

## **Limerick City & County Council**

### **Re: Part 8 Proposal for the following:**

Part 8 proposal, Reference PT8LL329– The development will consist of: (i) Extension and renovation of the existing single-storey Kings Island Youth & Community Centre building (232 sqm) comprising alterations and extensions including an additional storey at first floor level and new roof structure. The extended building floor area of 911 sqm (gross internal floor area) shall comprise at ground floor level: a community café and servery area, multi-purpose sports hall, office and meeting/training room accommodation and at first floor level further office and meeting/training room accommodation in addition to ancillary toilet, circulation, storage and plant spaces at both ground and first floor levels. The proposed new roof structure shall incorporate roof lights over the community café, multi-purpose sports hall and first floor level circulation spaces. (ii) Public realm works at Verdant Place comprising a mixture of soft and hard landscaped areas including 4no. car parking spaces and 1no. loading bay on Verdant Place. (iii) A new multi-use games area (250sqm) to the north of the community centre building and adjoining the existing playground on St. Ita's Street. (iv) All associated site development works, services, piped infrastructure and ducting, changes in level, site landscaping and all associated development and excavation works above and below ground.

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### **Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above Limerick City & County Council is proposing The development will consist of: (i) Extension and renovation of the existing single-storey Kings Island Youth & Community Centre building (232 sqm) comprising alterations and extensions including an additional storey at first floor level and new roof structure. The extended building floor area of 911 sqm (gross internal floor area) shall comprise at ground floor level: a community café and servery area, multi-purpose sports hall, office and meeting/training room accommodation and at first floor level further office and meeting/training room accommodation in addition to ancillary toilet, circulation, storage and plant spaces at both ground and first floor levels. The proposed new roof structure shall incorporate roof lights over the community café, multi-purpose sports hall and first floor level circulation spaces. (ii) Public realm works at Verdant Place comprising a mixture of soft and hard landscaped areas including 4no. car parking spaces and 1no. loading bay on Verdant Place. (iii) A new multi-use games area (250sqm) to the north of the community centre building and adjoining the existing playground on St. Ita's Street. (iv) All associated site development works, services, piped infrastructure and ducting, changes in level, site landscaping and all associated development and excavation works above and below ground.

The plans and particulars were placed on public display from the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2025 up to and including 26<sup>st</sup> of January 2026, and submissions and observations were invited up to the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2026, in accordance with the requirements of the Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and (inter alia) the Department of Housing Planning Community and Local Government's Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities (2010),

screening of the development for Appropriate Assessment was carried out by JBA Consulting on behalf of the Regeneration, Sports, and Recreation Directorate of Limerick City and County Council.

An Appropriate Assessment of the proposed development is not required as it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information provided in the Screening report, the scale of the development and the size of the site, that the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have a significant effect on any European sites. Therefore, this proposed project does not need to proceed to Stage II of the Appropriate Assessment Process. The Screening has determined that there is no potential for likely significant effects on any European sites.

For the reasons outlined above it is considered that the application for consent for the proposed development does not require an Appropriate Assessment or the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

**Order:** That Limerick City & County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by JBA Consulting makes a determination that, when considered either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment will not be required to accompany the proposal for Extension and renovation of the existing single-storey King's Island Youth & Community Centre building, Public realm works at Verdant Place, A new multi-use games area (250swm) to the north of the community centre building and adjoining the existing playground on St. Ita's Street and all associated site works at King's Island Youth & Community Centre, Verdant Place, Castle Street, Limerick V94 N996.



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Director General

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