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Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to be held on Monday 30th March 2026

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council initiates proceedings on the Sheehy's Hardware site, Killarney Road, Abbeyfeale to facilitate re-zoning of lands from Enterprise and Employment to Retail.

REPLY:

Legally, the Council cannot initiate a standalone process to re-zone the Sheehy Hardware site. An amendment to the Abbeyfeale Local Area Plan (LAP) is not possible, as the Planning and Development Act 2024 no longer provides for the preparation or amendment of LAPs. Under the new legislation, the Development Plan will instead incorporate all settlements that were previously covered by LAPs.

A variation to re-zone the Sheehy Hardware site cannot proceed in isolation. It would require a full review of the entire settlement, followed by a variation of the Development Plan to include the zoning and associated objectives for the town.

Due to legislative changes currently under consideration, it is expected that the timeline for commencing the next Development Plan review may be delayed by up to two years. In the interim, the Forward Planning team commits to bring forward a series of variations to the Limerick Development Plan over the coming years to integrate the ten existing LAPs. The timing of these variations will depend on factors such as the expiry dates of the current LAPs and housing growth pressures within individual settlements.

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