of the issues raised will be dealt with by the City Centre Traffic Management Study.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One submission is not in support of pedestrianisation of O’Connell Street as it is considered it would lead to a greater decline in footfall and professional services. - Submission proposing a boardwalk on Shannon Bridge or Sarsfield Bridge for cyclists and pedestrians. - Submission requests the three bridges river walk should be accessible 24 hours a day and outlines the potential for a walking loop around Kings Island and Corbally including O’Dwyer’s Bridge and the Red Path, including lighting along the Red Path. - Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh student submission requests the provision of a pedestrian crossing near their school on the Dublin Road in Castletroy. - Suggest a pedestrian bridge from the Limerick’s emergency services memorial on Clancy Strand to Arthur’s Quay. - Footpaths should be wider for social distancing. - The 5th class students from Scoil Ide’s submission requests an upgrade and widening of the network of footpaths in their area particularly on the Mill Road and Corbally Road. The submission requests a cycling and walking link from the Mill Road into the back of the School through the grounds of St. Munchins College. The submission also identifies the main entrance to St. Munchin’s College as a location for a pedestrian crossing as it is felt not to be safe crossing the road here. - The student submission from Limerick Education Together Secondary School outlines the student’s concern with the lack of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure on Bloodmill Road when the Limerick Educate Together Secondary School is relocated to Ballysimon. 		
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<p>A number of submissions outline deficiencies in pedestrian infrastructure within the County as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request improvements to footpaths in Adare including pedestrian footpath to the GAA Grounds and improved access to the River Walk in Adare. - Request for the connectivity of existing infrastructure on the N69 between Mungret and Clarina villages. - The students from Scoil Mocheallog propose the widening of the walkway on the River Loobagh to cater for more walking and cycling. - Submission in request of the provision of a footpath on the R513 to complete village looped walk in Herbertstown. - Submission outlines that the area of Ballyagran is considered unsafe for walking particularly noting the area around the local school. Submission requests the provision of a zebra crossing outside the school grounds and the creation of a 'safe zone'. - Submission requests improvements to the provision of pedestrian facilities in Clarina and Ballybrown, including the suitability for all levels of mobility. The impact of overgrown hedgerows on pedestrian safety is outlined. - Submission requests a pedestrian footpath link along the Askeaton Road to the local GAA pitch. <p>Submission outlines that currently traffic is prioritised over the pedestrian and the cyclist. It is felt that local authority spending on road surpasses expenditure on cyclist or pedestrian infrastructure.</p>	<p>44, 132, 91, 123, 165, 216, 217, 218, 226</p> <p>103</p>	<p>Limerick City and County Council recognise the importance of integrating land use and transport planning and investment across all transport modes, subject to availability of funding.</p> <p>The contents of the submissions are noted and will be further considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan, where feasible.</p>
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In consultation with local groups, the submission requests the council to designate walker and cyclist priority on tertiary roads putting in reduced speed limits and traffic calming measures to make them safer.	120	
The submission proposes the use of a GPS based notification app to report instances of obstruction on footpath networks in real time allowing users to report blocked gullies, graffiti, illegal dumping etc.	152	
The NTA indicate that the Draft LSMATS provides the policy framework for significant enhancement to pedestrian facilities across the LSMA, and in a similar manner to cycling, the submission outlines that it is imperative that the Draft Development Plan includes those policies and objectives and applies them at a County and City level.	38	
Chief Executive's Recommendation:		
1. The Draft Plan should seek to integrate land use and transport planning and will seek to maximise sustainable transport opportunities. The Draft Plan will seek to promote active travel and maximise opportunities for same.		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Cycling Links and Infrastructure		
<p>Submissions relate to cycling as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for enhanced and expanded cycle facilities, including enhanced connectivity, segregated cycle lanes, cycle parking and bike lockers, removal of cycling barriers, shower and locker facilities at transport hubs, cyclist only traffic lights, priority boxes, bike parking only lots, cycling bridges, cycling chutes along steps. 	5, 79, 29, 70, 74, 77, 78, 82, 86, 87, 103, 114, 120, 139, 143, 157, 160, 162, 171, 179, 184, 194, 208, 213, 218, 221, 224, 227, 228, 229	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted and the Council recognise the importance of cycling infrastructure and the need to further prioritise the development of cycling. Infrastructure. All Council's cycle infrastructure is designed in accordance with the relevant standards.</p> <p>Requirements for the "end-of-trip facilities in workshops will be addressed through the development management process</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Successful cycling and pedestrian infrastructure in European Countries should be looked at. - Segregated cycle lanes and particularly reference to school areas. - New development to include cycling infrastructure and cycle corridors along all major routes. - Improved surface and maintenance plans. - Security measures on cycle routes (provision of CCTV). - Removal of parked cars on roads. - support for the cycle bus in the city. - Submissions in support of expansion of bike rental scheme or additional schemes focusing on transport hubs with drop off points across the city. - Submissions in support of the cycle lane on Shannon Bridge. Submission not in support of cycle lane on Shannon Bridge. 		<p>including the implementation of mobility management plans, this will be supported in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submissions on the requirement for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardisation of cycling signage and clarity with regards to cyclist rights of way - Provision of infrastructure to be to international standards - The need for high-quality cycling policy and implementation of best practice infrastructure - Measurable indicators in new plan to ensure track modal shift and cycle infrastructure commitments - Investigate failures in previous plan to ensure new plan is informed - Incorporation of a 'Plan-Do-Check-Act' in Development Plan. 	<p>103, 194, 120, 160</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted and will be further considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan, where feasible.</p>

<p>Submissions relating to cycling safety in the city road network, safety concerns highlighted particularly for students and younger population, safety concerns with HGVs.</p>	<p>61, 87, 120, 162, 227</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. This issue will be further considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan, in line with the draft LSMATS.</p>
<p>Submissions relating to cycling on rural roads and safety implications.</p>	<p>26, 76, 86, 91, 120, 123,</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted.</p>
<p>Submissions relating to the provision of new cycle routes or the upgrade of existing ones in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All villages and towns to be connected with cycling infrastructure; - All suburbs to the City Centre including all educational and sporting facilities; - Clare Street to the University of Limerick; - Athlunkard Bridge along Shannon to Plassey; - Mill Road, Abbey River, Athlunkard Boat Club; - Railway line greenways such as Patrickswell/Askeaton/Foynes line; - Plassey to UL to Killaloe; - City Centre to Lough Gur; - City Centre to Cratloe; - The main Dublin Road; - N69 connecting Mungret to Clarina Village - Ballybrown to Clarina; - Along the River Loobagh; - Kilmallock Town; - Village of Adare; - Shannon Bridge/Sarsfield Bridge; 	<p>132, 157, 206, 218, 224, 226, 228, 22534, 50</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The draft LSMATS sets out a Proposed Cycle Network for Limerick City and Environs, many of cycle routes identifies in the submission received have been identified in this strategy. The Council is committed to developing cycling infrastructure as a priority, subject to funding. The Council will continue to work with the NTA on the locations and upgrade of cycle infrastructure.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coonagh Cross to the City Centre; - Dock Road along the River Shannon; - Mill Road and Corbally Road; - Mill Road in through St. Munchins College; - Bloodmill Road; - Newcastle West's Tesco's to Dee's on the Tralee Road. 		
<p>Submissions relating to behavioural change and targeted education/employment initiatives.</p>	120	While the submissions are noted and welcomed, the contents of some of these are outside the scope of the Development Plan.
<p>Submission requesting the promotion of new e-mobility solutions including municipal e-bike and e-scooter schemes.</p>	120	
<p>Introduction of programmes for bicycle maintenance and safe cycling education in schools.</p>	120	The Council is committed to the facilitation of any policies and objectives within the draft LSMATS, as they relate to behavioural change, micro – mobility etc.
<p>Incentive schemes for workplaces.</p>	120	
<p>The NTAs submission in relation to Cycling and Cycle Parking outlines the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The NTA recommends that the Cycling Objectives of the Draft LSMATS, at a minimum, are fully incorporated into the Draft Development Plan and that additional objectives are derived which would apply to those settlements outside the Metropolitan Area, to which the LSMATS does not apply. - It is recommended that policies and objectives (including infrastructure) which support and promote cycling in the LSMA but which may not have appeared in the Draft LSMATS, are 	38	The submission is noted and the contents will be considered further in the drafting of the Plan.

<p>considered for inclusion by the local authority if identified as part of the Development Plan process.</p> <p>- In relation to cycle parking, the NTA recommends that the Council should consider the Standards for Cycle Parking and associated Cycling Facilities for New Developments published by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, in order to inform development management objectives related to such facilities.</p>		
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update policies to support and promote cycling and the provision of cycle infrastructure throughout Limerick, including upgrade of existing cycle facilities. 2. Review and update the standards for cycle parking and associated facilities. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
<p>Park and Ride</p>		
<p>Submissions request that LCCC consider appropriate locations for Park and Ride facilities combined with cycle parking facilities be considered and provided in various locations including new and existing public transport hubs. Potential locations for Park and Ride include: Kilmallock, Caherdavin, Corbally, Dublin Road, along the Ballybrophy Train line at Castleconnell and Ballysimon.</p> <p>The Draft LSMATS provides for Park and Ride facilities at four locations as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dublin Road / M7 Corridor; ○ Ballysimon Road / N24 Corridor; ○ Raheen / N20 Corridor; ○ Ennis Road / N18 Corridor. <p>The NTA recommends that the Draft Development Plan includes a specific objective which commits the local authority to work with the</p>	<p>59, 77, 88, 119, 120, 121, 143, 152, 157, 197, 216, 219</p> <p>38</p>	<p>The proposed LSMATS document has considered indicative locations for potential Park and Ride services within the Limerick – Shannon Metropolitan Area. The Council will support and work with the NTA’s to identify and develop park and ride facilities at suitable locations.</p>

NTA's Park and Ride Office and other stakeholders to identify and develop Park and Ride facilities at the above locations.		
Chief Executive's Recommendation:		
1. Have regard to the proposals set out by the NTA in relation to the location of strategic park and ride sites in line with LSMATS.		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Metropolitan Area Infrastructure Network		
<p>A number of submissions suggests road network changes within the city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One way traffic for system on Bridge Street in the direction of Corbally ending at the roundabout on the Island Road; Improved connectivity from Grove Island/Corbally Road to the Dublin Road. - Submission proposes the Shannon Bridge be turned into a vehicle only bridge and move the smarter modes (cycling/walking) onto a purpose build bridge spanning the River Shannon from the end of the Condell Road to the Skate Park; - Develop a one-way system from Union Cross or Tesco Roundabout creating a ring road with a central spine leading into the City Centre; - One way system extending to road network leading from Ennis Road with some remaining as two way; - O'Connell Street and Patrick Street as two-way traffic lane with William Street remaining as one direction - New link road into St. Mary's Park; - New Street to be made into a one-way street. - Submission requesting a new entrance into the Glendale/Glenbrook Housing Estate. 	29, 82, 114, 221, 222, 228, 29, 151	The contents of the submissions are noted. These issues will be further considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan, in line with the draft LSMATS.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submission requesting road network at the Mackey Roundabout needs to be improved and the introduction of traffic lights at Parkway Roundabout. - Widening of approach roads into the city also accommodating additional parking. 		
<p>Submission requesting consideration to accommodate private car within the Development Plan, reducing cars in the city centre will reduce footfall and trade in Wickham Street, Parnell Street, Cruises Street, Thomas Street, Bedford Row.</p>	157	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. Car parking standards will be reviewed in Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requesting the banning of HGV's in the City restricting deliveries to mornings.</p>	194	<p>The contents of the submission is noted. LSMATS identifies HGV restrictions in the delivery of the overall Strategy. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan in line with the draft LSMATS.</p>
<p>Submission outlining the need for improved road signage and entry signs on way to Limerick. General improvements needed to entry routes into the city including maintenance and landscaping.</p>	143, 27	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. Car parking standards will be reviewed in as part of the review of the Development Management Standards of the Draft Development Plan. Congestion charges are outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submissions outlining the importance and positive contribution that cars have on activity within the city and not in support of congestion charges for the city centre.</p>	151, 152, 157	
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the Development Management Standards on car parking in the Draft Development Plan. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
National Roads/Regional Roads		
<p>The submission by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) notes that the Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) are a planned set of transport networks across Europe. The M7 Limerick to Dublin and N69 Limerick to Foynes are identified as part of the EU TEN -T Core Network and the N18 Limerick to Galway, the N21 Limerick to Tralee and the N20 Limerick to Cork are identified as part of the EU TEN-T Comprehensive Network. The submission addresses the importance that policies and objectives are drafted which allow the network of national roads to continue to play the intended strategic role in catering for inter-urban and inter-regional transport requirements.</p>	49	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. All road proposals for Limerick will take account of the requirements of TII into account and be in accordance with national policy and the NPF and RSES.</p>
<p>TII consider that there is a need to manage these assets in accordance with national and regional policy as outlined in Smarter Travel (DTTAS, 2009), (SFILT) Investing in our Transport Future (DTTAS, 2015), the provisions of the Section 28 DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012), Project Ireland 2040 and the Southern Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (SRA RSES).</p>	49	
<p>Submission by TII requests the inclusion of policies and objectives in the Development Plan that provide for objectives providing for development of relevant national road schemes; and a policy to protect national road schemes free from adverse development that may compromise the development of route options or the construction of preferred routes, or add to the overall costs associated with proposed schemes. The submission also outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The requirement for an integrated approach to land use and transportation solutions throughout the County should be 	49	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The development of policy and objective in relation to roads network will be an integral element of the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. As outlined above the Council is committed to the development of an integrated approach to land use planning and transport and this will inform the plan making process.</p>

<p>undertaken such that local traffic generated by developments is catered for primarily within the framework of the local (i.e. non-national) road network;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proposals for development and land use zoning designations at national road interchanges and junctions, in relation to Core Strategy requirements, require careful consideration and any proposals should be prepared in the context of the provisions of Section 2.7 of the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines.- The importance of the co-ordination of land use planning and transportation in achieving the complementary objectives of compact urban growth while safeguarding the strategic function of the national road corridors in Limerick, including Key Towns such as Newcastle West and including Centres on Transport Corridors such as Abbeyfeale, Adare, Askeaton, Croom, Foynes, Patrickswell and Rathkeale, which are on the national roads network.- Recognises the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS) as a key component in facilitating compact growth and sustainable transport in the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) area. TII welcomes the LSMATS informing the land use and transport strategy to be developed by the Council for the new Development Plan and that relevant objectives from the LSMATS would be clearly incorporated into the Draft Plan prior to publication thus giving effect to RSES Objective 6 (a) of the MASP.	24	
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<p>Submission refers to the misuse of resources along the N69 referencing the following: lack of good quality cycle infrastructure; work not value for money; upgrade works are considered a safety hazard; lack of pedestrian connectivity; construction of fencing, footpaths, arrow markings on road network being constructed but removed a few years later.</p>		<p>The contents of the submission are noted, however these are operational issues and outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>A number of submissions supporting the development of the following infrastructure, outline the significant importance of the various schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M20 Limerick to Cork Motorway; - N21/N69 Limerick to Foynes Road Scheme including Adare bypass; - N24 Limerick to Waterford (Cahir to Limerick Junction). 	<p>27, 29, 44, 59, 66, 80, 81, 90, 106, 116, 206, 210, 188</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Draft Development Plan will include policy support for the development of these key enablers for Limerick, in line with the NPF, NDP and the RSES.</p>
<p>A number of submissions supporting the development of the Limerick Northern Distributor Road.</p>	<p>27, 81, 96, 140, 188</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Draft Development Plan will include policy support for the development of this key enablers for Limerick.</p>
<p>Submissions in relation to Section 2.5 and 2.6 of the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines in relation to additional access points from new development or the generation of increased traffic from existing accesses to national roads to which speed limits greater than 50kph apply and the associated existing Limerick County Council Development Plan 2010-2016 (as extended) Objective IN 05:</p>	<p>28, 172, 180, 67, 170, 173, 174, 175, 176, 200, 182</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. Policy in relation to access on to National Roads will be in accordance with the DOECLG – Spatial Planning and National Road Guidelines.</p>

<p>'Prevention of development involving new vehicular access onto strategic regional roads'. Submissions address potential 'exceptional circumstances' to allow a deviation to a less restrictive approach in the following locations and the impact of such restrictions on local communities. Locations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N24 Killonan Bridge and Beary's Cross - Drombanna. <p>The submission from the NTA sets out a number of comments in relation to the strategic Road Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The NPF and Draft LSMATS set out the importance of maintaining, improving and protecting the strategic function of the key transport corridors. - National Policy Objective 74 seeks to "Secure the alignment of the National Planning Framework and the National Development Plan through delivery of the National Strategic Outcomes". - National Strategic Outcome 2 of the National Planning Framework indicates the need for "Maintaining the strategic capacity and safety of the national roads network including planning for future capacity enhancements". This is reflected in Objective RS4 of the Draft LSMATS. - In order to protect the strategic transport function of the national roads, including motorways, the NTA recommends that development objectives should be in accordance with the DOECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines (2012), and that this should be referenced in the Development Plan. - The Draft LSMATS also facilitates the progress of a number of national and strategic road schemes as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o N/M20 Cork to Limerick Road; 	38	The issues raised in this submission are noted and will be considered further in the preparation of the Draft Plan
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Foynes to Limerick Scheme; ○ Junction Improvements on national roads; ○ Limerick Northern Distributor Road. <p>- It is recommended that these schemes are provided for by way of specific objectives in the Draft Development Plan.</p>		
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<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for the development of key enabling infrastructure projects, subject to the outcome of the environmental assessments (Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment) Flood Risk Assessments and the planning process. 2. Incorporate the relevant objectives of the LSMATS into the Draft Development Plan.
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Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
<p>Car Parking</p> <p>Submissions on car parking request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The reduction of car parking in the city centre with additional submissions requesting an increase in car parking in the city centre; - Adare Community Trust’s submission identifies the need for additional parking in the village as a priority project to facilitate the development of tourism and local business referencing the expansion of the car park at the Heritage Centre and the new carpark across from Scoil Naomh Iosaf; - Car parking facilities needed for Herbertstown National School and Bilboa National School; - Submission notes that should a decrease in car usage occur then car parking standards should also be reduced; 	<p>2, 221, 114, 223, 44, 132, 165, 226, 218, 50, 29</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. A review of car parking standards will be undertaken as part of the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. As part of the City Centre Traffic Management Plan and the implementation of the bus and cycle measures contained in the draft LSMATS, the quantum and location of on street parking in the City Centre and on key radial corridors will be reviewed.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional car parking needed around King Johns Castle for medieval tourism. 	120	
<p>Submission requests that multi-storey car parks provide secure bike parking.</p>		<p>The Council supports the development of secure bike parking in multi storey car parks and have supported a number of similar initiatives in Limerick City Centre with private car park providers.</p>
<p>Submissions on car charges:</p>	214	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposal for the roll-out of zone based parking charges and accompanying graduated penalties in the City; - Proposal for charges associated with bringing your car into the city centre; - Submission requests the provision to provide free or reduced fee parking for electric cars in the city centre. 	120, 222, 219	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted, the operation of car parking charges on the public street is an operational issue and outside the scope of the Development Plan</p>
<p>There is a need for more electric car charging points and regular parking across the city and county. There is also a need for provision of short-term (electric) car rental scheme.</p>		<p>The Council acknowledge that there is a need for additional electric car charging points in Limerick and the Development Plan will provide policy support. The Council would also support a short-term electric car rental scheme.</p>
<p>Submission refer to the need for more coach parking in the city.</p>	143, 29	<p>The contents of the submission are noted and will be considered further in the drafting of the plan.</p>
<p>Submission on car parking standards:</p>	101, 127	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The submission from An Post requests that the council provide flexibility with car parking standards for postal facilities, as An Post require sufficient car parking spaces, including electric charging points to operate in an efficient manner. Postal 		<p>The contents of the submissions are noted and the Council will review the existing car parking standards as set out in the existing Development Plans. There will be a requirement to limit the supply of car parking spaces – apply maximum car parking standards in the proposed Limerick Development Plan, in an attempt to contribute to the reduction in unsustainable car borne commuting and carbon emissions.</p>

<p>facilities may require a greater quantum of car parking spaces going forward as postal trends continue to evolve, thus it is imperative that facilities are future proofed to ensure the long-term viability of An Post's operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tesco Ireland note that convenience retail stores typically require a large quantum of car parking spaces to serve customers who are doing their weekly shop and are, therefore, unable to transport their goods without the use of a private motor vehicles. <p>Submission notes that many of the disabled parking bays across the city are no longer fit for purpose and need to be updated and also requests the signage for disabled parking need to be removed to facilitate accessibility.</p> <p>The submission from the NTA recommends that parking standards should be expressed as maximum values, i.e. as rates not to be exceeded, to which degrees of constraint can then be applied. It recommends the inclusion of a mechanism that provides for more restrictive parking standards in areas with good access to services, education and employment, such as town centres, and locations with good public transport provision.</p>	<p>169</p> <p>38</p>	<p>This issue will require further consideration in the preparation of the Draft Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. Road maintenance and signage are operational issues and are outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submissions are noted. A review of car parking standards will be undertaken as part of the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the Development Management Standards on car parking in the Draft Development Plan. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Local Towns and Villages Infrastructure Improvements		
Submission requesting a timeline for relief road for the town of Kilmallock and requested infrastructure provision for the removal of heavy traffic from town.	20	The Kilmallock Local Area Plan 2019 – 2025 identifies a proposed relief road for the town, the proposal will be developer led and will be provided in line with development demand in the town.
Submission requesting road improvements to the road network in Bilbao.	50	The contents of these submissions are noted. However, these are operational issues and outside the scope of the Development Plan.
<p>Boher Community Development Association have requested the following works to be undertaken in their community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knockanea, Boher - Proposal - traffic calming measures to include speed restrictions – reduce from 80km/h to 50km/h; footpaths; street Lighting; drainage & sewage works; - Sandylane, Boher - Proposal - Extension of footpath / cycle lane, with lighting, from Boher village to Murroe-Boher GAA pitch at Beary's Cross; Pedestrian crossing in Boher village; - One additional streetlight from Boher Village to Boher Community Center. 	68	The contents of these submissions are noted. However these are operational issues and outside the scope of the Development Plan.
A submission requesting the internal road network of Ardmoyale Housing Estate in Carrickerry be finished.	93	The contents of these submissions are noted. However, these are operational issues and outside the scope of the Development Plan.
Support for the bypass of Adare.	226	The National Development Plan and RSES identify the bypass of Adare as part of the Foynes to Limerick Road Scheme. Policy

<p>Submission addressing congestion issue in Newcastle West and proposals the introduction of a one-way system to include a cycle lane from the junction at the church, up Bothar Bui and past Scoil Iosaf. Submission requests infrastructure improvements on the Cork Road existing Newcastle West</p> <p>Need for a ring road bypassing Newcastle West.</p>	<p>225</p> <p>225</p>	<p>support for the scheme will be included in the Draft Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission is noted, The Council is required under the RSES to prepare a Local Transport Plan for Newcastle West, these issues will be considered in the Local Transport Plan. This plan is currently being prepared for Newcastle West.</p> <p>The RSES provides policy support for the development of a bypass of Newcastle West. Policy support for the scheme will be included in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
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Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

1. Support for the development of key enabling infrastructure projects, subject to the outcome of the environmental assessments (Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment) Flood Risk Assessments and the planning process.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
Smart Technology & Broadband Connectivity		
<p>Submissions relating to the development of a framework for Digital Transformation (DX) and responding to disruptive digital technologies including the impacts on digital cities.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requests priority given to the continued implementation of the Smart Limerick Strategy.</p>	<p>131, 184</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council will continue to develop and promote the implementation of the Limerick Digital Strategy.</p>
<p>Submissions outlining the need for commitment to increased broadband infrastructure and accessibility particularly in rural areas and enabling access to services remotely (where appropriate). Support in the creation of hub locations to allow access to broadband in Limerick’s towns and villages.</p>	<p>45, 90, 184, 188, 190, 218, 217</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted.</p>

Submission outlining how Limerick should capitalise on the innovative developments happening within Limerick’s small start-up companies. Need to adapt a smarter approach to infrastructure such as traffic light systems and street lighting.	184	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council will continue to develop promote the implementation of the Limerick Digital Strategy. Traffic lighting systems and street lighting are operational matter and not a Development Plan issue.
Chief Executive’s Recommendation: 1. Promote the implementation of the Limerick Digital Strategy.		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
Miscellaneous Issues		
Submissions requesting review of speed limits across the county particularly in residential areas/towns and villages. Recreational usage of road network has increased due to Covid – appropriate speed limits need to be identified.	34, 120, 151, 152, 220	The contents of the submissions are welcomed and noted, the provision of reduced speed limits in residential areas and close to school is recognised and will be considered in the Draft Plan preparation.
Submissions addressing HGVs, the volume and speed of traffic and noise pollution entering the city. Specific reference to St. Patrick’s Girls National School on the Dublin Road; the village of Loughill (Asgard Cove and The Picnic Area); St. Mary’s National School in Limerick City; the R445 outside TK Maxx; Parkway Roundabout, Dublin Road; Childer’s Road; Ballysimon Road, Ballysimon Roundabout to Roxboro Roundabout. Submissions highlight the need for traffic calming measures around school areas.	86, 151, 152, 220, 227, 228	The contents of the submissions are welcomed and noted, however they are outside the scope of the Development Plan.
Submission on driver behaviour in particular not adhering to stop signs and pedestrian rights of way at pedestrian crossings.	86	
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<p>Submission concerning the use of Limericks waterways for transport including the proposal of a Canal Barge/Taxi or small punts as a way of bringing University of Limerick students into the City.</p>	<p>115</p>	
<p>Gas Networks Ireland suggests the inclusion of the following objectives in support of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Infrastructure for heavy good vehicles (HGVs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The development of CNG Infrastructure will enable fuel switching from diesel to CNG for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs). This will lead to a reduction in carbon emissions along with air quality benefits for vehicles currently using diesel. There will be a presumption in favour of applications for CNG infrastructure provided planning and environmental criteria are satisfied.” <p>CNG & EV Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is an objective to: Support investment in the sustainable development of CNG refuelling stations aligned with the TEN-T corridors as a renewable technology for servicing public service vehicles and commercial fleets; Seek the provision of EV charging point infrastructure within residential, commercial and mixed use developments. 	<p>120</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. This item will be considered further in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>The submission by the Limerick Green Party requests that all road infrastructure projects should be in accordance with the principles of sustainable safety and in line with existing active travel manuals and guidelines.</p>	<p>127</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted and all future infrastructure projects will be considered in line with the relevant manuals and guidelines.</p>

<p>The submission by Tesco Ireland requests that policies providing for deliveries should be included in the new Development Plan and further requests that adequate loading bay facilities and access routes should be maintained, particularly in dense urban areas to ensure the commercial viability of retail premises.</p> <p>Submission requesting that all mechanically propelled vehicles including electric bicycles, scooters with the exception of disability scooters should be licensed and insured. The council could introduce bye laws with appropriate sanctions in relation to electric bicycles and scooters. Submission addresses the need to embrace changes in travel and to cater for these changes through infrastructure provision such as E-bikes, E-scooters, cargo bikes, trikes and trailers.</p> <p>Submission referring to large scale developments that granted large pockets of car parking no allocation to active modes. Submission requests that commercial applications for planning should have specific, standardised and measurable active travel provision.</p>	<p>151, 194</p> <p>194</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the review of the Development Management Standards.</p> <p>Legalisation on mechanically propelled vehicles is a matter for Government and is outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the review of the Development Management Standards.</p>
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of Development Management Standards on delivery and loading bays. 		

Theme 5: Infrastructure

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Water and Wastewater Infrastructure		
<p>Submission from Irish Water sets out the various studies required on wastewater infrastructure in Limerick noting the various plans and studies being carried out by Irish Water including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Drainage Area Plan (DAP) is underway and due to be completed in 2024 for the Limerick City and Castletroy agglomerations; - Network Development Plans are currently being prepared for the Limerick Metropolitan Area and Newcastle West and will be completed in 2020; - As part of the Mungret Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund project, Irish Water is working with Limerick CCC to provide wastewater network infrastructure. - To facilitate new development, Irish Water outline that some upgrades may be required e.g. Askeaton, Abbeyfeale, Newcastle West and Adare. 	126	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is actively involved in working with Irish Water in providing all relevant information for the Drainage Area Plan and Network Development Plans.</p> <p>Limerick City and County Council acknowledge that there are significant number of settlements in Limerick that have capacity issues and continue to engage with Irish Water to prioritise the key settlements for development.</p>
<p>Irish Water encourages the inclusion of policies and objectives on the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and Green-Blue Infrastructure in new developments including the public realm and retrofitted in existing developed areas.</p>	126	<p>The Council will review the existing policies set out in both the Limerick City Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended) and the Limerick County Development 2010 – 2016 (as extended) in relation to SuDs and water conservation. The Council will also consider policies in relation to Green – Blue Infrastructure and Nature Based Solutions, in line with best practice.</p>
<p>Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) and water recycling and rainwater harvesting should form part of new developments to reduce rainwater run-off.</p>	49, 133, 32, 126	

<p>The OPW advises that the preparation of development plans should take account of the opportunities for natural water retention measures to reduce runoff and provide other benefits such as to water quality, biodiversity, etc. This can include in areas around existing developments, as well as within existing and proposed development in the form of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS).</p>		<p>The contents of the submission is noted and will inform the policies of the Draft Plan.</p>
<p>Submission from Irish Water provides suggested policies – for inclusion in the Draft Plan – relating to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water supply and distribution; - Wastewater collection and treatment; - Water quality and groundwater protection. 	<p>126</p>	
<p>Submission from Irish Water sets out the various studies required on water infrastructure in the County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The National Water Resource Plan (NWRP) has determined that the following water resource zones (WRZ) may require further investigative studies or interventions to facilitate significant new connections to the network: Glenosheen/Jamestown/Kilmallock Carrigkerry Water Supply Croom Water Supply Knocklong/Hospital Galbally Water Supply Ballingarry South West Regional Glin Water Supply Murroe Herbertstown Doon Water Supply CastletownBallyagran Water Supply Abbeyfeale Water Supply Fedamore Water Supply Rathkeale Rockhill & Bruree Ballylanders Water Supply Kiltteely Oola/Pallasgreen - The NWRP has assessed that it is likely that further investigative studies or interventions will be required in 	<p>126</p>	<p>Limerick City and County Council acknowledge that there are significant number of settlements in Limerick that have capacity issues and continue to engage with Irish Water to prioritise the key settlements for development.</p>

<p>the following WRZs: Cappamore Foileen, Foynes Shannon Estuary and Kilfinnane Ardpatrick water supplies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A number of groundwater intervention projects to secure a sustainable water supply are planned or ongoing, including in Adare, Rathkeale, Oola, Pallasgreen, Doon, Croom and Fedamore water resource zones. 		
<p>General submissions on the provision of safe, secure drinking water.</p>	133	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. Irish Water are the authority responsible for the supply of water.</p>
<p>Specific submission notes poor water quality on the Mill Road and have requested that the water quality be improved especially in Meadowbrook and Brookhaven.</p>	224	<p>The contents of the submissions is noted, however this is outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission by Environmental Trust Ireland requests that water is not abstracted from the River Shannon for the Dublin Metropolitan area and surrounding counties.</p>	151	<p>The contents of the submissions is noted, however this is outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission by the Maigne Rivers Trust requesting priority actions and resources be given to the Maigne River Catchment to improve water quality.</p>	166	<p>The Draft Development Plan will set out policies to seek to improve water quality, this issue will require further analysis in the preparation of the Draft Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requesting Limerick City and County Council to take in charge Caherline Water Scheme.</p>	165	<p>The contents of the submissions is noted however this is outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission in support of the testing of large scale reed bed filtration systems and other approaches to rural waste and water management.</p>	120,133	<p>The contents of the submission is noted and the Council will consider the potential for the use of reed bed filtration systems in the preparation of the Draft Plan.</p>

<p>Submissions around water conservation including, audits of water usage and water harvesting to be included on public buildings, within the design of all new buildings and low flow toilets in all public buildings.</p>	<p>120, 133</p>	<p>The contents of the submission is notes, the Council is constantly striving to achieve improved water quality and are actively working with the Mague River Trust. The issue will be considered in detail in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submissions by the Green Party requesting improvements in water quality in lakes, rivers, streams, sea and coastlines. Submission also proposes the encouragement of more nature-friendly farming practices on waterways and locally, implement science-led recommendations and solutions from local groups such as the Mague Rivers Trust.</p>	<p>120</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted, this is an operational matter and not a Development Plan issue.</p>
<p>Submission by the Green Party notes that UV or other appropriate technology is necessary to ensure vulnerable surface water abstraction has appropriate barriers in place to remove or inactivate these pathogens.</p>	<p>120</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted, this is an operational matter and not a Development Plan issue.</p>
<p>Submission by the Green Party requests that for one off houses in rural areas with less than good water quality as identified in the River Basin Plans that LCCC and EPA continue to monitor on site systems and requests that householders should receive financial assistance to upgrade their onsite waste-water facilities if required.</p>	<p>120</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted, this issue will be considered further in the preparation of the Draft Limerick Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission by the Green Party notes the need for full implementation of the Water Framework Directive via the River Basin Management Projects to improve the status of all our water bodies.</p>	<p>120</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted, this issue will be considered further in the preparation of the Draft Limerick Development Plan.</p>

<p>Submission by the Green Party proposes LCCC and Irish Water to assess the potential for constructed wetlands for waste water treatment funded by the Government. Submission proposes that Anaerobic digestion plants should be installed at wastewater treatment plants.</p>	120	<p>The contents of the submission are noted, this issue will be considered further in the preparation of the Draft Limerick Development Plan and discussed with Irish Water.</p>
<p>Submissions in request of installation of safe public drinking water fountains in Limerick City and return to working use the historic drinking fountains in St Johns Square, The People’s Park & O’Brien’s Park (post Covid-19).</p>	120, 213	<p>The contents of the submission are noted, this issue will be considered further in the preparation of the Draft Limerick Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted, however this is outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>General submissions requesting more investment in sewage treatment and sewerage infrastructure including submissions on ensuring wastewater treatments plans operate efficiently with current and future demand and private effluent treatment and domestic septic tanks are fit for their purpose. Specific reference to Bunlicky Treatment Works and Castletroy.</p>	133, 151, 120	<p>The contents of the submission are noted, Irish Water are currently examining the upgrade to both wastewater facilities.</p>
<p>Submission requests the need for local communities to know capacity of water supply and wastewater disposal of their towns and villages.</p>	16	<p>The contents of the submission are noted, details of existing capacity will be addressed in the Draft Development Plan for each settlement.</p>
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In collaboration with Irish Water, the Draft Development Plan, shall set out the water services capacity of each settlement and prioritise the necessary water services investment required over the lifetime of the Plan. 2. The Draft Plan shall include policies that supports the provision of Blue Green Infrastructure (BGI) and Nature Based Solutions. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Waste		
<p>Various submissions raise concerns about litter in the City and County and in specific locations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bilboa Forestry Areas; - Cappamore/Blackboy particularly the River area; - Road network and bottle bank at Carrickerry. 	50, 100, 103, 119, 120, 121, 218, 222, 227, 228	The contents of the submissions are noted. The Councils Litter Management Plan sets out the Council's policy and actions on litter control. This is an operational matter. This is not a Development Plan issue.
Submission requesting more bins, tracking of public bins to map, identify need, under or oversupply and assure regular emptying.	86, 103, 120, 218, 221, 222, 227, 228	The issue raised in this submission is noted but is outside the scope of the Development Plan.
Submission requesting kerbside collection of garden waste/larger waste items.	120	The issue raised in this submission is noted but is outside the scope of the Development Plan.
Submissions on dog littering including requesting the implementation of current powers on dog littering and the introduction of larger fines.	86, 119, 120	The issue raised in this submission is noted but is outside the scope of the Development Plan.
Submissions requesting the Local Authority to establish how households are disposing of household rubbish when do not have a refuse collection. The provision of council waste bins with the cost charged through council rent or through property tax.	25, 34, 120, 121	The issue raised in this submission is noted but is outside the scope of the Development Plan.
Submissions requesting for educational campaign around litter and household waste segregation.	93, 120	The contents of submission are noted. The Council recognise the importance of Educational awareness.
The submission by the HSE notes that the Council should implement the waste hierarchy set out in the Waste Framework Directive and	133	The Southern Regional Waste Management Plan sets out the waste hierarchy in compliance with the Waste Framework Directive and the Draft Development plan shall align with this higher tier plan.

<p>place prevention and minimisation at the forefront of any waste policy.</p>		
<p>The use of accessible public recycling bins should be considered for public areas, paths and green spaces to allow for adequate waste segregation.</p>	133	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. This is an operational matter and outside the scope of the development plan.</p>
<p>The submission by the HSE notes the 'Refill Ireland' initiative should be extended to all parts of the county.</p>	133	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. This is an operational matter and outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission by Southern Regional Waste Management (SRWM) Plan recommends the potential for enterprise and employment centred on the Circular Economy. The submission outlines the importance of embracing the concept of the Circular Economy when designing for redevelopment and new developments and recommends the new plan applies the concept of the European Commission's Circular Economy Action Plan: A New Circular Economy Action Plan for a Cleaner More Competitive Europe 2020.</p>	112	<p>The content of the submission are noted and welcomed, in line with the RSES and the Southern Regional Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021, it is recommended that the Draft Plan recognises and embraces the circular economy approach in relation to waste management and promote opportunities for enterprise and employment.</p>
<p>Submission requesting the extension of Local Authority street cleaning outside the City centre and including vegetation, ivy, moss, other obstruction issues for those with mobility impairments on public pathways.</p>	119	<p>The issues raised in these submission are noted but are outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submissions on recycling facilities and improvements including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The increase in free local recycling depots and reinstating closed recycling centres; - Improvement in sorting facilities; - The introduction of a plastic bottle refund scheme; 	120, 218, 223, 227, 221, 183, 133, 111	<p>The issues raised in these submission are noted but are outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulating for reduced packaging; - Support for community recycling projects; - Upcycling projects; - The use of accessible public recycling bins for public areas paths and green spaces to allow for adequate waste segregation. - Support on composting schemes. 		
Submission by the Green Party not in support of incineration of waste at Mungret.	120	Noted.
Submission highlights toxic waste generated by Aughinish Alumina and the potential impacts on human health. There is a need to put in place monitoring of the levels of toxins being generated.	199	The contents of the submission are noted. The EPA have responsibility for monitoring emissions from the Aughinish Alumina plant.
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <p>1. The Draft Development Plan shall comply with the requirements of the Southern Regional Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021.</p>		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
Renewable Energy		
General submissions on the need for more renewable energy projects and identify new emerging energy technological diversification and alternative energy sources.	217, 139, 221, 225, 183, 167, 22, 111, 133, 150, 100,	The contents of the submissions are noted, energy generation and energy related activity is rapidly changing and is likely to continue to change further as the country transitions to a low carbon economy. The Draft Development Plan will need to continue to support investment in sustainable energy production. The Draft Development Plan will be consistent with the NPF, RSES and the evolving guidance on climate change and energy production.

<p>A number of submissions recommend that a Renewable Energy Strategy is prepared for Limerick referencing the National Energy Strategy and including a specific Landscape Character Assessment for Limerick. These submissions identify initiatives such as +CityXChange and the European Green Leaf Award Programme as best practice examples, where the Council has played a leadership role in energy efficiency. A proposal for a town led renewable energy project run off solar panels on top of public and private buildings in Newcastle West is also included.</p>	<p>100, 133, 150, 128, 225, 143</p>	<p>Policies and objectives relating to renewable energy and the Landscape Character Assessment for Limerick will be updated as appropriate, as part of the review process, to reflect national and regional policy and energy targets.</p>
<p>Submissions requesting improving energy ratings of existing building stock including an audit of local authority housing. A submission in support of the promotion of the use of innovative, low carbon, renewable energy design and technology in the provision of local authority housing and carbon audits of existing building stock should be carried out with a planned retrofit programme.</p>	<p>133</p>	<p>The Council prepared a Climate Change Action Adaptation Strategy in 2019, setting out the Local Authority's commitments to Climate Change, with specific objectives around energy rating on Local Authority housing.</p>
<p>Support required for the development of Community Energy outlined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support needed for the provision of solar panels on community and public buildings, development of on farm anaerobic digestion and biogas facilities. - Support needed for community owned renewable energy initiatives and participation in the sustainable energy communities network 	<p>143, 150</p>	<p>In recent times, community energy production has been brought more into focus. The area is emerging and the Draft Development Plan will consider this issue in more detail.</p>
<p>Submission on the opportunities presented in the West and South West of Ireland in the delivery of renewable energy projects and the need for an integrated strategic plan on renewable energy.</p>	<p>150</p>	<p>The contents of these submissions are noted and will be given further consideration in the context of renewable energy and climate change in drafting the plan.</p>

<p>Submissions outlining the potential for geothermal energy in the provision of heating noting the limited awareness in Ireland around Shallow Geothermal Energy as a means of addressing climate change.</p>	<p>22, 33</p>	<p>The contents of the submission is noted however it is outside the scope of the development plan.</p>
<p>Submission in support of investment in the development of smart grids to integrate distributed renewable energy and access the potential of demand-side management.</p>	<p>120</p>	<p>The Council will review the Wind Energy Strategy in the existing Limerick County Development Plan, in light of the Draft Guidelines and the developments in technologies since the existing policy was developed.</p>
<p>Submission in support of microgeneration and facilitation to create renewable energy projects in generating alternative incomes including simplifying the planning process.</p>	<p>120</p>	<p>While the preparation of a regional renewable energy strategy is not the responsibility of LCCC, the Council will liaise with the Regional Assembly and the adjoining relevant Local Authorities in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requesting the consideration of offsetting the cost of installing renewable energy technology against local authority rates.</p>	<p>120</p>	<p></p>
<p>Ensure that overall national policy on renewable energy is acknowledged and documented in the development plan;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indicate how the implementation of the development plan will contribute to realising overall national targets on renewable energy and climate change mitigation and in particular wind energy resources (in MW) and, - Demonstrate detailed compliance with item above with regard to development management objectives and have such development management objectives subject to SEA and AA with regard to likely significant effects on climatic factors in addition to other environmental factors. 	<p>128</p>	<p>The Council will review the Wind Energy Strategy and Development Management Standards for wind energy developments for Limerick as part of the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>

<p>The submission by the Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA) strongly promotes the delivery of a regional Renewable Energy Strategy to facilitate the implementation of Regional Policy Objective (RPO 98 and RPO 99) of the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy in the short term, as a matter of high priority and urgency.</p> <p>A number of submissions in relation to wind energy, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submission in support of a countywide Energy Strategy be developed and included in the forthcoming Development Plan. - The submission by Irish Wind Energy Association recommend LCCC that the SEAI Wind Atlas or any similar general wind resource data not be used as a constraint when developing and zoning areas for renewable energy development and that grid constraints should not be considered by Local Authorities when preparing their Renewable Energy Strategies, believing this to be a developer’s constraint. - Submission by Coillte requests a consistent approach to identifying suitable lands and categorising landscape sensitivity. Ensure that wind speed, site-specific engineering issues, and existing grid capacity issues are not considered constraints in identifying suitable lands, and ensure a sufficient quantum is identified to account for site level attrition. The submission further requests a condition of finite duration to wind farm permissions. - Submissions requesting recognition of the DHPLG Wind Energy Development Guidelines as the appropriate national standard rather than seeking to alter or replace the requirements therein. The submission by the Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA) refers to The Department of 	<p>128</p> <p>81, 117, 128, 130, 198</p>	<p>The Council will review the Landscape Character Assessments and wind energy policies and objectives for Limerick as part of the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted and will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted and will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
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<p>Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG) Section 28 (1c) Guidelines 'Interim Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Statutory Plans, Renewable Energy and Climate Change' (July 2017) which sets out that it is the planning policy requirement that relate to wind energy development.</p>		
<p>Submissions in support of Landscape Character Assessments including a weighting table for landscape sensitivity types to be considered for renewable energy development potential. The submission by Irish Wind Energy Association requests LCCC to carry out a full assessment of the area's renewable energy development potential and zone accordingly to ensure that there is no planning ambiguity surrounding any un-zoned areas.</p>	128, 143	
<p>The submission by Gas Networks Ireland requests that consideration in the new plan is given to the role that renewable gas and Compressed Natural Gas in transport can play in reducing carbon emissions in the region and their contribution to providing economic benefits to the local economy. The submission requests local authority support for anaerobic digestion plants, CNG refuelling stations and renewable gas injection points</p>	115	
<p>Submission by the ESB request the current planning policies which protect the county's future capacity for the development of energy infrastructure whilst encouraging the sustainable development of renewable energy resources are maintained, including energy storage systems. This will enable ESB to develop and maintain a safe, secure, reliable, economical and efficient electricity Generation, Transmission and Distribution System with a view to ensuring that all</p>	198	

reasonable demands for electricity are met having due regard for the environment.		
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and update the wind energy mapping in the existing County Development Plan and prepare an overall strategy for Limerick, in accordance with the relevant guidelines, considering onshore and off shore wind. 2. Details in relation to all renewable energy technologies shall be considered in the Draft Plan, including solar energy, bioenergy and other technologies including energy storage, combined heat and power, Liquefied natural gas and carbon capture and storage. 3. Review Limericks landscape character areas, in accordance with the relevant guidelines. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Air Quality		
Support for renewable energy in respect of air quality.	152, 162	The contents of the submission are noted, the renewable energy section of the Draft Plan will consider this issue.
Submission on air quality industrial emissions requesting an objective is included in the new development plan to ensure industrial emissions and discharges of Nitrates, Sulphates and various oxides and other compounds of Nitrogen and Sulphur shall not exceed recommended EU, EPA and WHO thresholds and planning permission should not be granted where emission and discharge thresholds are exceeded, even temporarily.	151	LCCC recognises the importance of air quality and its potential impact on the health and wellbeing of residents. The EPA, in cooperation with Limerick City and County Council, monitors air quality in Limerick; current measurements give no cause for concern. Applications for industrial emissions licences or discharges are permitted by the EPA in accordance with the relevant legislation and is therefore not a development plan issue.
Submission proposing an objective in the new development plan to prohibit developments where toxic chemicals are produced including the prohibition of large-scale incineration. The submission also requests the inclusion of policy to refuse planning permission to industrial and commercial developments where derogations are sought from the provisions of EU Directives.	151	As the proposed development plan must be consistent with the Regional Waste Management Plan consultation with the regional waste management office will be undertaken in the drafting of policies and objectives relating to waste

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

1. The Draft Development Plan will include development objectives to address air quality, to support the reduction of carbon emissions, and to implement the Climate Adaptation Strategy.

Theme 6: Social, Community and Recreation

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Community Infrastructure		
<p>Submission from the Department of Education and Skills (DES) requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That consideration is given to the inclusion of a community and infrastructure land use zoning objective similar to the current Development Plans; - That explicit provision is given for school development to meet the projected population growth as set out in the NPF particularly in Limerick City and requests the re-purposing of old school buildings to meet future educational needs; - That the importance of buffer zones and land use designations that support education development adjacent to schools is maintained (where required to facilitate potential future expansion) in meeting the future provision of school places; - That measures to facilitate reduced requirements for onsite parking and set-down and to support access to off-site public amenities is facilitated through the Plan; - That sites identified by the DES for school provision are explicitly supported through appropriate zoning and/or SLOs in the plan; - That the Planning Authority would facilitate the principle of permitting schools, both permanent and temporary in as many zoning categories as possible; - That school site identification and suitability assessment should be based on DES' current Technical Guidance Documents; 	124	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council will continue to work with the Department of Education and Skills with regard to the provision of schools.</p> <p>In order to achieve compact urban growth, national and regional policy objectives require the provision of appropriate supporting community and social infrastructure, including good access to education. RPO 185 of the RSES outline the planned approach to new schools, with a particular focus on accessible schools, which can be accessed by walking or cycling. This highlights the need for integrated land use and transport planning to ensure that education facilities are located in close proximity to new housing developments, which can be easily accessed, by sustainable transport modes.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That potential synergies with adjacent public (and commercial) facilities in the proposed siting of schools is considered and the capacity of existing schools and any planned schools, be considered as “supporting infrastructure and facilities” in assessing the suitability of land for residential development. - That where a designated school forms part of a wider development being implemented incrementally that infrastructure and services are provided to the standards and capacity required for the future school provision at that location. <p>Submissions seeks additional community facilities across the City and County which are accessible to all and specifically the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools - Car Park (Bilboa and Herbertstown), SEN units, upgrade works to old schools to include for better technology and greater accessibility for all, Special Needs School in Corbally, provide additional Educate Together School; - Community Hall/Centre/Scouts Hall/Youth Services and facilities (Bilboa, Garryowen, Inner City, Corbally, Rhebogue); - Community Gardens/Allotments (City and County wide with a particular example of the old community garden at the rear of Saint Josephs, rear of Anglers Walk, Rhebogue and Caherconlish/Ballyneety area); - Additional Graveyards and restoration work to existing (Herbertstown); - A library near Chawkes ensuring full implementation of the ‘Our Public Libraries 2022’; - Healthcare facilities including an additional Hospital; - Homeless shelters; - Cinema and shopping centres where youths can meet; 	<p>44, 50, 53, 70, 77, 114, 120, 165, 167, 171, 178, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 221, 222, 224, 225, 227, 228, 153, 21, 13</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council recognise the importance of the delivery of community facilities in local communities. It is imperative to provide additional investment in community facilities to keep pace with the growth in population. The remit to sustain local and community development is based on a set of core values covering social inclusion, equality and respect for diversity. The RSES supports the role of Local Community Development Committees, the Public Participation Network and other community partnerships in their role and requires policy responses that are meaningful and flexible to cater for the needs of local community. Limerick City and County Council have recently commenced the preparation of a Sports and Recreation Strategy for Limerick and a Community Facilities Audit, both reports will inform the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical card only' health care facility Newcastle West citing Big Al's/McCoy's old building as a potential location; - Garda Station; - Recycling centres including reopening the centre on Park Road; - Nursing homes; - Child care facilities (Adare); - Provision of facilities locally to prevent people from travelling outside their area; - Lack of public facilities in Newcastle West; - A Multicultural Community Centre that targets the social requirements of the African community in Limerick. 		
<p>Submission seeks the establishment of a rural 'work from home hub' in the Caherconlish/Ballyneety area to allow companies to have people work from their communities with the shared facilities.</p>	171	<p>The current global pandemic Covid 19 is currently having a significant impact on the Limerick workforce, the legacy of the impact is yet to be determined, however, it appears that much of the workforce may continue to work from home in the future, which will impact on commuting, transport planning, land use planning. The Draft Development Plan will contain policies to support such facilities.</p>
<p>This submission urges the Council to implement the best practice of the National Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation in Decision-Making (2015-2020) and the UN convention on the rights of the child in the areas of Survival rights, Development rights, Protection rights and Participation rights and also to support community councils, tidy towns and village groups to invite young people to engage and volunteer in their community.</p>	178	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The council contacted 170 schools during the pre-draft stage of the Development Plan process and will continue engagement with young people during the Plan preparation process and in many other aspects of Council business.</p>

Submission seeks the extension of the Limerick Food Partnership and Urban Co-Op to other parts of the County and seeks support for local food production to improve health.	133, 155	The contents of the submissions are noted. The Draft Development Plan will continue to support local food production.
Chief Executive's Recommendation: 1. The Draft Development Plan will include policies and objectives to support community, social and educational infrastructure in tandem with residential development.		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Sports and Recreation Facilities		
<p>Submissions request the provision of open space and opportunities for passive and active recreation throughout the City and County to meet all abilities and ages and inclusivity requirements through the use of appropriate zoning and policies. Reference is made to the need to recognise that the Covid-19 virus has led to a growing demand for outdoor amenities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requests include new and upgrade works for: sports fields, cycling and jogging tracks(City and beyond), public parks (Caherconlish area), Civic spaces(Adare) astroturf (Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh, Corbally, Cappamore, Dublin Road) basketball courts combined with goal posts/tennis court, outdoor table tennis and gym equipment which are supervised by CCTV(Bishops Quay and O' Callaghan Strand), Sensory garden (Adare), running track(Corbally), trampoline park, public toilets(Clare St), bird feeders, picnic tables, litter bins(litter awareness programmes), dog park, bins for dog waste, cat café, skate park, Stables and Horse Arena, Dirt bike track, Handball alley, more outdoor eating spaces/enclosed 	15, 29, 35, 44, 47, 50, 53, 70, 77, 79, 86, 93, 108, 114, 117, 118, 120, 123, 132, 139, 155, 163, 165, 171, 178, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 223, 220, 221, 222, 224, 225, 226, 227, 229	The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council recognise the demand for community facilities is significant and the constraints on budgets to deliver the much needed infrastructure. The Council have commenced a Sports and Recreation Strategy for Limerick and it will identify the gaps that may exist in many of Limerick's settlements. The outcomes of the proposed strategy will inform the policy context of the plan.

<p>streets and public seating areas(People’s Park, Arthurs Quay and the Treaty Stone), bike stands, multipurpose sports buildings/public leisure facilities in each town and boat clubs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harness the potential of the River Shannon and the canals as an amenity for water sports; - Improvements to existing playgrounds (Clare St, Cappamore) and provision of new playgrounds/swings(Carrigkerry, Ballyagran, Shannon Fields, Cleeves factory, Ted Russell Park, Rhebogue and Bilboa AC grounds); - The widening of the walkway on the River Loobagh and upgrade of swimming facilities; - Extend the Canal Bank walk to both sides, the Plassey River Walk and provide a new walkway around Carrigogunnell Castle; - Provision of public drinking water fountains; - Outdoor classrooms in public parks and other areas of special natural interest; - Further development of amenities such as Lough Gur; Knockfierna and Liskennett, Curraghchase and the River Maigue(requires jetty) Walking and Cycling Trail and for kayaking; - Harness underutilised green space such as at road edges and churches for public amenity purposes; - Ensure recreational facilities are accessible by footpath from towns and villages; - The development of a man-made lake by Cullenagh off the N21 - Development of Baggot estate; - Examine opening hours of public parks to facilitate greater accessibility. 		
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Chief Executive's Recommendation:

1. Incorporate the outcomes of the Sports and Recreation Strategy into the Draft Development Plan.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Social Inclusion		
<p>Submission requests that the following groups are incorporated into all aspects of the new Development Plan – urban design, transport, community facilities, rural development: children, families, traveller community, disadvantaged communities, migrant groups, elderly and the disabled and that the objectives of the plan facilitate active engagement, promote social inclusion and integration of communities.</p>	<p>45, 52, 61, 69, 79, 94, 133, 153, 156, 163, 181, 183, 185, 207, 221</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted and will be taken into account in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>In achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals, these submissions urge the Council to include Social Inclusion in all aspects of the new Development Plan and to include indicators which can be used to measure the outcomes of the Plan.</p>	<p>45, 52, 61, 69, 191</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council recognise that social inclusion is a cornerstone of healthy communities and the Draft Development Plan will have incorporate policies to have an inclusive society for all citizens in Limerick.</p>
<p>This submission urges the Council to make explicit references to play (beyond playgrounds) and include a vision which works towards becoming a Child Friendly City.</p>	<p>181</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognise that play is much more than playgrounds and will incorporate the Play Policy, which was developed in consultation with young people and various stakeholders who are involved with young people.</p>
<p>These submissions identify concerns with respect to anti-social behaviour and the negative impact it has on quality of life. They</p>	<p>18, 35, 47, 86, 148, 155 221, 228</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council continue to liaise with the Joint Policing Committee to address antisocial behaviour.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of a City Centre concert hall and cultural centre for concerts and artist named after Dolores O’ Riordan and showcasing The Cranberries; - Performance Space for local talent with street covering; - Use of existing facilities/ Repurposing of derelict and empty buildings and use of facilities such as city parks and the University of Limerick; - Investigate having a youth worker creating awareness of cultural events in and around Limerick City; - Providing grants or open calls for projects; - Training and mentoring opportunities; - Promoting new and existing festivals and events; - Appointment of a Night Mayor and review night time entertainment; - Review of current licensing laws relating to live music and art venues; - Public spaces for performances; - Provide publicly owned markets for sale of local crafts; - Develop a sister museum to the Hunt Museum in the Potato Market; - Embrace Limerick’s history by creating a medieval themed event around food, develop new food trails, enhance the West Limerick Food Series and traditional fashion; - More artwork on display throughout the City. <p>This submission identifies a need for dedicated and affordable office and studio spaces for Film in the City that can accommodate new technologies in the sector.</p>	<p>98</p> <p>159</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted and will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of submission are noted, however it is outside the scope of the development plan.</p>
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Establish a music and traditional dance school in the area around Griffin St/Sean Huston Place/Johns Square for children through the Irish language.		
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Chief Executive's Recommendation:

1. Recognise the importance in Arts and Culture in policies and objectives of the Draft Development Plan.

Theme 7: Landscape, Environment, Heritage and Green Infrastructure

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Landscape		
<p>Submissions requesting the protection, conservation and identification of highly sensitive, designated, natural, unspoiled and open landscapes, scenic areas and the environs of archaeological or historic sites.</p>	113, 118	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council will review the Landscape Character Assessment in the Draft Development Plan, this will consider the protection, conservation, identification of highly sensitive and designated areas which will inform the policy context of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requesting omitting of Limerick County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended) Objective RSO4 Holiday Home Development from the new Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as it restricts holiday home developments to within existing towns, villages and settlements thereby minimising the impact on the open landscape and propose the replacement with the following 'It is an objective of the Council to support the provision of short-term tourism accommodation in locations where such use is ancillary to the primary tourism product on offer. Both the tourism offer and the short-term accommodation shall be intrinsically linked and interdependent such that the accommodation shall not be sold, let or otherwise disposed of, independent of the main tourism offer'.</p>	36	<p>The Council will review this policy in the context of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requesting that Limerick County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (As amended) Objective ED 017 be replaced by: 'Protect the landscape from inappropriate development by ensuring that</p>	118	<p>The contents of the submission are noted and will be further considered in the drafting of the plan.</p>

<p>developments and other activities associated with tourism or recreational activity do not cause damage, be detrimental to or detract from the traditional character or appearance of areas of scenic or visual amenities and ensure that the layout, design and associated infrastructure are of highest quality'. The submission outlines the need for developments to be sensitively located, and be sympathetic in manner with the environment, heritage and amenities.</p>		
<p>Submission by the Irish Wind Energy association requests that that Limerick City and County Council and all local authorities develop a consistent Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) criteria and apply it across all Counties and that a 'Low', 'Medium', and 'High' weighting table for landscape sensitivity types be considered for renewable energy development potential.</p>	128	<p>The content of the submission is noted. The Council will carry out a review of the existing Landscape Character Assessment for Limerick in accordance with the relevant guidelines and liaise with adjoin Local Authorities to seek to deliver a consistent approach.</p>
<p>Submission by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht note that many species listed for protection within European sites also depend on habitats and landscape features outside of the designated site boundaries. The loss of these features, due to development pressure can indirectly cause disturbance and deterioration to the conservation status of internationally important species. It is therefore important to ensure that these issues are addressed in both the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) for the Plan. Submission also note that developments should avoid the fragmentation of landscape features, including ecological corridors which allow for the mobility of species in a changing climate.</p>	134	<p>The contents of the submission are noted and will be considered further in the drafting of the development plan.</p>
<p>Submission by Failte Ireland notes that future development proposals should be considered in terms of their impact on the natural and built landscape and recommends that the National Landscape Strategy</p>	143	<p>The contents of the submission are noted and as outlined above, the Landscape Character Assessment for Limerick will be reviewed in line with the relevant guidelines.</p>

<p>2015 – 2025 be referenced in the forthcoming Development Plan and that a specific Landscape Character Assessment for Limerick be incorporated.</p> <p>Submission requesting restriction of development within 500m of the River Shannon to allow continued accessibility of the natural resource.</p> <p>Submission requesting that scenic protection is awarded to the views of Shannon Coast from Foynes to Tarbert.</p> <p>Submission by the Green Party proposing the identification of candidate bogs for peatland restoration and rewetting.</p> <p>Submission highlights the need potential of eco – schools and proposes to develop a Shannon Interpretative Centre, highlight the benefits of outdoor education, and tying in with renewable energy.</p>	<p>103</p> <p>34</p> <p>120</p> <p>204</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development Plan will set out any necessary restrictions, based on appropriate levels of assessment, to provide an evidence based approach to informing the policy content.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted and will be considered further in the drafting of the Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted and will be considered further in the drafting of the Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted.</p>
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a Landscape Character Assessment in line with the relevant guidelines. 2. A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SRFA) will be carried out as part of the Draft Development Plan process, in compliance with the relevant legislation to assess the environmental effects of implementing the plan. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Architectural Heritage		
<p>General submission on the importance of protecting Limerick's heritage and the need to engage and support communities in the reuse of heritage and cultural valued buildings.</p>	218	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is committed to the protection of the heritage of Limerick and will utilise the appropriate tools including the Record of Protected Structures and the designation of Architectural Conservation Areas to afford the appropriate level of protection to the structure or areas. The Council will continue to engage with communities to support reuse of heritage and cultural valued buildings.</p>
<p>Submissions in relation to the importance of protecting, restoring and repurposing the Georgian Quarter/Newtown Pery in Limerick City including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposal for a task force of interested parties to ensure the preservation and adaptive reuse of the buildings for a diversity of uses including residential, community, commercial and ensure redevelopment includes universal access; - It is submitted the reuse of the buildings as community, residential and neighbourhood districts; - Reduction in parking and traffic; - Request for a heritage-led place-making and public realm strategy prepared for Newtown Pery forming part of the new Plan; - The traffic management plan for Newtown Pery is prepared in conjunction with a place-making and public realm strategy. - Submissions referring to the term 'Newtown Pery' defines the Georgian area of the city and it should be referred to 	28, 29, 120, 131, 113, 188, 148, 158, 196	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council recognise the importance of the Georgian Quarter/Newtown Pery. Extensive survey and investigation is currently being carried out in this area under the Urban Innovation Department of the Council, as part of the +CityXChange project, which is being carried out under Horizon 2020. In addition to this funding has been sought under the Urban Regeneration Fund to look at issues in terms of developing the area for living, street improvements, development of laneways, just to name a few. The Draft Development Plan will set out policies and objectives to protect and enhance this area.</p>

<p>as such in the Development Plan. The term ‘Georgian Quarter’ is considered misleading and has been used in the past to refer to a small part of Georgian Limerick.</p>		
<p>Submission by The Limerick Chapter recommends that the Council prepare and deliver a Heritage Led Conservation Plan in partnership with the Irish Georgian Society, the Heritage Council’s CTCHC Programme, The Southern Regional Assembly, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.</p>	113	<p>The contents of the submission is noted and will be further considered in the drafting of the Plan.</p>
<p>Submission by Limerick 2030 in relation to the importance of protecting Limerick’s Heritage Assets, but also capitalising on it noting conservation of historic buildings must be promoted as a process of ‘managing change’ and a balanced approach advocated in the Plan to ensure viability of commercial projects. The heritage fabric of buildings in the city must be able to transform with contemporary innovations.</p>	107	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognise the importance of development, while also seeking to protect our built heritage. The Draft Development Plan will set out to ensure there is a balanced approach to informing policies and objectives.</p>
<p>Submission recommending the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage be adopted formally into the Plan, as a qualifying list for candidates for the Record of Protected Structures and that the current list of Architectural Conservation Areas be reviewed.</p>	113	<p>The contents of submission are noted. The Council intends to review and incorporate where appropriate the list of the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage on to the existing list of Record of Protected Structures and also review the existing Record of Protected Structures and Architectural Conservations Areas.</p>
<p>Submission by the Green Party proposing the funding of a scheme in the repair and renovation of historic structures in town centres to be brought back into use. Develop ‘exemplar’ projects.</p>	120	<p>The contents of the submission are noted and welcomed. This is not a Development Plan issue, but the development of exemplar projects and developing funding programme would be widely welcomed.</p>

Submission noting the Limerick Chapter that Special Conservation Areas are mentioned in the Issues Paper, but Architectural Conservation Areas are entirely absent.	113	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council will review the existing Architectural Conservation Areas and identify if additional are required.
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Chief Executive's Recommendation:

1. Review the existing Records of Protected Structures and Architectural Conservation Areas.
2. Review and Incorporate, where appropriate, the list of National Inventory of Architectural Heritage into the Record of Protected Structures.
3. Expand the policy and objectives of the plan relating to protection and enhancement of Limerick's built heritage.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Archaeological Heritage		
<p>Submission from the Department of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht with regards to underwater archaeology noting that the archaeological heritage, including underwater cultural heritage and the published <i>Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage (2019)</i> needs to be amended from previous plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A section on the archaeological heritage that has reference to the shipwreck resource off the coast of Limerick is strongly recommended. - The estuary too provides its own range of archaeological features to consider, both within Limerick City and downstream. It is recommended that the section would benefit from being expanded to include stating that the underwater archaeological resource can also be found in the inland waterways – rivers and lakes, including islands in lakes. 	202	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is committed to the preservation of its archaeological heritage, the Draft Development Plan will address this issue.

<p>It is submitted that any proposed County Development Plan should, as part of the Cultural Heritage Section, have definitive section/policies on the protection of County Limerick's and its environs terrestrial and underwater cultural heritage. The plan should include provision for the adequate assessment and protection of both known and potential terrestrial and underwater archaeology. It should be noted that the results of such assessments can inform other areas of planning policy throughout the life of the plan, including cultural tourism, local amenity needs and development zoning. Pertaining specifically to the Underwater Cultural Heritage, The National Monuments Service therefore recommends that Limerick County Council take into consideration the following in relation to developing Policies and Objectives for the proposed County Development Plan (2022-2028).</p>	<p>202</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is committed to the preservation of its archaeological heritage, the Draft Development Plan will address this issue.</p>
<p>The submission by Department of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht outlines it is essential that there be a general and over-arching objective for the protection of all archaeological sites and sites protected under the National Monuments Acts 1930 to 2014 to include Wrecks protected under the National Monuments Acts or otherwise included in the Wreck Inventory of Ireland as maintained by the National Monuments Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (transitioning to Department of Housing, Planning & Heritage).</p>	<p>202</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is committed to the preservation of its archaeological heritage, the Draft Development Plan will address this issue.</p>
<p>The submission by Department of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht advises that proposed developments which may, due to their location, size, or nature, have implications for elements of the archaeological heritage should be subject to an archaeological assessment, which should in general be carried out before any grant of permission. Such</p>	<p>202</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is committed to the preservation of its archaeological heritage, the Draft Development Plan will address this issue.</p>

developments include those that are located at or close to archaeological sites or monuments or historic wrecks. Any development either above or below ground, within the vicinity of any terrestrial or underwater site of archaeological interest shall not be detrimental to the character of the archaeological site or its setting.		
Submission addressing the potential of Bunratty Folk Park and proposes the redevelopment of Bunratty as a cultural historic centre.	9	The contents of the submission are noted. The Bunratty Folk Park is located in County Clare and beyond the scope of the Draft Development Plan.
Submission requesting the update of policies in relation to historic graveyards sought.	118	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is currently preparing a burial ground strategy, which shall inform the Draft Development Plan.
Submission outlining that heritage also includes, neighbourhoods, communities and people.	16	The contents of the submission are noted.
Chief Executive's Recommendation:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The recommendation of the Burial Ground Strategy shall inform the Draft Development Plan. 2. The Draft Development Plan shall set out policies to protect our archaeological heritage, including under water heritage. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Heritage		
Submission requesting the upgrade heritage signage across the city and county.	20, 121	The contents of the submission are noted, while it is not a Development Plan issue and more an operational issues, policy support can be included in the Draft Development Plan to upgrade heritage signage.

<p>Submission by Adare Community Trust requesting the development of a masterplan for a Heritage Centre in the village including the upgrading of the Historical Exhibition as an interactive visitor attraction.</p>	44	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. This is not a Development Plan issue can but be considered in the Adare Local Area Plan, when it is being viewed.</p>
<p>Submission requesting the development of a monument honouring the victims of the Famine (1845-1848) and the association with the Dead House.</p>	85	<p>The contents of the submission are noted but are outside the scope of the development plan.</p>
<p>Submissions in relation to the protection of walls and piers throughout the planning process proposing that these are retained as part of all permissions or replaced with dry stone walls.</p>	34	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. This will be considered in the preparation of the Development Management standards of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requesting the restoration of the Old Pump at Bilboa Cross which is of historical importance to the community.</p>	50	<p>The contents of the submission are noted but are outside the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>The submission outlines fear for the Georgian Architecture of the City as well as other historical sites in Newtown Pery. The submission outlines how the cultural voice is not valued by the council, citing an example that Architectural objections were not taken into account for the Opera Centre.</p>	61	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is committed to the protection and safeguarding the architectural significance of Georgian Limerick. The Draft Development Plan will outline policies and objectives to ensure this is supported.</p>
<p>The submission outlines the omittance of any reference to the 'Limerick Verse' in the First Issues Paper. Highlighting and bringing attention to Limerick's literary heritage which can be traced back thousands of years and can instil a new pride in Limerick.</p>	7	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council value Limerick's literary heritage and this will be included in the Draft Development Plan, in terms of protection of all aspects of Limerick's heritage.</p>
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update and expand the policies and objectives in relation to safeguarding the Georgian heritage of Limerick. 2. Provide policy support to protect Limerick's literary heritage. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Heritage and Tourism		
Built heritage sites and protected structures should be promoted as part of tourism packages for both national and international tourism.	121	The contents of the submission are noted; recognition for built heritage as a tourism product will be incorporated into the Draft Development Plan.
Submissions referring to the need to extend the designation 'Georgian Quarter' to the historic Newtown Pery.	196	The contents of the submission are noted.
Submission in relation to the provision of a new Museum of things/objects in Limerick at the Potato Market.	10	The contents of the submission are noted, however are outside the scope of the development plan.
Chief Executive's Recommendation:		
1. Recognise the importance of heritage as a tourism product in the Draft Development Plan.		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Record of Protected Structure		
The submission further requests the local authority to repair the old historical Walls of Limerick	86	The contents of the submission is noted, The Council recognises the importance of the Walls of Limerick and the Draft Development Plan will seek to protect the Walls, however, the repair is not a Development Plan issue.
Submission advocates for a balanced approach toward protected structures to ensure the viability of commercial projects and notes that there must be a recognition that with alteration, modifications and sometimes demolition of ancillary buildings that benefits can arise for the common good.	107	The Council recognises the importance of protection of the built heritage of Limerick, through the Record of Protected Structures and Architectural Heritage Areas, while also facilitating and promoting development. The review of the Record of Protected Structures will take place through the Draft Development Plan process.

<p>Submission from An Taisce Limerick strongly supports any attempt by the Authority to protect structures of historical and environmental significance and requests the urgent need for a revision of the Record of Protected Structures to include consultation with all historical and heritage bodies within the Authority's jurisdiction.</p>	196	<p>The review of the Record of Protected Structures will take place, as part of the Draft Development Plan, any recommendation for an inclusion of a structure on the Record of Protected Structure will be considered against the categories of Special Interest (architectural, historical archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social, or technical interest) as set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000 (amended).</p>
<p>Submission requesting the list of protected structures should be increased by the addition of all remaining structures of the Georgian period, approximately from 1730 to 1830. Protected status is not just a matter for well-preserved, high quality buildings but also in the case of buildings at risk, that are part of the vernacular inheritance.</p>	196, 120	<p>It is intended to review and where appropriate add structures recommended by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage Survey and the Minister of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht onto the Record of Protected Structures, as part of the preparation of the Draft Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requesting the removal of thatched out of office building (Limerick County Development Plan 2010-2016 RPS Reference No. D14 (m) be removed from the Record of Protected Structures.</p>	11	<p>The contents of the submission are noted; the proposal will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the structures on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage Survey and consider their inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures, as part of the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Blue/Green Infrastructure - (also relevant to tourism)		
<p>Development of existing walking trails, extensions to existing greenways and interconnectivity between routes including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Great Southern Trail Greenway to Adare; 	29, 44, 50, 70, 76, 88, 118, 120, 143, 188, 129,	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Draft Development Plan will have regard to the projects identified.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion of greenway from Limerick City to Kerry Border; - Extending the Great Southern Greenway the 3KM from Rathkeale to Ballingrane and Doohyle Lake; - Sycamore Crescent, Cois Teampall Estate and Churchtown in Newcastle West to the Great Southern Trail; - Connecting the Demesne and the Great Southern Greenway along the Dually River; - Greenway/Cycle way on the banks of the Ardnacrusha Canal, Abbey Bridge and onto Kilalloe; - Promotion and designated walkway in the forest of Kyle in Bilboa; - A greenway or the development of walking trails from Newtown, Ballybrown, Corcamore and Clarina meeting with the River Shannon; - Development of greenways/blueways connecting all villages and towns; - River Maigue Walking and Cycling Trail; - Greenway from Bruree-Croom-Adare-Kildimo/Clarina; - Additional walking trails at Lough Gur; - Knockfierna and Liskennett; - Development of Abbeyfeale; - Patrickswell Greenway; - Askeaton/Foynes; - University of Limerick to Castleconnell. 	<p>156, 206, 218, 154, 155, 210, 209, 186</p>	<p>The Draft Development Plan will incorporate policy support where considered appropriate.</p>
<p>Submission repurposing of disused railways to be used as public greenways Improvements to existing walkways including: The Condell Road and Westfield.</p>	<p>118, 188</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Draft Development Plan will consider the proposal and include policy support where relevant.</p>

<p>Submission requesting that the new Development Plan include a register of walking and cycling routes.</p>	118	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. It is intended that walkways and cycleways will be mapped where appropriate.</p>
<p>Submissions outlining the need for appropriate facilities including adequate car parking, laybys, picnic areas, toilets for amenity users and on greenway routes.</p>	118	<p>The contents of the submission are noted and will be considered further during the drafting of the development plan.</p>
<p>Irish Water encourages the inclusion of policies and objectives on the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and Green-Blue Infrastructure in new developments.</p>	126	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is commencing the preparation of a Blue – Green Infrastructure Strategy. The NPF and RSES both place strong emphasis on compact growth, placemaking and development of sustainable communities, highlighting the need for blue – green infrastructure, as we continue to invest in and strengthen our settlements. The recommendations of the Strategy will be incorporated into the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submissions requesting the introduction of a Blue/Green Infrastructure Strategy for the City and County.</p>	133, 134, 107	
<p>Submission by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht requesting a clear distinction is needed within the new Plan between Green Infrastructure and Greenways, Blueways and tourist trails. The DCHG advises that the National Greenway Strategy, greenways and other associated linear trails should be designed to take into account, and avoid where necessary, the sensitivities of natural heritage.</p>	134	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be addressed in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>The development of Abbeyfeale's Landscape, Heritage & Green Spaces is vital to the long-term wellbeing and development of the community.</p>	186	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The detail of Abbeyfeale's Green infrastructure will be considered in the review of the Abbeyfeale Local Area Plan, following the adoption of the Limerick Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission by Adare Community Trust proposes a Blueway Assessment for potential Blueway Trails on the River Maigue. The</p>		<p>The contents of the submission are noted and will be considered further in the drafting of the Plan.</p>

submission further outlines the historical importance of the River Maigue and Adare Quay and describes the tidal river as having excellent potential for water recreation facilities. It also outlines the need to identify ownership rights at Pope Quay and the provision of access and a floating pontoon on the former quay.	44	
Submissions noting the importance of celebrating the Rivers Edge and request that sites along the river must open to the river to become a vantage point, amenity and gathering space, encouraging water activities and facilitating generous public seating.	2, 4, 107	The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.
Submission outlining the limited/negligible reference to the River Shannon in the First Issues paper referring to the significant opportunities, including tourism and recreational activity development and the importance of its protection.	121	The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.
Submission requesting a strategy to undertake works on the River Shannon in Castleconnell to return it to a visual amenity for locals and tourists.	121	The contents of the submission are noted and will be considered further in the drafting of the Plan.
Submission requesting clean up works to be undertaken at the River Arra.	225	The contents of the submission are noted but are outside the scope of the Development Plan.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

1. Prepare a Blue – Green Infrastructure Strategy and incorporate the recommendations into the Draft Development Plan.
2. Recognise the multifunctional benefits of blue – green infrastructure, as a key component of climate change, placemaking, recreation and amenity.
3. The Draft Plan should encourage green infrastructure and nature based solutions, as an alternative to engineered solutions, where feasible.
4. Include policies and objectives which promote the integration of sustainable water management solutions such as Sustainable Urban Drainage.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Open Space		
Submission in support of the promotion, preservation and public access to existing open spaces, which needs to be accessible to all.	118 , 209, 186, 192, 155	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognise the importance of open space and continue to seek to promote, protect and enhance open space provision in Limerick.
Submission in support of community gardens and allotments.	26, 120, 133, 197, 209, 100, 167, 170, 218	The contents of the submissions are noted. The existing Development Plans contain policies that support the development of allotments and community gardens and the policies will be updated and included in the Draft Development Plan.
Need for more open space in the city and urban areas and to protect the existing open space.	29, 47, 53, 70, 77, 103. 164, 192	The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council is currently carrying out an open space audit in Limerick City and Environs and this will inform the Draft Development Plan.
Submission by students in Laurel Hill FCJ who note they don't feel safe existing open space areas in the city.	221	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council seek to develop open space which is overlooked with natural surveillance in so far as possible. However, the Joint Policing Committee provide a forum for identifying and discussing appropriate responses to issues relation to public safety and policing.
The submission proposes an upgrade to Westfield Wetlands by adding a playground, a fairy garden, more flowers and trees	222	The contents of the submission are noted. Westfield Wetlands is a sensitive location in terms of wildlife. The Council is currently progressing a Sports and Recreation Strategy for Limerick, which will consider the gaps in community infrastructure. This will inform the policy in relation to the delivery of additional infrastructure.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

1. The Draft Development Plan shall be informed by the outcomes of the Sport and Recreation Strategy for Limerick.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
<p>Biodiversity</p> <p>Submissions in relation to the protection of Biodiversity requesting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inclusion of policies ensuring the protection of biodiversity within the new development plan; - Specific areas requesting the encouragement of biodiversity include: O'Briens Park, Pa Healy Road flyover and Curraghchase; - Policy to include targets and measurement indicators in compliance for all public funded institutions in the protection of Biodiversity; - Public educational campaigns and community projects on biodiversity; - The new Limerick City and County Development Plan needs to clearly outline how Limerick will play its part in ensuring that 30% of our land and water areas will be protected for nature; - Support the National Pollinator Plan across all land types; - Conservation of natural resources. - No loss of biodiversity should be allowed as a consequence of the plan implementation and compensatory measures should be proposed to mitigate against any loss. 	<p>65, 86, 111, 120, 121, 133, 65</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council supports and recognises the importance of biodiversity in its own right and also the ecosystem services it provides, in terms of carbon sequestration. The Council will prepare a Blue Green Infrastructure Strategy for Limerick which will seek to protect against biodiversity loss, identify measures and nature based solutions in line with the RSES RPO 124 Green Infrastructure. This requires that Green Infrastructure be integrated into the preparation of land use plans, which will include identifying green infrastructure and strengthening the network, as well as seeking to protect, enhance, provide and manage the assets of Limerick in an integrated and coherent manner addressing the themes of biodiversity protection, water management and climate action.</p>

<p>Submission suggests that any plan and project including a one off house should go through a screening process to address potential biodiversity referencing both areas awarded environmental protection and areas outside environmental protection</p>	<p>65</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. Each application will be assessed on its merits as part the Development Management process.</p>
<p>Submissions requesting the prohibition of any works that cause biodiversity loss including the use of herbicides, hedgerow maintenance programme, hedgerow cutting and reducing extensive grass cutting programmes</p>	<p>65, 111, 121, 134</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council is currently in the process of altering its regimes in terms of grass cutting and reducing the use of herbicides and pesticides in public parks, since 2019. The Council is partners of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan and have over the past two years been actively setting aside areas in parks for wildlife and pollinators. Limerick City and County Council have developed a 'Let it Bee' programme to reduce roadside verges to encourage pollinators, also have developed a wildflower meadow in Corbally and are developing many other initiatives including urban woodlands, rewilding roundabouts etc. all seeking to promote and develop biodiversity in Limerick.</p>
<p>Submission requests that measuring progress towards the protection of biodiversity is required and the identification of gaps where biodiversity projects could be undertaken.</p>	<p>111</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is constantly seeking opportunities for funding to work with local communities and the National Parks and Wildlife Service and other experts to identify gaps, where projects could be undertaken.</p>
<p>Submission proposing the establishment of a Limerick Business for Biodiversity Group to encourage businesses including business parks to reduce grass cutting, avoid use of pesticides and re-wilding initiatives.</p>	<p>111</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. Outlined above the initiatives the Council is taking on lands under their control. The Council will continue to provide education and awareness which will be promoted in the Draft Development Plan and seek opportunities with private operators of business parks as they arise.</p>

<p>Examples of biodiversity projects include pollinator friendly planting, perennial planning, rewilding projects, planting of native hedgerows and trees, promotion of public nesting boxes, insect hotels wildlife corridors, use of public lands for biodiversity projects and carbon sink projects; wasted green spaces at road edges and churches/cemeteries for wildflower gardens, habitats for wildlife.</p> <p>Submission outlining the need to involve local farmers and the facilitation of information sharing from such groups as the BRIDE (Biodiversity Regeneration in a Dairying Environment) Project</p> <p>Submission proposing the development of Curraghchase Demesne into a centre for Biodiversity Education.</p>	<p>111, 120, 218, 155</p> <p>120</p> <p>155</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. As outlined above, the Council is currently progressing many of these initiatives and will continue to seek opportunities to protect the biodiversity of Limerick.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council welcomes the comments, the Council is currently involved with local farmers in the Maigue River Trust and will seek opportunities as they arise to encourage farmers to protect and safeguard biodiversity.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The lands at the Curraghchase Demesne are in the ownership of Coillte.</p>
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation:</p> <p>1. It is recommended that a Green Infrastructure Strategy be prepared and incorporated into the Draft Development Plan.</p>		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
<p>Public Rights of Way</p> <p>Submission in relation to the need to record and protect existing walkways and rights of way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Planning and Development Act 2000 states that a Local Authority shall keep a list of public rights of way; - Need for a separate subsection within the plan on rights of way - Public rights of way to be recorded, listed, mapped and updated regularly; 	<p>118</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognise the obligation set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000 (amended) to include as a mandatory requirement the preservation of public rights of way, which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility. This issue will be further considered in the drafting of the Plan.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The provision of public rights of way to be encouraged to include a network linking into tradition outdoor amenities, to heritage sites and natural amenities; - In areas where there are mineral and aggregate extraction; - The promotion of local and regional network of ways and permissive access: - The employment of a Walking Officer; - Private landowners to be indemnified with regard to the recreational use of their private land; - Protection of scenic walking routes, listed walks, access routes to upland walks; - Promotion of safe walking trails within towns and villages; - Ensure golfing developments do not impinge on public rights of way; - Improvements to signposting and designation pilgrim paths; - Existing rights of way should not be blocked and increased access to new forestry sought. 		
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify existing rights of way and walking routes, where possible. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
<p>Trees and Hedgerows</p> <p>Submissions in relation to the protection of trees, hedge-way and field boundaries within the plan as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The inclusion of a Tree Policy - The requirement to appoint a Tree Officer; 	<p>121, 111, 134, 34, 213, 120, 194, 151</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted, the Draft Development Plan will contain a tree policy and policies to safeguard and protect trees and hedgerows throughout Limerick, where appropriate.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The protection, retention and care of mature/all trees and hedge-ways throughout the planning process; - Support for planting of new hedgerows and trees; - Carrying out necessary hedgerow trimming outside the restricted season as laid down in Section 40 of the Wildlife Act: - The appropriate and immediate replacement of storm or otherwise damaged mature trees; - Request for a County Limerick hedgerow survey; - It should be an objective not to allow large scale destruction of trees and hedgerows. 	151	
<p>Submission in request of policy inclusion on roadside hedge cutting to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A policy of Limerick City and County Council to prevent roadside hedge cutting by mechanical hedge cutters to prevent spread of invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed; - A policy of Limerick City and County Council to formally notify all landowners in writing with sufficient notice where it is intended to cut or trim any roadside vegetation boundaries to enable representations be made in order to ensure that protected species are not adversely affected unless emergency works are required for health and safety reasons. 		<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development Plan will contain policies to safeguard and protect hedgerows throughout Limerick. Details in relation to hedge cutting procedures is an operational issues and outside the scope of the development plan.</p>
<p>Submission requesting the planting of native hedgerows and trees to support pollinators and wildlife.</p>	120	<p>The contents of the submission are noted, the Development Plan will recognise the importance of biodiversity in both urban and rural areas and support the planting of native hedgerow and trees. The Draft Development Plan will have the function of creating awareness of biodiversity and its benefits.</p>

<p>Submission requesting that all trees located within parks and open space are made areas of special amenity.</p>	<p>145</p>	<p>The Draft Development Plan will promote biodiversity through the promotion and integration of green infrastructure and ecosystem services as set out in the RSES in terms of a response to climate change and flood management.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted; the issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission requesting the Parks Department of Limerick City and County Council be given the authority to put Tree Protection Orders on trees that should be preserved for their visual and aesthetic value.</p>	<p>145</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted; the issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan. Tree Preservation Orders will be identified and included in the Draft Development Plan, where necessary and appropriate.</p>
<p>Submission on the need for a hedgerow maintenance programme – locations specifically mentioned include: The Grand Stand and the local Church in Newcastle West and Ballybrown.</p>	<p>225, 65, 218</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. Hedgerow maintenance programmes are an operational issues and not a Development Plan issue.</p>
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Draft Development Plan shall recognise and support the crucial role biodiversity plays in a wide range of areas including climate change mitigation and adaptation. 2. The Draft Development Plan shall contain a range of policies and objectives, including a tree policy and will also consider how best to integrate green infrastructure and ecosystem services. 		

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive’s Opinion
Forestry/Woodland		
<p>Submissions in relation to forestry including a request to make public land available for the development of native tree forestry.</p>	<p>209,8</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognizes the importance of forestry and the Draft Development Plan will seek to promote the development of forestry. The making available of land is not a Development Plan issue.</p>

Submission citing the need for an Indicative forestry strategy and Broadleaves and Amenity Strategy.	118	The contents of the submission are noted. The Draft Development Plan will include policies and objectives to safeguard and protect forestry.
Submission requesting no new or replacement coniferous forests will be allowed on summits above 250m.	118	The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan through the landscape character assessment and policies to protect sensitive upland areas.
Submission proposing that coniferous forestry should be regarded as commercial, while deciduous should be regarded as amenity. Submissions also in relation to Maintenance of existing forestry areas.	118, 50, 93	The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council recognise that forestry has many benefits including economic and amenity value, however there are many more benefits including biodiversity, carbon sequestration, flood management etc. The Draft Development Plan will seek to safeguard and protect forestry. Maintenance of forestry is an operational issue and outside the scope of the development plan.
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Draft Development Plan shall contain a range of policies and objectives, including a tree policy and will also consider how best to integrate green infrastructure and ecosystem services. 		

Theme 8: Climate Change and Flooding

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
<p>Climate Change</p> <p>Many submissions refer to the overarching need to change behaviour to be more climate/biodiversity friendly and prioritise the transition to a low carbon economy in accordance with national, regional and sectoral policies. Submissions contend that all development and policy relating to same from this point on must be focused on mitigation of and adaptation to climate change. Many means of achieving this are referred to from reduction of carbon emissions, support for community owned renewable energy initiatives, the use of energy efficient buildings and implementation of community energy plans, renewable energy generation, compact growth, increased emphasis on public and green modes of transport and electric/carbon neutral transport and increased planting to act as carbon sinks. Schemes which include green roof designs, rainwater harvesting and community composting facilities should be promoted. The policies included in following documents should be considered in the preparation of the new Development Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Climate Action Plan 2019; - The National Adaption Framework 2018; - Climate Adaptation Strategies 2019; - Climate Action Charter for Local Authorities and Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment on behalf of Government 2018; - Programme for Government 2020. 	<p>71, 100, 120, 126, 133, 150, 143, 168, 197, 203, 217, 225</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The NPF and RSES have a very clear focus on achieving compact growth with very clear underpinning cross cutting themes including climate action, economic development, healthy place making and developing blue – green infrastructure.</p> <p>Limerick City and County Council is committed to making Limerick climate resilient and is a signatory of the Covenants of Mayors for Climate Change and Energy. The Council prepared a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy in 2019, which is a high level document designed to mainstream the issue of climate change in the Local Authority plans, policies and operations. Climate action is a key overarching theme and is cross cutting throughout the plan and shall be considered in all elements of policy and objective preparation.</p>

<p>Submission from The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht which published the Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage (2019) as part of the National Adaptation Framework for climate change requests that the Development Plan has regard to this Plan and for climate change adaptation and includes the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To promote awareness and the appropriate adaptation of Ireland’s built and archaeological heritage to deal with the effects of climate change; - To identify the built and archaeological heritage in Local Authority ownership and areas at risk from climate change including, but not necessarily restricted to, the Record of Monuments and Places, protected structures and architectural conservation areas designated in the development plan; - To undertake climate change vulnerability assessments for the historic structures and sites in its area; - To develop disaster risk reduction policies addressing direct and indirect risks to the built and archaeological heritage in its area; - To develop resilience and adaptation strategies for the built and archaeological heritage in its area; - To develop the skills capacity within the local authority to address adaptation / mitigation / emergency management issues affecting historic structures and sites in order to avoid inadvertent loss or damage in the course of climate change adaptation or mitigation works. 	<p>202</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. These issues will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>This submission from EirGrid recommends that the Development Plan supports a safe, secure and reliable supply of electricity and the Plan should be explicit in how National, Regional and Local documents have</p>	<p>110</p>	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan, the</p>

<p>informed policies and objectives. Those included in the RSES are considered adequate for inclusion in the forthcoming Draft Development Plan. The submission requests that the importance of the grid is acknowledged as a strategic issue and the Plan should facilitate the development of grid reinforcements, through the County, with adjacent counties and internationally.</p>		<p>details in the RSES will inform the policy of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submission recommends that Limerick City and County Council include clear and measurable targets within the Development Plan to enable the County to become carbon neutral.</p>	111	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council will set out clear measurable actions in the Draft Development Plan, which will support the reduction in greenhouse gases, which can be effectively monitored.</p>
<p>These submissions identify the need to include a river maintenance programme in the new Development Plan, as a means to improve water quality and manage flood.</p>	121, 218, 45	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The issue will be considered further in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Submissions draws attention to the potential of restoring flood plains, using and renewing bogs and wetlands and planting native woodland near rivers and lakes for flood reduction.</p>	120	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. These issues will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>These submissions identify concerns with respect to how climate change is addressed in the First Issues Papers and calls for greater action in the new Development Plan.</p>	48, 217, 168	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. These issues will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>

Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

1. Climate change shall be considered in all elements of the Draft Development Plan formulation; its central role shall be reflected throughout the Plan as a cross cutting theme and all policies and objectives are climate proofed.
2. Acknowledge the Council’s Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and the work of the Southern Climate Action Regional Office.
3. It is recommended that an Energy and Emissions Balance be carried out for Limerick to enable an appropriate level of effective monitoring to be carried out.

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Flood Relief		
<p>Submissions seek the preparation of a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, which incorporates appropriate mitigation measures and makes provision for the management of flood. Furthermore, the submission from the Office of Public Works (OPW) requests that the new Development Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Give a clear commitment to abide by the section 28 Guidelines on Flood Risk; - includes the sequential approach to managing flood risk and adopts the precautionary approach; - Give a clear commitment and includes strategic objectives regarding flood risk and the principles of the Guidelines in the Draft Plan; - Have full regard to the proposed development of flood relief schemes in Adare, Askeaton, Foynes, Newcastle West, Limerick City & Environs and Rathkeale, and the ongoing schemes in Athea, Castleconnell, and Kings Island and a specific objective in this regard is included in the Development Plan; - Has full regard for the need to protect, and facilitate maintenance, of implemented flood relief schemes throughout the County; - Provides a register of key flood risk infrastructure in the Plan; - Considers the impacts of increased rainfall intensities, increased fluvial flood flows and rising sea levels in the preparation of the plan, potential impacts of coastal flooding and need for access for maintenance in Arterial Drainage Schemes, takes account of the opportunities for 	32, 75, 116, 120 135, 222	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council is carrying out a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and have engaged consultants to assist in its preparation. This will inform the policies and objectives of the Draft Development Plan, in relation to flooding. The Council will continue to liaise with the Office of Public Works in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.

<p>natural water retention measures to reduce runoff and provide other benefits such as to water quality, biodiversity, etc. Example of SUDS is identified.</p>		
<p>In this submission GSI recommends the data and analysis tools found in GSI’s GWFlood project is used to inform the Limerick Development Plan. This project will consider groundwater levels so that the impacts of climate change can be monitored. The submission recommends that geohazards and particularly flooding are taken into consideration in the new Plan. It also recommends the use of Geothermal Suitability Maps as part of Climate Action and transition to a low carbon economy for the Development Plan.</p>	33	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the Draft Development Plan. A multidisciplinary approach to the enhancement of existing policies and the inclusion of policies in relation to Blue – Green Infrastructure in line with the requirements of the NPF and RSES.</p>
<p>Submission from the Department of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht outlines how certain developments can have a direct impact on the underwater cultural heritage such as Flood Relief Schemes, inland waterways and marine dredging programmes, drainage schemes, etc. It recommends that information gathered in developing these schemes can facilitate the development of an agreed management and protection strategy for the County’s archaeological heritage whilst progressing key works such as flood relief programmes.</p>	64	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>The CIF recommends that a regional collaborative approach between Limerick and Clare is taken to flood risk as promoted by the Southern Regional Assembly.</p>	64	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council will engage with Clare County Council as appropriate.</p>
<p>Submissions request that lands in Flood Zone A should be zoned for Open Space or agricultural purposes. Further it is suggested that existing</p>		

<p>planning approval for construction on established floodplain lands should be reviewed and rescinded where there is flood risk arising from construction of housing or commercial development on the floodplain lands.</p>	<p>39, 40, 41, 57, 62, 42, 121</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The outcomes of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment currently being prepared will inform the land use zoning in areas at risk from flooding.</p>
<p>These submissions oppose the proposal to construct a link road between Condell Road and the junction at Clonmacken/Ennis Road on the basis of flooding.</p>	<p>43, 46, 56</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The outcomes of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment currently being prepared will inform the land use zoning in areas at risk from flooding.</p>
<p>These submissions identify the need for a flood defence plan/barriers in Abbeyfeale town and along the Shannon Estuary in Foynes.</p>	<p>186, 195</p>	<p>The contents of the submissions are noted. The identification of flood barriers is beyond the scope of the Draft Development Plan.</p>
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The recommendations of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment shall be incorporated into the Draft Development Plan. 2. Prepare a Blue – Green Infrastructure Strategy for Limerick, which should include a multidisciplinary approach to policy formation in relation to a wide range of issues. 		

Theme 9: Environmental Assessment

Key Issue	Submission No.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment		
<p>Environmental Assessments are necessary for the long-term healthy survival of any community and county.</p>	186	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council recognise the importance of carrying out environmental assessments as part of the plan making process. In compliance with the relevant legislation, the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment will assess the relevant effects of implementing the plan.</p>
<p>The submission advises that in preparing the Plan and SEA, the recommendations, key issues and challenges described within the most recent State of the Environment Report Ireland's Environment – An Assessment 2016 (EPA, 2016) should be considered, as relevant and appropriate to the Plan.</p>	205	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Council will consult with the relevant publications.</p>
<p>Submission advises that describing the links with the UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) would help to frame the Plan (and SEA) within the context of the wider sustainable development agenda and ensure that the Plan is consistent with achieving the SDGs.</p>	205	<p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Strategic Environmental Assessment will align with the Sustainable Development Goals.</p>
<p>The submission notes the guidance published by the EPA on Integrated Biodiversity Impact Assessment - Streamlining AA, SEA and EIA Processes. Best Practice Guidance. The aim of this guidance is to inform practitioners, plan/project proponents and consent authorities on integrating SEA, EIA and AA processes and requirements to streamline biodiversity considerations. This submission advises that this may be useful to consider in preparing the Plan and SEA.</p>	205	<p>The contents of the submission are noted and will be considered further during the preparation of the plan.</p>

The submission requests that more nature conservation areas are needed.	218	The contents of the submission are noted. The designation of conservation areas is not a function of the Development Plan.
Submission outlines that The Lower Shannon and the Shannon Estuary are Special Area of Conservation which Limerick City and County Council is obliged to protect.	120	
Submission wishes to designate 50% of Irish territorial waters as Marine Protected Areas. Submission outlines an Oceans Act to protect 50% of Ireland’s seas and ocean with an ecologically coherent network of diverse and significant Marine Protected Areas is required.	120	The contents of the submission are noted.
Submission outlines that an ecologically coherent network of high-quality marine reserves and protected areas, managed by and with local fishing communities, is the best way to conserve marine ecosystems. It outlines that farmers should be paid for sequestering carbon, restoring nature, and producing clean energy, through a reformed Common Agricultural Policy. This requires an emphasis on biodiversity, habitat creation, carbon sequestration, soil health, and animal welfare.	120	The contents of the submission are noted. The designation of conservation areas is not a function of the Development Plan.
The SRA recommends that Limerick City and County Council use the environment assessments contained on the SRA website to inform the Council’s own environmental assessments, including mitigation measures identified to address environmental sensitivities and constraints.	69	The contents of the submission are noted but are outside the scope of the development plan.
Flooding raised in relation to flooding in Montpelier.	42	A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) will be carried out as part of the Draft CDP process. LCCC will review the RSES SEA, AA and SFRA documents as part of its own environmental assessments.
		The contents of the submission are noted and will be considered further during the preparation of the plan.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

1. A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SRFA) will be carried out as part of the Draft Development Plan process, in compliance with the relevant legalisation to assess the environmental effects of implementing the plan.

Theme 10: Implementation

Key Issue	Submission no.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Implementation		
<p>For the vision of the plan to be realised a number of strategic sites need to be identified and robust policies supporting their development needs to be in place. These sites could become vibrant urban eco-quarters, each with a unique sense of place and identity; a place that will attract people to visit, work and live. To enable this transformation, it is important that planning policy is adequately flexible but yet supportive to facilitate diverse and mixed use development on such sites, with minimal car parking, higher densities, taller buildings and a requirement for significantly enhanced public realm.</p>	107, 120	<p>A number of strategies are being prepared which will help identify additional strategic sites and opportunities and guide policy for these, such as the review and update of the 'Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Plan' and a 'Building Height Strategy' for the city.</p> <p>The work being undertaken by the LDA for Colbert Quarter will also provide the framework for policies to support the development of this strategic location.</p>
<p>Specific targets and dates by which targets are planned to be met should be included in the plan.</p> <p>The NTA's submission recommends that a general overarching objective is included in the Draft Development Plan which outlines a commitment to the implementation of the policies and objectives of the LSMATS, once finalised.</p>	38	<p>It is acknowledged that the setting of targets is an important aspect in the implementation of the plan. The Draft Plan will therefore consider relevant targets.</p> <p>The importance of implementing the policies of the LSMATS is acknowledged and supported.</p>
<p>Submissions referencing the need for a measurable and evaluative approach to the implementation of the plan and propose the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress measured throughout the timeframe of the plan; - Specific measures or performance indicators should be developed to establish how progress is quantified and measured; 	120, 188, 190	<p>A key element of the Development Plan process includes monitoring to see how far the plan aims and objectives are being met and to gauge the effectiveness of the policies being implemented. Following adoption of the proposed Limerick Development Plan a two review on progress of implementation will be carried out.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- An evaluation of the delivery of the key aims be carried out, highlight where progress has been made and identify any barriers to the implementation of the key aims.		
<p>Chief Executive's Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Draft Development Plan shall identify a number of monitoring targets, which can be established at the plan preparation and which can be monitored through the plan to measure the impact of policies and objectives.		

Theme 11: Miscellaneous

Key Issue	Submission no.	Chief Executive's Opinion
Miscellaneous		
Submission specifically requesting a system to measure Limerick's wellbeing within the plan to allow for the identification of short comings and protection of Limerick's most vulnerable citizens.	73	The contents of the submission are noted. The Council welcome the approach and wellbeing will be a strong cross cutting themes set out in the Draft Development Plan, however the measurement of wellbeing is beyond the scope of the Development Plan.
Submission identifies a need to reinstate two separate councils for the city and county to better deliver results for towns, encourage private investment and ensure the delivery of key infrastructure projects.	27	The contents of the submission are noted, however this issue is beyond the scope of the Development Plan.
Submissions noting the lingering negative image of Limerick and its disadvantaged areas and outlines the need for the Local Authority to sell a positive image of the city.	27, 213	The contents of the submissions are noted. The Council have invested significantly in addressing this issue and will continue to do so.
This submission discusses the social welfare system in both a National and local context and the lack of incentives to move away from the social welfare system. The submission outlines concern that rather than helping disadvantaged communities, the welfare state has instead created a culture of dependency. The submission outlines the link between lone parent households with very high levels of unemployment (in some communities rising from 62% to 69%) and the association with limited life chances and lack of opportunities for children in single parent households when compared to two parent households. This submission considers this as Limerick's biggest challenge for future development.	52	The contents of the submission are noted. The issues raised are beyond the scope of the Development Plan. The Council will continue to engage with education providers.

<p>The submission recommends a change in policy towards encouraging the formation of stable two parent family units all children have equal access to education, jobs and quality of life. The submission further recommends more active engagement between business and education with people in disadvantaged communities. This collaborative approach would help create opportunities for young people within these communities. Engagement proposals include the sponsoring of scholarships and helping students throughout their education enabling the presence of positive role models, learning about the work environment, promoting the benefits of qualifications and in turn working towards employment and careers.</p>		
<p>Submission proposes a review on the layout of the new Development Plan. The submission requests that design and development standards to be dealt with at the end of each chapter with particular focus on the policy chapters and chapter 10. It is submitted that layout of the plan can be improved by sub-numbering paragraphs. Concern is raised over the use of words such as “seek to”, “subject to availability”, “contribute to” which could weaken the effect of policies and objectives.</p>	118	The contents of the submission is noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.
<p>Submission from An Post requests supportive policies in the expansion of postal infrastructure, flexible zoning objectives, consideration of the An Post’s operational needs in public realm programmes, and operational requirements in relation to parking, access and delivery. Limerick City & County Council to include supportive polices as below to facilitate enhanced postal services and assist An Post projects in the County. The Local Authority recognise the specific operational requirements of An Post with regards the operation of post offices and mail sorting offices. Appropriate zoning objectives to be included to allow for the enhancement of existing postal facilities and the development of new postal infrastructure. The provision of</p>	101	The contents of the submission is noted. The issue will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.

<p>flexibility with car parking standards for postal facilities. Limerick City & County Council should engage with An Post should any future area plan propose to amend delivery hours in town centre locations.</p> <p>Submissions referring to the need of improvement to signage noting the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to upgrade of Medieval signage/Heritage signage; - The museum on Henry Street outlining the lack of signage and exterior lighting to highlight it for visitors; - Lack of signage and marketing to promote the City; - Road safety signage; - Improve tourist information signage and recreational signage; - Cluttered signage in the City; - Pollinator and wildlife promotional signage; - Regulation of street signage; - Entry signage into the city. <p>Submission by St. Brigid’s National School students request for the provision of a second entrance into Glendale and Glenbrook estates on Singland Road.</p> <p>Submission suggests building a time capsule in a prominent part of the City Centre, with items in current use, including mobile phones, parking tickets, fashion photographs. The proposal suggests possibly two cars could be dropped into an underground chamber, with glass at ground level, which would be sealed for 50 years.</p>	<p>29, 20, 27, 34, 44, 60, 85, 99, 111, 120, 121, 131, 134, 143</p> <p>228</p> <p>189</p>	<p>The contents of the submission is noted. The issue is an operational matter and beyond the scope of the Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission is noted. The issue is an operational matter and beyond the scope of the Development Plan.</p> <p>The contents of the submission is noted. The issue is an operational matter and beyond the scope of the Development Plan.</p>
<p>Chief Executive’s Recommendation:</p> <p>1. The Draft Development Plan shall include policies and objectives in relation to wellbeing.</p>		

Part 4: Overview of issues raised at information events

Public Meetings Summary of Issues

The Council carried out a series of public meeting in each of the Municipal Areas of Limerick City and County, outlined below is a summary of issues by theme.

Theme	Issues Raised
Economic Development and Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Branding and image of Limerick still an issue – not enough work being done in the area; - City Centre revitalization – need for a City Centre Plan; - Impact of Covid 19 on City and town centres, housing density, and demands for amenities; - Derelict Sites in towns and villages – impact of this on the town centre of a number of treatment plans; - Lack of employment and job opportunities and unemployment blackspots.
People and Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oversupply of social housing is killing many of our town centres in County Limerick; - Newcastle West –needs to be supported with services to enable growth; - Bruff – loss of key services impacting on the town – School/Courthouse/bank; - Housing developments should be designed for full lifecycle adaptable; - Rathkeale has being left behind, need to attract investment into the town and encourage house building; - Askeaton – vacancy and anti-social behavior, need for investment in amenities -walkways - Rural Housing Policy; - New housing developments need to be cognizance of existing amenities, and there should be measures in place to safeguard such amenities.
Connectivity/Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LSMATS – not ambitious enough; - Light rail system should be considered; - Reopen Kilmallock Railway Station; - City is dominated by cars – impacts on quality of life; - Lack of capacity in the Askeaton wastewater treatment plant; - Bus service is inadequate in the City and Environs; - Adequate infrastructure required in all towns and villages; - By passes of Newcastle and Abbeyfeale required, congestion in both towns.

Social, Recreation and Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for further development of culture and arts in Limerick City; - Need for an additional Museum in Limerick City; - Need to safeguard existing amenities in Limerick; - Social, Community and Recreation is key for regeneration areas, need to mainstream regeneration areas in the Development Plan; - Need for development of an African Community Centre – allowed to showcase culture and diversity.
Landscape, Heritage and Green Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development and extension of Greenways; - The provision of amenities – need amenities e.g. provision of toilet facilities; - Need to protect trees and hedgerows; - Protection of the scenic views on coast road – limit one off houses;
Climate Change and Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Micro renewables and emerging technologies must be considered; - Data Centres and impact associated with their development; - Wind Energy and Renewable Energy needs to a key focus for the development plan, need to update Wind Energy Mapping;

Appendix A: List of bodies who were informed of the Development Plan Process including Prescribed Bodies, Service Providers and Stakeholders Groups

Prescribed Bodies
An Bord Pleanála
An Chomhairle Ealaíon, Commissioners of Public Works
An Chomhairle Ealaíon, The Arts Council
An Taisce
Ballyhoura Development Company Ltd.
Clare County Council
Climate Change Section, Dept of Agriculture, Food & the Marine
Cork County Council
Cork City Council
Department of Health
Development Applications Unit, Dept. of Housing, Planning & Local Government
Dublin Airport Authority
Eirgrid
Electric Ireland
Enterprise Ireland
Environmental Protection Agency
Ervia
Fáilte Ireland
Health & Safety Authority
Health Service Executive
The Heritage Council
IDA Ireland
Inland Fisheries Ireland
Irish Aviation Authority
Irish Water
Kerry County Council
Local Community Development Committee
Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine

Minister for Business, Enterprise & Innovation
Minister for Communications, Climate Action, Networks and Transport
Minister for Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence
Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture Sports and the Gaeltacht
Minister for Education & Skills
Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government
Minister for Justice & Equality
National Parks & Wildlife Service
National Transport Authority
Office of the Planning Regulator
Office of Public Works
Paul Partnership Ltd.
Shannon Airport Authority/Shannon Group
Southern Regional Assembly
Tipperary County Council
Transport Infrastructure Ireland
West Limerick Resources Ltd.

Service Providers Notified in addition to Prescribed Bodies listed above
An Post
Shannon Foynes Port Company
Gas Networks Ireland
Iarnród Éireann
Bus Éireann
Limerick Local Link
Three Ireland (Hutchison) Ltd.
Vodafone Ireland Ltd.
Eircom

Eir Ltd.
Meteor Mobile Communications Ltd.
Limerick Clare Education and Training Board
University of Limerick
Limerick Institute of Technology
Mary Immaculate College
An Garda Siochana

Stakeholders Notified
Public Participation Network
Tourism Ireland
Teagasc
Coillte
Bord Iascaigh Mara
Coast Watch Europe
Construction Federation of Ireland
Enterprise Ireland
Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection
Department of Rural and Community Affairs
Land Development Agency
Limerick Chamber of Commerce
Limerick Civic Trust
Regional Skills Forum – Mid West Region
Intertrade Ireland
IBEC – Mid-West and Kerry Regional Office and National Office
Waterways Ireland
Retail Excellence Ireland
RGDATA
National Disability Authority

Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation
Pavee Point, Traveller and Roma Centre
Cluid Housing Association
Irish Bioenergy Association
Irish Solar Energy Association
Irish Wind Energy Association
Sports Ireland – Swim Ireland
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
Limerick Sports Partnership
Youth Work Ireland – Mid West Branch
Limerick Age Friendly Programme Manager
Limerick Childcare Committee
Comhairle na Nog
IFA – Midwest Branch
Keep Ireland Open
Respond Housing Association
Geological Survey of Ireland
Atlantic Economic Corridor
Limerick Childcare and Young Persons Committee
Limerick GAA
Munster Rugby
Irish Marine Development Office

Appendix B: List of individuals or organisations who made written submissions, the relevant theme(s) and SDG(s)

Sub. No.	Representative/Client/Name	Development Theme	Plan	Primary UN SDG	Secondary UN SDG
1	Liz Creamer	Economic Development and Employment			 
2	Gerry O' Reilly	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure			
3	Peter Hennessy	Connectivity			
4	Catherine Chamber	Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure			
5	John Hogan	Connectivity			
6	Kathryn McCarthy	Connectivity			
7	Dominic Taylor	Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure			

8	William Holt	Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
9	Kieran Whitelaw	Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
10	Kieran Whitelaw	Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
11	Mary Leonard	Landscape, Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
12	Armin Shams	Connectivity		
13	Louise Kelly	Social, Community and Recreation		
14	Irish Aviation Authority	Connectivity		
15	Peter Hennessy 2	Social, Community and Recreation		

16	BGM Community Council CLG	Economic Development and Employment People and Places Connectivity Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		  
17	Dmitry Ovchinnikov	Connectivity		
18	Jake Whelan	Social, Community and Recreation		
19	Nicola O'Dwyer Kirwan	Connectivity		
20	Peter Hennessy 3	Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Miscellaneous		
21	Louise Kelly	Social, Community and Recreation		
22	Julie McNamara	Infrastructure		
23	James Schmitt	Connectivity		

24	Terence Mc Sweeney	Connectivity		
25	Terence Mc Sweeney 2	Infrastructure		
26	Terence Mc Sweeney 3	Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		  
27	Gerard Quigley	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Miscellaneous		  
28	David McGill	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
29	Michael Roberts	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity		 

		Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Miscellaneous Social, Community and Recreation		
30	Patrick Davern	People and Places Economic Development and Employment		
31	Alanna MacNamee	Social, Community and Recreation Social, Community and Recreation		
32	Office of Public Works	Infrastructure		
33	Geological Survey Ireland	Infrastructure		  
34	Joe Whelan	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Miscellaneous		
35	Sheehan Planning on behalf of Castletroy Golf Club	Social, Community and Recreation		

36	HRA on behalf of Nevilles Bar & Restaurant	Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
37	John Ryan	Economic Development		
38	National Transport Authority	Connectivity Implementation People and Places		
39	Peter O'Halloran	Climate Change and Flooding		
40	Gerry & Brenda McCormack	Climate Change and Flooding		
41	Mary Nevin	Climate Change and Flooding		
42	Montpelier Development Association	Climate Change and Flooding		
43	Lillian & Liam O'Connell	Climate Change and Flooding		
44	Adare Community Trust	People and Places Economic Development and Employment		

		Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Miscellaneous		
45	Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association	People and Places Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Climate Change and Flooding		 
46	Yvonne O'Connell	Climate Change and Flooding		 
47	Sheehan Planning on behalf of Castletroy Golf Club	Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
48	Ballinacurra Residents Association	Climate Change and Flooding		
49	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	Connectivity Infrastructure		 
50	Bilboa NS	Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation		

		Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
51	Thomond Park Stadium	Economic Development and Employment		
52	Eamon Baker SmartPower ATE3	Social, Community and Recreation Miscellaneous		
53	Eamon Baker SmartPower ATE3	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
54	Eamon Baker SmartPower ATE3	People and Places		
55	HRA on behalf of Clery Family	People and Places		
56	Frank Larkin	Climate Change and Flooding		

57	Frank Larkin 2	Climate Change and Flooding		
58	Peter Hennessy4	People and Places		
59	Jari Howard	Connectivity		
60	Teresa Ryan /Philip Ryan	Miscellaneous		
61	Anna Blair	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
62	Lisa Cogan & Brendan Gill	Climate Change and Flooding		
63	Eamon Baker SmartPowerATE4	Social, Community and Recreation		

64	Construction Industry Federation (Mid West Branch)	People and Places		
65	Andrew Hersey	Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
66	Mid West Road Design office	Connectivity		
67	Philip Ryan	Connectivity		
68	Boher Community Development	Connectivity		
69	Southern Regional Assembly	Environmental Assessment		 
70	Limerick Sports Partnership	Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
71	Kathryn Keane	Climate Change and Flooding		 

72	Tim O'Connor	Connectivity		
73	Caitriona McMahon	Vision Miscellaneous		
74	Tadhg Butler	Connectivity		
75	Eamon Hannan	Climate Change and Flooding		
76	Eamon Hannan2	Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
77	Cllr. Elena Secas	People and Places Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
78	Per Johansson	Vision People and Places Connectivity		

79	Ber Angley	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation		
80	Shona O'Brien	Connectivity		
81	SLR on behalf of Irish Cement	Economic Development and Employment Connectivity		 
82	Katarzyna Wieczorkiewicz	People and Places Connectivity		
83	Clr. Eddie Ryan	Connectivity Miscellaneous People and Places		
84	Glencore Zinc	People and Places Economic Development and Employment		
85	Pallasgreen Templebraden Community Council	Economic Development and Employment Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		

86	St Patricks GNS 5 th and 6 th Class	People and Places Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Infrastructure		 
87	Aine Farrell	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity		
88	Peter Hennessy	Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
89	DAA Dublin Airport	Connectivity		
90	HRA on behalf of Shannon Foynes Port Company	Economic Development and Employment Connectivity		
91	Martin Haren 1	Connectivity		
92	Martin Haren 2	Connectivity		

93	Carrickerry NS 4 th 5 th and 6 th Class	Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
94	Adapt Domestic Abuse Limerick	People and Places Social, Community and Recreation		 
95	Tiernan Properties	People and Places Economic Development and Employment		
96	Cllr. Frankie Daly	Connectivity		
97	Feeney McMahon Architects	People and Places		
98	Pete Moles	Social, Community and Recreation		
99	Victor O'Sullivan	Economic Development and Employment Miscellaneous		

100	Jennifer Lynch	Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Climate Change and Flooding		
101	An Post	Connectivity Miscellaneous		
102	National Disability Authority	People and Places Connectivity		 
103	James O'Sullivan	People and Places Connectivity Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
104	SLR on behalf of Roadstone Ltd	Economic Development and Employment		
105	HRA on behalf of Cloughkeating Dooradoyle Ltd	Economic Development and Employment		

106	Mid West National Road Design Office	Connectivity		
107	Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC	Vision People and Places Economic Development and Employment Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Implementation		
108	Aisling Annacotty AFC	Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
109	Esther Reid	Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure	 	
110	EirGrid	Climate Change and Flooding	 	
111	Maria Kelly	People and Places Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Climate Change and Flooding Miscellaneous	   	

112	Southern Region Waste Management Office	Infrastructure		
113	Irish Georgian Society Limerick Chapter	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
114	Limerick Educate Together Secondary School	Vision Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation		
115	Gas Networks Ireland	Connectivity		
116	Shannon Group PLC	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity		
117	Coillte	Economic Development and Employment Social, Community and Recreation		 

118	Keep Ireland Open	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Miscellaneous		
119	Ciaran Crowe	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Infrastructure		
120	Limerick Green Party	Vision People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Climate Change and Flooding Environmental Assessment Implementation Miscellaneous		  

121	Castleconnell Trust	Community	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Climate Change and Flooding Miscellaneous		  
122	Snowvale Ltd		Economic Development and Employment		
123	6 th Class Pupils Scoil Mocheallóg, Kilmallock		Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation		
124	Department of Education and Skills		People and Places Social, Community and Recreation		 
125	John Spain Assoc. on behalf of Aldi Ireland		Economic Development and Employment		

126	Irish Water	Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Climate Change and Flooding		  
127	Avison Young on behalf of Tesco Ireland	Economic Development and Employment Connectivity		
128	Irish Wind Energy Association	Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Infrastructure		 
129	Iarnród Éireann	Vision People and Places Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		 
130	Office of the Planning Regulator	Economic Development and Employment Connectivity		  
131	PAUL Partnership Limerick	Vision People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity		  

		Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Miscellaneous		
132	Our Lady's Abbey School Adare 5 th & 6 th Class	Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation		
133	Health Service Executive	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Climate Change and Flooding Implementation		  
134	Department Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht	People and Places Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Miscellaneous		  
135	John Spain Assoc. on behalf of Clancourt	People and Places Economic Development and Employment		

136	Limerick Mental Health Association	People and Places		
137	Dean O'Brien Swimming Pool Committee	Social, Community and Recreation		
138	Stephen Cooney	Social, Community and Recreation Vision		
139	Colette Jenkins	People and Places Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation	 	
140	MKO on behalf of Focus Asset Management No. 4 Ltd	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity	 	
141	Cunnane Stratton Reynolds on behalf of IDA Ireland	Economic Development and Employment		
142	HRA on behalf of Lioncor Dev. Ltd	People and Places	 	

143	Fáilte Ireland	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Climate Change and Flooding Miscellaneous		
144	Land Development Agency	Economic Development and Employment		
145	Michael Sheehan Superintendent Parks Dept	Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
146	National Mental Health	People and Places		 
147	Eastchester Real Estate Limited	Economic Development and Employment		

148	Paul Flannery	Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Social, Community and Recreation		 
149	Karen Sugure	People and Places		
150	Malachy Walsh on behalf of Greensource	Climate Change and Flooding Infrastructre		 
151	Environmental Trust Ireland	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		 
152	AK Planning	Connectivity Infrastructure		

153	Joy Bala Ahmed on behalf of African community in Limerick	Social, Community and Recreation		
154	Michael Cussen	Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
155	Laura Lahiff	Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		 
156	Local Link Limerick Clare	Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
157	Eva Clarke	Economic Development and Employment Connectivity		
158	John Moran	People and Places Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
159	Bernadette McCarthy	People and Places		

160	Bruce Harper	Connectivity		
161	Maxine Bramley	Connectivity		
162	Anne Cronin	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Infrastructure		 
163	Grainne O'Keeffe	Social, Community and Recreation		
164	Eilís Walsh	Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		 
165	Herbertstown Development Association	Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Infrastructure		  

166	Maigne River Trust	Infrastructure		 
167	Robert Fitzgerald	Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
168	Brian Leddin	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Climate Change and Flooding		 
169	Steven Casey	People and Places Connectivity		
170	Eddie Hennessy	Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
171	Aoife Jenkins	People and Places Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation		  

172	Eugene McDonough	Connectivity		
173	Damien Walsh	Connectivity		
174	Eimear Hennessy	Connectivity		
175	David Mendelsohn	Connectivity		
176	Ciara Hennessy	Connectivity		
177	Elisa O'Donovan	People and Places		
178	Limerick Youth Service	People and Places Social, Community and Recreation		

179	Kevin Volf	Connectivity		
180	Lorna Kilbane	People and Places Connectivity		
181	Maria O'Dwyer	Vision Social, Community and Recreation		
182	Paul Hennessy	Connectivity		
183	Ross Griffin	People and Places Social, Community and Recreation		  
184	Ruairi Nealon	Vision People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation		 

185	Limerick Children and Young Peoples Serv. Com	Social, Community and Recreation People and Places		
186	Abbeyfeale Community Council	Vision People and Places Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Environmental Assessment		 
187	Rory O'Donnell	Economic Development and Employment		
188	Limerick Chamber of Commerce	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Implementation		  
189	John O'Reilly	Vision		
190	Ciarán Harty	Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Implementation		 

191	Joe Moloney	Social, Community and Recreation		
192	Colm Breen	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		  
193	Joe Kennedy	Connectivity Infrastructure		
194	Yvonne Ryan-Fogarty	People and Places Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		 
195	Healy Partners Architects	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		 
196	An Taisce	People and Places Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		

197	Trish Forde-Brennan	Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Climate Change and Flooding		
198	Electricity Supply Board	Infrastructure		
199	Emma Karran	Infrastructure		
200	David McGill	Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation		
201	Inland Fisheries Ireland	Climate Change and Flooding		 
202	Department of Culture Heritage & Gaeltacht	Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Climate Change and Flooding		
203	Climate Action Regional Office	Climate Change and Flooding		

204	Sinead Jackson	Landscape, Heritage & Green Infrastructure		
205	EPA	Environmental Assessment		
206	Conor McNamara	People and Places Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Environmental Assessment		
207	Larry DeCléir	Social, Community and Recreation		
208	Stephen Murray	Connectivity		
209	Mary O'Dea	Vision Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		 

210	Rathkeale Community Council	Connectivity Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		 
211	Sharon Neville	Economic Development and Employment		
212	Grainne O'Keeffe	Economic Development and Employment People and Places		 
213	Eoin Buckley	People and Places Connectivity Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Miscellaneous		
214	Sean O'Farrell	Social, Community and Recreation		
215	Ard Mhuire, Corbally Transition Year	People and Places Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Climate Change and Flooding		

216	Ballyagran N.S. 5th and 6th Class	Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation		
217	Ballybrown N.S. 5th Class	People and Places Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Infrastructure Climate Change and Flooding Environmental Assessment		
218	Ballybrown N.S. 6th Class	Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Climate Change and Flooding Infrastructure		 
219	Gaelscol Chaladh an Treoigh	Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation		

220	Gerald Griffin N.S. Loughill 3rd & 6th Class	Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation		
221	Laurel Hill FCJ	Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		
222	Salesian Primary 5th & 6th	Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure		  
223	Our Lady of Lourdes	Social, Community and Recreation		
224	Scoil Ide, Corbally	Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Infrastructure		  

225	Scoil Mhuire agus Ide	Economic Development and Employment Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Infrastructure Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure Climate Change and Flooding		  
226	Scoil Naomh Iosaf	Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation		
227	ST Marys N.S. 1st and 6th Class	Economic Development and Employment Social, Community and Recreation Infrastructure		 
228	St Brigids N.S. Singland	Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation Infrastructure Miscellaneous		
229	St Patricks Boys N.S. 6th Class	Connectivity Social, Community and Recreation		

Appendix C: Late and Invalid Submissions

List of Late Submissions

In accordance with Section 11 (2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), submissions or observations regarding the review of the existing plan and the preparation of a new development plan may be made in writing to the planning authority within a specified period (which shall not be less than 8 weeks). The following are submissions that were received by the Planning Authority after the 12th of October and so are deemed late submissions. However, the items noted in the late submissions have predominantly already been raised in submissions received and will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

Sub. No.	Name/Organisation	Brief Summary of Submission
231	Ballyhoura Development CLG	<p>Ballyhoura Development CLG believe that the inclusion of a strong Community Led Local Development approach across the Limerick Development Plan implementation will provide a greater focus by strengthening the capacity of rural communities to meet the challenges identified and will facilitate and enhance the delivery of the plan across each individual community in the area. The submission outlines a number of actions proposed to be included within the development plan, including: the need for the plan to create sustainable rural communities, the support and facilitation of community led local development; facilitation of sustainable energy communities and initiatives; strengthen the economic fabric of rural areas, towns and villages; and improved physical and virtual connectivity; investment in job creation.</p> <p>Included in the submission is a list of common concerns and issues listed from completed Socio Economic Planning, Tidy Towns Planning and Sustainable Energy Communities Planning undertaken Ballyhoura Development work with communities across the Ballyhoura area, including provision of facilities, tourism initiatives and proposals, employment and housing.</p>
232	Brian Downey	<p>Submission proposes reducing cars allowed into the city centre by way of a charge. The submission requests improvements to infrastructure for sustainable and active modes. The need for more open, leisure and community spaces is noted. A number of recommendations to improve the city centre is outlined referencing the economic benefits of Limerick's historic past and the necessity of public consultation. Furthermore, protecting our environment and habitats is highlighted with support given for renewable energy projects.</p>

233	Michael Brosnan	The submission outlines the opportunities that exists for Limerick City and recommends a number of proposals including sustainable travel initiatives and upgrades to the road network. The submission notes the impact that derelict sites has on the city and a number of city areas not used to their full potential. The submission further proposes a shopfront policy similar to Killkenny, a number of public realm improvement projects and states a need for imaginative thinking to enhance the shop fronts, buildings and streets.
234	Forest Industries Ireland	The submission by Forest Industries Ireland (FII) outlines the economic, employment and environmental benefits from forest planting in Ireland and also the part it plays in contribution to combatting climate change and the development of the Irish bioeconomy. FII notes the organization works closely with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine on all aspects of forestry policy, including forestry regulations and licencing. FII request that forestry regulation and policy to remain with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
235	Limerick Regeneration Community Consultative Forum (LRCCF)	The LRCCF are calling for the prioritisation of the implementation of all aspects of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Plan and the continued physical, economic and social development of the four communities. The LRCCF request a continued commitment to complete the objectives and building projects as set out in the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation plan. The submission also includes support for the Coonagh-Knockalisheen Road and requests that the Local Authority commit to ensuring the continued investment in the physical, economic and social development of the Regeneration Areas.
236	Joe Whelan	The submission notes the role everyone plays in preserving biodiversity and the Local Authorities lead role in managing the environment. The submission notes the importance of consistent planning around biodiversity life and habitats and requests inclusion of biodiversity in addressing global warming within the new plan.
237	St. Anne's Primary School, Rathkeale	Submission on behalf of 5 th Class Students from St. Annes Primary School, Rathkeale request upgrade and improvement works be carried out to St. Mary's Park and Playground. The students noted what facilities and services are need within their town, locations where there are traffic issues and also request the upgrade to the public toilets. Finally, the students proposed that the Palatine Museum develop as a café.

List of Invalid Submissions

In accordance with Section 11(4)(b)(ii) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Limerick City and County Council is prohibited from considering at this Pre-Draft stage of the review process, submissions or observations relating to zoning and/or rezoning of specific parcels of land, accordingly the submissions below were deemed invalid. In the interest of transparency and completeness these submissions have been recorded in the Chief Executive's Report.

Invalid Ref.	Group Name/Agent/Organisation/Individual
Inv. 1	AK Planning on behalf of Seamus Hayes
Inv. 2	AK Planning on behalf of Robert Long
Inv.3	AK Planning on behalf of Primebay Ltd
Inv. 4	Arnold Leahy Architects Ltd on behalf of Formation Homes Ltd
Inv. 5	Michael Harty
Inv. 6	Kenneally Murphy & Associates Ltd on behalf of Michael Hayes
Inv. 7	RW Nolan & Associates on behalf of DW Raheen
Inv. 8	Bobby Nugent on behalf of Ray O'Halloran
Inv. 9	Jim Long
Inv. 10	Joe Danagher
Inv. 11	Kenneth T Griffin
Inv. 12	RPS on behalf of Tergnum Properties Ltd

**Appendix D: Principal International, National, Regional and Local Policy Documents,
Guidelines and Plans that will help inform and guide the Preparation of the New
Development Plan**

International Policy and Directives

- UN (1992) The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD);
- UNESCO (1972) The Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage;
- Council of Europe (1996) The Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy;
- Council of Europe (1996) The European Landscape Convention 2000;
- EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)
- EU The Marine Spatial Planning Directive (MSP);
- EU Water Framework Directive (WFD);
- EU Floods Directive;
- EU Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive;
- EU Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive;
- EU Birds Directive and Habitats Directives;
- EU Nitrates Directive;
- EU Environmental Noise Directive;
- EU Green Infrastructure Strategy;
- UN (2015) Paris Agreement;
- UN (2015) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (including Sustainable Development Goals);
- EU 2020 and 2030 climate and energy targets as well as longer term 2040 and 2050 milestones and targets;
- Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy;

National Legislation

- Planning and Development Act and Regulations, 2000 (as amended);
- Local Government Reform Act, 2014 (as amended);
- Maritime Area and Foreshore (Amendment) Bill, 2013;
- Water Services Acts, 2007 to 2017;
- Protection of the Environment Act, 2003;

- Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000;
- Architectural Heritage (National Inventory) and Historic Monuments (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1999;
- Heritage Act, 1995;
- National Monuments Acts, 1930-1994;
- Government of Ireland (2020) A Roadmap for Social Inclusion: Ambitions, Goals and Commitments 2020-2025;
- DCYA (2019) Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014-2020;
- DHPLG (2019) Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines;
- DTTaS (2019) National Sports Policy 2018 – 2027;
- Government of Ireland (2019) Housing Options for Our Aging Population;
- Government of Ireland (2019) National Student Accommodation Policy;
- Government of Ireland (2019) Climate Action Plan to Tackle Climate Breakdown;
- Housing Agency (2019) Designing Housing to Meet the Needs of All;
- Government of Ireland (2018) Project Ireland 2040 – National Development Plan 2018-2027;
- Government of Ireland (2018) Project Ireland 2040 – National Planning Framework;
- Government of Ireland (2018) Implementation Roadmap for the National Planning Framework;
- Government of Ireland (2018) National Vacant Housing Reuse Strategy 2018-2021;
- Government of Ireland (2018) River Basin Management Plan 2018 – 2021;
- Housing Agency (2018) Rebuilding the Irish Neighbourhood;
- Housing Agency and Urban Agency (2018) Quality Apartments and Urban Housing;
- DCCAIE (2018) National Adaptation Framework: Planning for a Climate Resilient Ireland;
- DHPLG (2018) Sustainable Urban Housing, Design Standards for New Apartments: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DHPLG (2018) Urban Development and Building Heights: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DHPLG (2018) Guidelines for Local Authorities and An Bord Pleanála on Carrying Out Environmental Impact Assessments;
- DHPLG (2018) Draft Water Services Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DCCAIE (2017) National Mitigation Plan 2017;
- DCCAIE (2017) Energy Efficiency Action Plan for Ireland #4 2017-2020;
- DHPCLG (2017) Part V of the Planning and Development Act: Guidelines;
- DHPCLG (2017) Interim Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Statutory Plans Renewable Energy and Climate Change;

- DCCAIE (2016) Our Sustainable Future Progress Report 2015;
- DHPCLG (2016) Strategy for the Rental Sector;
- DOH (2016) Obesity Policy and Action Plan - A Healthy Weight for Ireland;
- Government of Ireland (2016) Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness;
- DoTTS, DoH (2016) National Physical Activity Plan;
- DCENR (2015) Ireland's Transition to a Low Carbon Energy Future;
- DECLG (2015) Sustainable Urban Housing, Design Standards for New Apartments: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- Irish Water (2015) Water Services Strategic Plan;
- DAHG (2014) National Landscape Strategy for Ireland;
- DECLG (2014) Social Housing Strategy 2020: Support, Supply and Reform;
- DCENR (2013) National Digital Strategy for Ireland;
- DECLG (2013) Local Area Plans: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DECLG (2013) Manual for Local Area Plans;
- DECLG (2013) Guidelines for Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála on carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment;
- DECLG (2013) Development Contributions: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DECLG (2019) Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets;
- DECLG (2013) Homelessness Policy Statement;
- DOH (2013) National Physical Activity Plan – Get Ireland Active;
- DOH (2013) National Positive Aging Strategy;
- DECLG (2012) Spatial Planning and National Roads: Guidelines for Local Authorities;
- DECLG (2012) Retail Planning: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DECLG (2012) Retail Design Manual;
- DECLG (2012) Section 261A of the Planning Act and Development Act: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DECLG (2012) A Resource Opportunity – Waste Management Policy in Ireland;
- DECLG (2012) Our Sustainable Future – A Framework for Sustainable Development for Ireland;
- DCENR (2012) Renewable Energy Strategy 2012-2020;
- DoT (2012) Smarter Travel: A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009-2020;
- DoT (2012) Traffic Management Guidelines;

- NDA (2012) Building for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach;
- DECLG (2011) Managing Unfinished Housing Developments Guidance Manual;
- DECLG (2011) National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability 2011-2016;
- DECLG (2011) Drainage and Reclamation of Wetlands: Draft Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DEHLG (2011) Architectural Heritage Protection: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- NDA and DAHG (2011) Access: Improving the Accessibility of Historic Buildings and Places;
- NTA (2011) National Cycle Manual;
- DEHLG (2010) Guidance Note on Core Strategies;
- Government of Ireland (2010) The National Renewable Energy Action Plan;
- DEHLG (2009) Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland: Guidance for Planning Authorities;
- DEHLG (2009) The Planning System and Flood Risk Management: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DEHLG (2009) Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (Cities, Town and Villages): Guidelines for Planning Authorities
- DEHLG (2009) Urban Design Manual A Best Practice Guide;
- DoT (2009) - National Cycle Policy Framework;
- DEHLG, DES (2008) The Provision of Schools and the Planning System: A Code of Practice;
- UCD, DLR and Fingal County Council (2008) Green City Guidelines;
- DEHLG (2007) Development Management: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DEHLG (2007) Development Plans DEHLG (2005) - Sustainable Rural Housing;
- DEHLG (2007) National Climate Change Strategy 2007-2012;
- DEHLG (2006) Wind Energy Development: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DEHLG (2005) Sustainable Rural Housing: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DEHLG (2004) Implementation of the SEA Directive: Guidelines for Regional Authorities and Planning Authorities;
- DEHLG (2004) Quarries and Ancillary Activities: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- NDA (2004) National Disability Strategy;
- DAHGI (2002) National Heritage Plan;
- DEHLG (2003) Architectural Heritage: Protection for Places of Public Worship: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DEHLG (2003) Funfair and Fairground Equipment: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DOELG (2001) Childcare Facilities: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;

- DEHLG (2000) Draft Landscape and Landscape Assessment: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DAHGI (1999) Framework and Principles for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage;
- DOELG (1996) Telecommunications Antennae Support Structures: Guidelines for Planning Authorities;
- DOE (1994) Tree Preservation: Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

Regional Plans and Policy

- SRA (2019) Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2019-2031;
- Government of Ireland (2018) Action Plan for Jobs;
- DRHE (2018) Homelessness Action Plan 2019-2021;
- DBEI (2016) Regional Action Plan for Jobs: Midwest Region;
- OPW (2012-present) CFRAM Study;
- Connecting for Life Mid-West: Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2017-2020;
- ERDF Operational Programmes 2014-2020;
- Flood Risk Management Plans and Maps including relevant local plans;
- The Limerick and Clare Joint Housing Strategy;
- Mid-West Area Strategic Plan 2012 – 2030;
- Retail Strategy for the Mid-West Region (2010);
- Limerick and Clare Sports and Physical Recreation Strategy (2012);
- Shannon Flood Risk State Agency Coordination Working Group;
- Strategy Plans of other Regional Bodies including HSE & Garda Siochana;
- Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021

Local Plans and Policy

- LCCC (2019) Corporate Plan 2019-2024;
- Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) 2019-2024
- Litter Management Plan 2019-2022;
- Belonging to Limerick: Limerick City and County Integration Plan 2018-2022;
- Enforcement of Energy Performance of Buildings Directive;

- Framework for Building Control Authorities – Ensuring effective Building Control administration, inspections and enforcement;
- Local Children and Young People’s Plans (CYPSC);
- Local Climate Change Adaptation Strategy;
- Learning Limerick Strategic Plan 2018-2022;
- Limerick Age-Friendly Strategy 2015-2022;
- Limerick City Development Plan – as extended (2010 – 2026)
- Limerick County Development Plan – as extended (2010 - 2016);
- Limerick Cultural Strategy 2016 – 2030;
- Limerick Digital Strategy 2017 – 2020;
- Limerick 2030 – An Economic and Spatial Plan for Limerick (2013);
- Limerick Local Development Strategy – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020;
- Limerick Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 – 2021;
- Limerick Tourism Development Strategy 2019 – 2023;
- Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan (2014);
- Review of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan (2016);
- Limerick Regeneration Design and Public Realm Code (2015)
- Limerick Sports Partnership Strategy;
- Limerick City and County Council Assessment of Sites for Housing (ASH) Policy endorsed by Housing SPC (2015);
- Strategic Development and Management Plan for Limerick City and County Council owned lands (2017);
- Limerick Metropolitan District Movement Framework Strategy - Arup/Limerick City and County Council (2016).
- Limerick City and County Council External Works Strategy – Technical Details of the Public Realm;
- Draft Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy;
- Local Area Plans for Southern Environs, Castletroy, Newcastle West, Kilmallock, Rathkeale, Abbeyfeale, Adare, Askeaton, Bruff, Hospital, Cappamore, Caherconlish, Croom, Kilfinane, Castleconnell and Patrickswell.

Note: This list is not exhaustive and additional documents will help inform and guide the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.

Appendix E: Mandatory Requirements for Making a Development Plan

The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) states that the Development Plan shall set out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area of the Development Plan and shall consist of a written statement and a plan or plans indicating the development objectives for the area in question. It shall include a core strategy demonstrating that development objectives in the County Development Plan are consistent with, as far as practicable, national and regional development objectives set out in the National Planning Framework (NPF), the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES), and with Specific Planning Policy Requirements (SPPR) specified in Section 28 Planning Guidelines, below is a direct extract from the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to highlight the legal requirements for inclusion in the Development Plan.

In accordance with Section 10 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) the Development Plan must:
The zoning of land for the use solely or primarily of particular areas for particular purposes (whether residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, as open space or otherwise, or a mixture of those uses), where and to such extent as the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
The provision or facilitation of the provision of infrastructure including— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) transport, energy and communication facilities; (ii) water supplies and waste water services); (iii) waste recovery and disposal and; (iv) any ancillary facilities or services.
The conservation and protection of the environment including, in particular, the archaeological and natural heritage and the conservation and protection of European sites and any other sites which may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph.
The encouragement, pursuant to Article 10 of the Habitats Directive, of the management of features of the landscape, such as traditional field boundaries, important for the ecological coherence of the Natura 2000 network and essential for the migration, dispersal and genetic exchange of wild species.
The promotion of compliance with environmental standards and objectives established— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) for bodies of surface water, by the European Communities (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009; (ii)for groundwater, by the European Communities(Groundwater) Regulations 2010; which standards and objectives are included in river basin management plans (within the meaning of Regulation 13 of the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003).
The integration of the planning and sustainable development of the area with the social, community and cultural requirements of the area and its population.

The preservation of the character of the landscape where, and to the extent that, in the opinion of the planning authority, the proper planning and sustainable development of the area requires it, including the preservation of views and prospects and the amenities of places and features of natural beauty or interest.
The protection of structures, or parts of structures, which are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest.
The preservation of the character of architectural conservation area.
The development and renewal of areas, identified having regard to the core strategy, that are in need of regeneration, in order to prevent— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse effects on existing amenities in such areas, in particular as a result of the ruinous or neglected condition of any land, • Urban blight and decay, • Anti-social behavior, or • A shortage of habitable houses or of land suitable for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses.
The provision of accommodation for travellers, and the use of particular areas for that purpose.
The preservation, improvement and extension of amenities and recreational amenities.
The control, having regard to the provisions of the Major Accidents Directive and any regulations, under any enactment, giving effect to that Directive.
The provision, or facilitation of the provision, of services for the community including, in particular, schools, crèches and other education and childcare facilities.
The protection of the linguistic and cultural heritage of the Gaeltacht including the promotion of Irish as the community language, where there is a Gaeltacht area in the area of the development plan
The promotion of sustainable settlement and transportation strategies in urban and rural areas including the promotion of measures to— Reduce energy demand in response to the likelihood of increases in energy and other costs due to long-term decline in non-renewable resources, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, and (i) Address the necessity of adaptation to climate change; (ii) In particular, having regard to location, layout and design of new development.
The preservation of public rights of way which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility, which public rights of way shall be identified both by marking them on at least one of the maps forming part of the development plan and by indicating their location on a list appended to the development plan.
Landscape, in accordance with relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government relating to providing a framework for identification, assessment, protection, management and planning of landscapes and developed having regard to the European Landscape Convention done at Florence on 20 October 2000.

Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1A), a core strategy shall—

- (a) Provide relevant information to show that the development plan and the housing strategy are consistent with the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and relevant guidelines.
- (b) take account of any policies of the Minister in relation to national and regional population targets,
- (c) in respect of the area in the development plan already zoned for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses, provide details of—
 - (i) the size of the area in hectares, and
 - (ii) the proposed number of housing units to be included in the area,
- (d) In respect of the area in the development plan proposed to be zoned for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses, provide details of—
 - (i) the size of the area in hectares,
 - (ii) how the zoning proposals accord with national policy that development of land shall take place on a phased basis,
- (e) Provide relevant information to show that, in setting out objectives regarding retail development contained in the development plan, the planning authority has had regard to any guidelines that relate to retail development issued by the Minister under section 28,
- (f) in respect of the area of the development plan of a county council, set out a settlement hierarchy and provide details of—
 - (i) whether a city or town referred to in the hierarchy is designated as a gateway or hub for the purposes of the National Planning Framework;
 - (ii) other towns referred to in the hierarchy;
 - (iii) any policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government in relation to national and regional population targets that apply to towns and cities referred to in the hierarchy;
 - (iv) any policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government in relation to national and regional population targets that apply to the areas or classes of areas not included in the hierarchy;
 - (v) (projected population growth of cities and towns in the hierarchy;
 - (vi) (aggregate projected population, other than population referred to in subparagraph (v), in—
 - (I) villages and smaller towns with a population of under 1,500 persons, and
 - (II) open countryside outside of villages and towns,
 - (vii) relevant roads that have been classified as national primary or secondary roads under section 10 of the Roads Act 1993 and relevant regional and local roads within the meaning of section 2 of that Act;
 - (viii) relevant inter-urban and commuter rail routes, and
 - (ix) where appropriate, rural areas in respect of which planning guidelines relating to sustainable rural housing issued by the Minister under section 28 apply, in respect of the development plan of a city, provide details of—
 - (i) the city centre concerned,

- (ii) the areas designated for significant development during the period of the development plan, particularly areas for which it is intended to prepare a local area plan,
- (iii) the availability of public transport within the catchment of residential or commercial development, and
- (iv) retail centres in that city, in respect of the area of the development plan of a city and county.

Appendix G: Copy of Newspaper Advertisement (Section 11 Notice)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AMENDED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AMENDED) PRE-DRAFT PUBLIC CONSULTATION PHASE ON THE PROPOSED LIMERICK DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022 – 2028

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Part II Section 11(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (amended) that Limerick City and County Council intends to review the Limerick City Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended) and the Limerick County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended) and prepare a new Development Plan, for its functional area for the period 2022 – 2028.

The Development Plan sets out the overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the City and County. It sets out the policy framework and a Core Strategy, within which development throughout Limerick will be promoted and regulated over the six-year period of the plan within the context of the national, regional framework of strategies and guidelines. The Plan will set out the strategic spatial vision and future direction for Limerick from 2022 to 2028.

Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment

In compliance with the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2001/42/EC) and in accordance with Article 138 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 436 of 2004) (as amended), the Planning Authority proposes to carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as part of the review of the existing Development Plans and preparation of a new Development Plan. For this purpose, the Planning Authority will prepare an Environmental Report of the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the new Plan. The provisions of Articles 13C to 13J of Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 436 of 2004) (as amended) shall also apply.

Pursuant to the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), a Stage One Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) shall be carried out as part of the overall process and subsequent stages of AA shall be carried out, if required.

Strategic Issues Paper

In order to stimulate debate and encourage participation in this process an Issues Paper has been prepared and is available for inspection at the following locations, during normal opening hours, from **Saturday 15th August 2020 until Monday 12th October (both dates inclusive)**:

- Limerick City and County Council, Headquarters, Merchants Quay, Limerick;
- Limerick City and County Council, County Hall, Dooradoyle, Limerick;
- All Limerick City and County Council Libraries, throughout the City and County;
- All Limerick City and County Council Municipal District Offices;
- Online at <https://limerick.ie/limerickdevelopmentplan>

In addition to the Issues Paper, a number of background papers have been prepared in relation to key themes and these papers are available to view and download from the website above, or viewed in the venues identified above with the Issues Paper.

As part of the pre-draft process public meetings will be held, **by appointment only** and subject to government guidance, on the following dates:

- 7th September 2020 - Isabraq Hall, Limerick City And County Council, Merchant's Quay, Limerick from 2.00 pm – 7.00pm;
- 8th September 2020 - Newcastle West Municipal Office, Newcastle West – from 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm;
- 9th September 2020 - Cappamore, Kernallock Municipal Office, Kernallock from 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm;
- 14th September – Isabraq Hall, Limerick City And County Council, Merchant's Quay, Limerick from 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm;
- 15th September 2020 – Rathkeale House Hotel from 2.00pm to 7.00pm;

The public are advised that an appointment shall be booked in advance by emailing devplan@limerick.ie or phone 061 – 5565098, due to Covid – 19 restrictions.

A webinar will be hosted by Limerick City and County Council **on Thursday 17th September 2020 at 7pm**, on the proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028, log onto www.limerick.ie/limerickdevelopmentplan for more information.

Public Consultation

Submissions or observations regarding the review of the existing plans and the preparation of the proposed Limerick Development Plan are hereby invited from the public and interested bodies. Submissions may be made during the period from **Saturday August 15th 2020 – Monday 12th October 2020 inclusive**.

Making a Submission

Limerick City and County Council hereby invites any interested parties to make a submission/observation to have a say in influencing and helping to frame the general direction of the Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028, which will cover Limerick City and County. Public input at this stage of the plan making process is vitally important to ensure that the adopted plan reflects the public's concerns and aspirations for Limerick.

In accordance with the foregoing in respect of the review of the existing Limerick City Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended) and Limerick County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended) and the preparation of the proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028, you are invited to make a submission/observation via the following mediums:

- Online at <https://limerickdevelopmentplan>
- Email to devplan@limerick.ie or
- In writing to: Forward/Strategic Planning, Economic Development Directorate Limerick City & County Council, Merchants Quay, Limerick, V94 EH90

In respect of the making of submissions/observations please note the following:

- Submissions/observations should include your name and may include address and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc., which you represent.
- Submissions/observations regarding objectives and policies to deliver an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area of the development plan may be made. Submission/observations at this stage of the overall plan-making process should be strategic in nature and focus on 'big picture' issues;
- The Planning Authority intends to review the zoning within the Development Plan for the purposes of developing objectives and policies to deliver an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and the Core Strategy. **However, requests or proposals for the zoning of particular land for any purpose shall not be considered at this stage.**
- Children, groups or associations representing the interests of children are entitled to make submissions or observations regarding the objectives and policies to deliver an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area of the Development Plan.
- Please be advised that all submissions received will be published online in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (amended) and will be summarised in the Chief Executive's Report, which will be published. You should ensure that no veiled, libellous or confidential information, including confidential information relating to a third party (in respect of which the third party has not, expressly or impliedly in the circumstances, consented to its disclosure) is included in your submission. The Planning Authority reserves the right to redact any submission or part thereof that does not comply with this requirement. Please be advised that the submission will be published in full.
- Please make your submission by one medium only, i.e. in hard copy or via the website. This will avoid the duplication of submission reference numbers and will streamline the process.

All submissions received prior to 5pm on October 12th 2020, will be considered in Chief Executive's Report. Late submissions will not be considered.

If you have any queries or require more detail, please don't hesitate to contact the Forward/Strategic Planning Section at devplan@limerick.ie or 061 – 5565098

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Appendix F: Acronyms

NPF	National Planning Framework
RSES	Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy
MASP	Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan
LSMATS	Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy
GHG	Green House Gas
LTP	Local Transport Plan
NTA	National Transport Authority
SIFP	Shannon Integrated Framework Plan
LAPs	Local Area Plans
LA	Local Authority
OPW	Office of Public Works
LCCC	Limerick City and County Council
BGI	Blue Green Infrastructure
NBS	Nature Based Solutions
SRA	Southern Regional Assembly
LDA	Land Development Agency
IWEA	Irish Wind Energy Association
TPOs	Tree Preservation Orders
SFRA	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

RPS	Record of Protected Structures
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SDG	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SPA	Special Protection Area
SPPR	Specific Planning Policy Requirement
SUDS	Sustainable Urban Drainage Solutions
TII	Transport Infrastructure Ireland

