

Chief Executive's Report

Submissions to:

Proposed Amendment 1 to the Callan Local
Area Plan 2019

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1. Introduction

This report forms part of the statutory procedure for the making of Amendment 1 to the Callan Local Area Plan 2019-2028.

This report addresses the submissions received during the 6 week public consultation period, from the 15th May to the 26th June 2024, in relation to the Proposed Amendment.

The purpose of this report is to:

- summarise the written submissions/observations received,
- set out the Chief Executive's response to the issues raised and;
- make recommendations to the Elected Members on the issues arising from the consultation process.

This report is being furnished to the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council in accordance with Section 20 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, for their consideration.

1.1 Proposed Amendment

This proposed Amendment is intended to change the zoning on three sites in the Clashacollare area of Callan, as follows:

- a) An area of almost 1.3 hectares, zoned as New Residential has been developed as a significant tranche of public open space. This amendment proposes to rezone this area to Open Space/Green infrastructure, to reflect its current use.
- b) To ensure sufficiency of available land for development, an area of 0.77 hectares is proposed for rezoning from Agriculture to New Residential.
- c) To reflect the current development constructed (and remaining site under construction), an area of 1.2 hectares is proposed for rezoning from Agriculture to Existing Residential.

1.2 Details of Public Display

The documents put on public display for the Proposed Amendment were:

- Public Notice
- Proposed Amendment
- Appropriate Assessment Screening report
- Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening report

These documents were placed on the Consult.kilkenny.ie consultation website and linked from the Council's own website. Hard copies of the documents were on public display at the Planning Office, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny and the Callan Area Office.

Submissions could be made by:

- Email to ourplan@kilkennycoco.ie
- Online at consult.kilkenny.ie
- Written submissions to: Senior Planner, Planning, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.

2. Submissions Received

In total, four submissions were received to the proposed Amendment. Below is a list of the submissions received¹.

Reference	Name
KK-C258-1	Department of Education
KK-C258-2	Uisce Éireann
KK-C258-3	Office Planning Regulator (OPR)
KK-C258-4	Office of Public Works (OPW)

2.1 Summary of Issues Raised, Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations

In accordance with Section 20(3) of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, the submission from the OPR is addressed first.

Ref	Name	Summary
KK-C258-3	Office of the Planning Regulator	The Office's evaluation and assessment of the proposed Amendment concludes that no recommendations or observations are warranted.
Response: Noted.		
Recommendation: No change to the proposed Amendment.		

¹ The full text of the submissions received is available to view at the following link: <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/en/node/6467/submissions>

Ref	Name	Summary
KK-C258-1	Department of Education	1. The Department considers that the potential impact is not of a significant nature to reassess its school place requirements for Callan.
Response: Noted.		
Recommendation: No change to the proposed Amendment.		

Ref	Name	Summary
KK-C258-2	Uisce Éireann	1.All new residential and commercial/industrial developments wishing to connect to Uisce Éireann (UÉ) network are to be assessed on a case-by-case basis through the New Connections process, which will determine the exact requirements in relation to network and treatment capacity. 2.Capacity registers are subject to change at any time and are published annually, UÉ recommend that a footnote be added to any references to the capacity registers in the Proposed Amendment No. 1 to advise of this, particularly with reference to Sections 1b and 1c of the SEA Screening document which reference the capacity registers directly.
Response: Noted.		
Recommendation: No change to the proposed Amendment. A footnote will be added to the SEA screening document to advise that the water services capacity registers are subject to change at any time and published annually.		

Ref	Name	Summary
KK-C258-4	Office of Public Works	In relation to flood risk, the submission notes that should any changes to zoning designations in areas of flood risk be implemented in future, it is important that a flood risk assessment to an appropriate level of detail is carried out and that there is appropriate justification for any decisions made as set out in the <i>Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines</i> .
Response: Noted.		
Recommendation: No change to the proposed Amendment.		

3. Summary of Recommendations of the Chief Executive

Proposed Amendment 1 is a measure to change the zoning on three sites in the Clashacollare area of Callan.

I recommend adoption of the Amendment for the Callan Local Area Plan 2019-2028.



Lar Power,
Chief Executive