

Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028

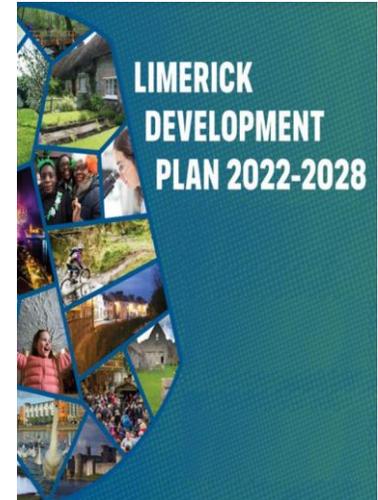
Limerick City and County Council January Meeting

Directions following Consideration of the Chief Executives Report, by the Elected Members on the submissions received following the Pre-Draft Public Consultation

25th January 2021

Presentation Outline

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- Proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028
- Timelines
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- Statutory Obligations
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Introduction

1. Purpose of Today's Meeting

- Conclusion of the period for consideration of the Chief Executives Report on the submissions received from Pre-Draft Public Consultation Issues Paper
- Elected Members may issue directions to the Chief Executive regarding the preparation of the new Draft Development Plan
- Set out next the stage



2. Importance of the Plan

- First consolidated Limerick Development Plan for the new Local Authority
- It will shape the future growth of Limerick for the period of 2022 – 2028
- A blueprint for Physical, Economic and Social Development of Limerick
- A framework within which sustainable development can be achieved
- Provides strategic framework and policy context for planning decisions



3. Legal Basis for Plan

- The legal basis for the process of making and adopting the development plan is set out in the Planning & Development Act 2000, as Amended.
- The Plan is made by the Elected Members.
- Must be consistent with the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES).



Proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028

- Limerick City and County is currently covered by the Limerick City Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended) and the Limerick County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended) – both of which are out of date;
- The preparation of the Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 is one of the most important functions of the Elected Members,
- The Plan Making process is a 99 week process from commencement, the process commenced on **15th August 2020.**

Stage 1 Pre-Draft

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June / July 2020
2. Public Consultation -**15th Aug to 12th Oct 2020**
3. Chief Executives Report on summary of submissions issued-
20th Nov 2020
4. Briefings for Elected Members - (4 no.) – **Dec 2020**
5. Elected Members consider public submissions and may issue directions – **WE ARE HERE**
6. Executive prepare Draft Plan – **Feb/ March**
7. Draft Plan issues to Elected Members:
(Mid April 2021)
8. Workshops held with Elected Members :
(April / May 2021)
9. Elected Members make draft plan:
(Special Council meeting June 2021)

Stage 2 Draft Development Plan

1. Public Consultation on Draft Plan June – **August (10 weeks)**
2. CE report prepared on submissions received and issued to Elected Members – **Nov. 2021**
3. Elected Members consider CE report and make plan or propose amendments at:
Council meeting - January 2022

Stage 3 Amendments to Draft Plan

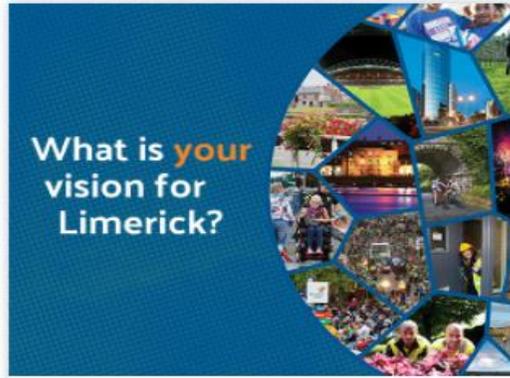
1. Public Consultation on the amendments to the Draft Plan – **March 2022 (4 weeks)**
2. CE report prepared on submissions received on amendments and issue to Elected Members – **April 2022**
3. Elected Members consider report and make the Development Plan – **May 2022**

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CONSULTATION- Dedicated Limerick Development Plan Webpage

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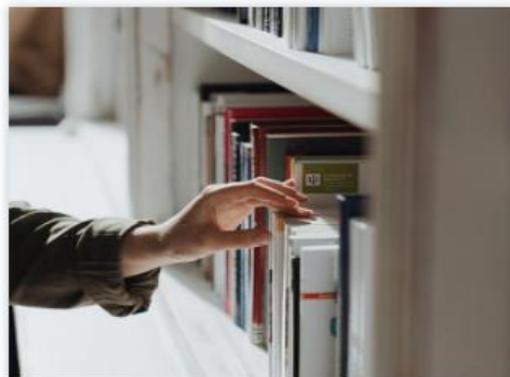
Issues Paper & Background Papers



How to Make a Submission



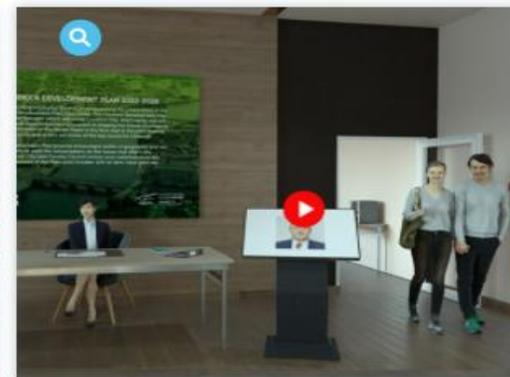
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Supporting Information



Webinar

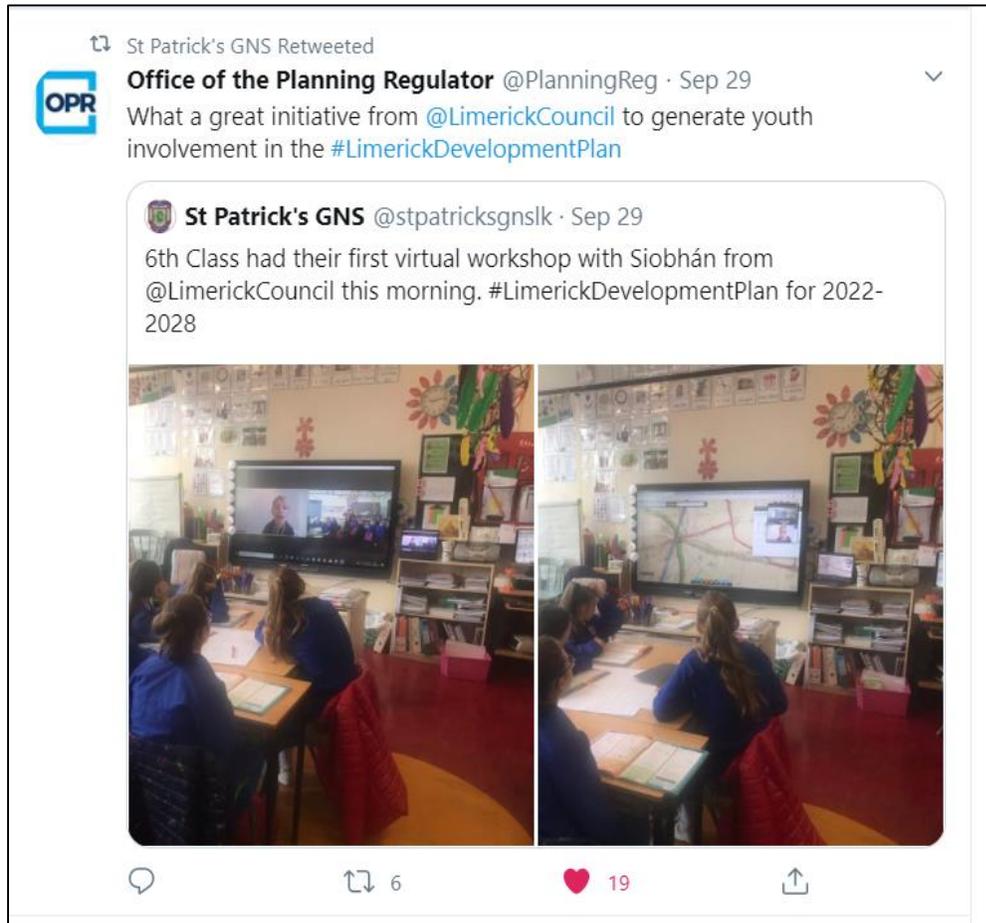


Virtual Room



Schools participation

A interactive schools programme was prepared for both primary and secondary schools – 170 packages consisting of 10 maps with 1 km radius shown from school building and Vision booklet was distributed



20 schools participated with online zoom meetings with Forward Planning and made submissions

Public Consultation – Actions and Outcomes

- **Public Meetings in each Municipal Office**
- **Direct Mailing Campaign**
- **Webinar**
- **Social Media Campaign**
- **Schools Programme**
- **Online Virtual Room**
- **Issues Paper and background documents**
- **Availability of Development Plan Team to meet with the Public and Elected Members**
- **Radio Interviews**



248 No. Submissions were received as part of the Pre – Draft Consultation process

- **Public meetings – 30 face to face meetings**
- **Households which received a flyer on the Development Plan 61,600**
- **Impressions on Social Media – 69,694**
- **Engagements on Twitter – 2,555**
- **Schools Programme – 170 schools received a pack from LCCC**
- **Views of the Virtual Room – 2,953**
- **Stakeholder meetings – 40 online meetings**
- **10 workshops with Elected Members**
- **Presentations at Strategic Policy Committees in June and December 2020**
- **2 Online briefings with the PPN**

- **Limerick City Centre**
 - Underutilized waterfront, dereliction and vacancy within the City Centre;
 - Traffic, congestion, parking – oversupply/undersupply;
 - Need for high quality shops – need to rethink retail – impact of online shopping;
 - Redevelopment of the Limerick Docks;
 - Georgian Limerick requires immediate action, need additional Colbert Quarter type proposals;
 - Need for compact growth/15 minute neighborhoods;
 - Residential densities need to be more flexible;
 - Need to enhance Limerick as a domestic tourism destination – increase the offer in the City and County and enhance the existing offering.
- **Towns and villages**
 - High level of vacancy and dereliction;
 - Impact of social housing on towns and villages;
 - Need to consider the Settlement Hierarchy in the County Development Plan;
 - Residential densities need to be more flexible;
 - Need to develop hubs and shared work space in towns and villages;
 - Need to develop towns and villages, as tourism destinations – Adare, Bruff and Lough Gur.

- **Housing**

- Need for Social and Affordable Housing provision in all future developments;
- Need for housing for elderly/disabled/downsizing schemes;
- Need for urgent consideration for housing for the homeless;
- Need to consider universal design in all developments.
- Rural Housing

- **Infrastructure**

- Importance of the delivery of strategic road networks – N/M20, Foynes to Limerick Road Scheme including Adare Bypass, Limerick Northern Distributor Road, Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale bypasses;
- Need for more sustainable transport infrastructure options, including public transport,
- Need for investment in water and wastewater infrastructure in towns and villages;
- Enhanced rural broadband and digital connectivity.

- **Climate Change and Flooding**

- Place Climate Change as a key focus of the Draft Development Plan preparation process;
- Recognise the importance of Flood Risk Management – prepare a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment to support the Plan;
- Address renewable energy in the Draft Development Plan.

- **Social Infrastructure**

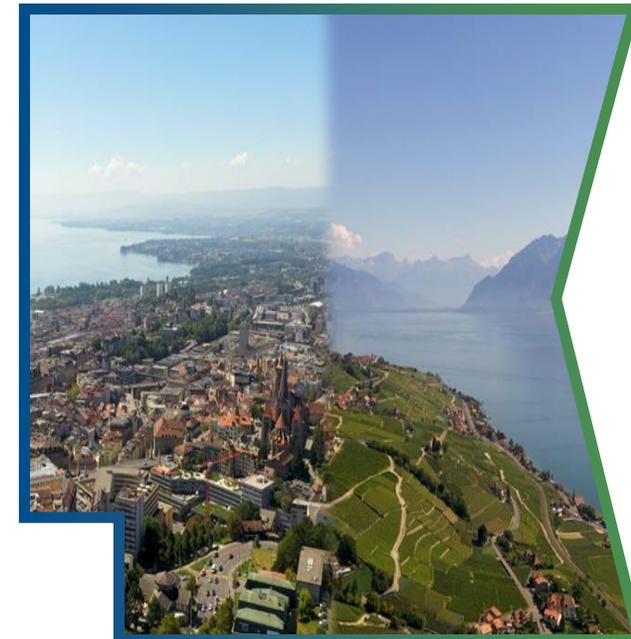
- Health and wellbeing shall be the focus of the Limerick Development Plan with inclusive communities and places;
- Need for additional community facilities, including: pools, pitches, concert halls, graveyards, school expansion etc.
- Lack of impact of Limerick Regeneration Plan – particularly in area of development and upskilling and education;
- Enhanced social inclusion for all sectors of society with particular focus on travellers and residents of direct provision centers.

- **Landscape Heritage and Green Infrastructure**

- Recognise the importance of natural environment, biodiversity, architectural conservation, archaeological heritage in the preparation of the Development Plan;
- Need to focus on the development and protection of green and blue infrastructure throughout Limerick;
- Enhance of quality of life for all residents in Limerick – improved air and water quality.
- Address public rights of way in the Draft Development Plan;
- Need to address the Circular Economy and waste management.

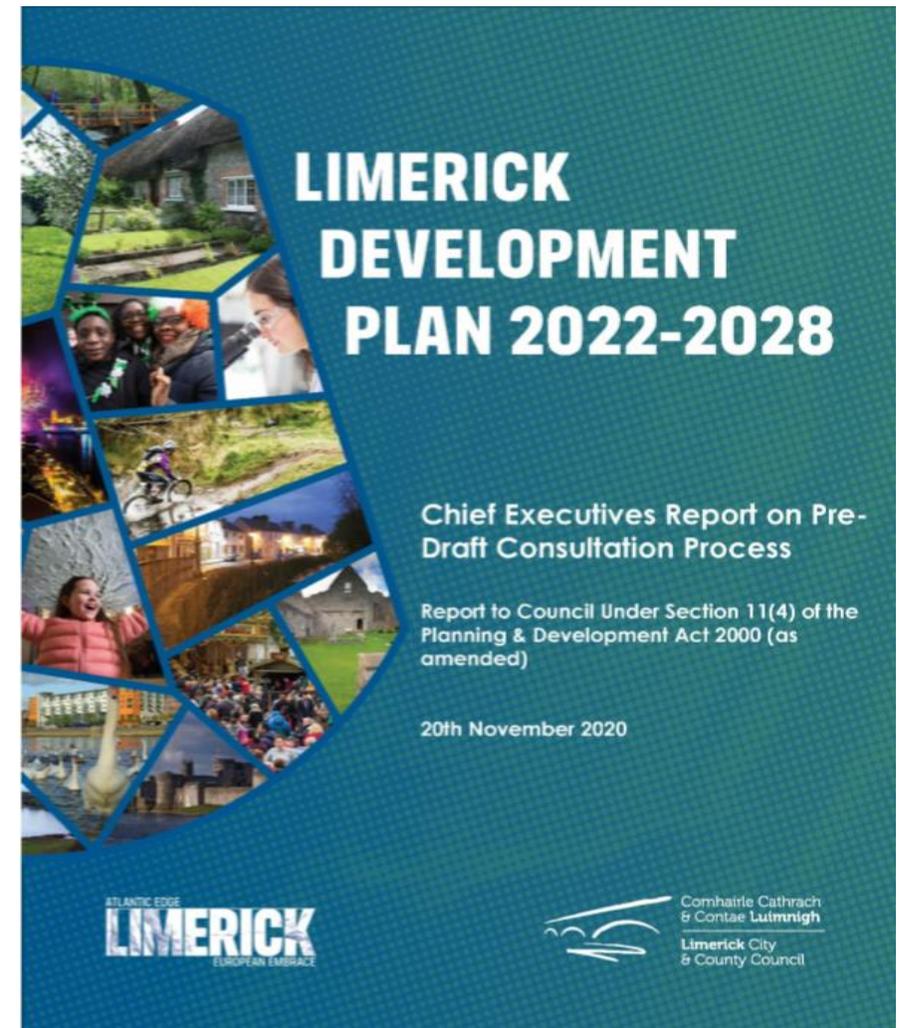
Summary of key Themes emerging from the Public Consultation

- Strong emphasis on Health & Wellbeing
- Climate Change and Protecting our Heritage
- 15 minute neighborhood concept
- Addressing underperformance of our Towns & Villages
- Housing –
 - ❑ Affordability/Part 5/Rural Housing/Housing Densities/Regeneration.
- Community Facilities
- Development of Major Infrastructure



Current Stage of the Proposed Limerick Development Plan

- To consider the Chief Executive's Report issued to the Elected Members on the 20th November 2020;
- Acknowledge the submissions made by public to shape the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.



Direction from Elected Members

Following consideration of the Chief Executives Report, the Elected Members may issue directions to the Chief Executive regarding the preparation of the Draft Development Plan.

These directions must;

- Be strategic in nature and be **consistent with the draft core strategy**.
- Take account of the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives of the Government or of any Minister of Government.
- Be restricted to considering the **proper planning and sustainable development** of the area to which the development plan relates.

Statutory Obligations

- Section 12 of the Act regarding the making of a development plan, defines **Statutory Obligation** as including the obligation to ensure that the Development Plan is consistent with;
 - a) The national and regional objectives specified in:
 - I. The National Planning Framework, and
 - II. The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, and
 - b) Specific Planning Policy Requirements specified in guidelines under subsection (1) of section 28.

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Next Steps & Important Dates

- Directions from Elected Members – **January Council meeting 2021**
- Forward Planning prepare Draft Plan – **February/March/April 2021**
- Draft Plan Issued to Elected Members – **April 2021**
- Workshops with Elected Members and SPC – **April/May 2021**
 - (On topics such as Rural Housing/Population & Core Strategy/Densities/Wind Energy Mapping/Development Management Standards)
- Draft Plan considered by Elected Members – **Council Meeting June 2021**
- Draft Limerick Development Plan on display – **June 2021 (10 Weeks)**
- (Final adoption **May 2022**)

Conclusion

- Having considered the Chief Executives Report, on the Pre-Draft Consultation Submissions issued to members on the 20th November 2020, the process of preparing the Development Plan will now move to the next phase and preparation of the new Draft Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 will now commence.
- The Elected Members may issue Directions to the Chief Executive regarding the preparation of the new Draft Limerick Development Plan 2022 -2028

Thank You
Council Meeting – 25th January 2021