

26th February 2024

Forward Planning,
Planning,
Environment and Place-Making Directorate,
Limerick City and County Council,
Merchants Quay,
Limerick.

Re: Adopted Adare Local Area Plan 2024-2030

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The Office of the Planning Regulator (the Office) acknowledges the adoption of the Adare Local Area Plan 2024-2030 (the LAP) by the members of Limerick City and County Council at the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District meeting on the 13th February 2024. The Office also acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 20th February 2024, further to section 31AO(5) of the *Planning and Development Act 2000*, as amended (the Act). The Office has reviewed the adopted LAP in accordance with the legislative requirements set out in section 31AO of the Act.

The Office welcomes the making of the LAP without the proposed material alteration / motions from elected members no.5, which proposed to amend 7 ha of peripheral Agricultural zoned land at Graigue to Residential Serviced Sites (Site 11 of the Settlement Capacity Audit), and all associated changes to the draft LAP. The adopted LAP is therefore consistent with MA Recommendation 1 made by the Office. Further, this will ensure that the future growth of the town aligns with national, regional and county level objectives for compact growth and that such growth will be better able to be serviced by walking, cycling and by public transport and help Ireland achieve its climate objective.

The Office also acknowledges that the LAP has been made consistent with the Office's observations made at the draft and material alterations stages. The Office is therefore satisfied that the LAP will ensure that future development will not compromise the provision of the Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass) Project; and it will

also provide protection against flood risk in accordance with *The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities* (2009).

In conclusion, the Office welcomes the adoption of the Adare Local Area Plan 2024-2030, and looks forward to continued engagement with Limerick City and County Council in the implementation of national and regional policy at the local level.

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Anne Marie O'Connor

Deputy Planning Regulator and Director of Plans Evaluations
