

OPR Ref: DP-05-24

26th June 2024

Senior Planner, Kilkenny County Council, John Street, Kilkenny.

Re: Proposed Amendment No.1 Callan Local Area Plan 2019-2028

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Thank you for your authority's work in preparing proposed Amendment no. 1 Callan Local Area Plan 2019-2028 (the proposed Amendment).

The Office of the Planning Regulator (the Office) wishes to acknowledge the work your authority has put in to the preparation of the draft Amendment against the backdrop of an evolving national and regional planning policy and regulatory context, including the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021-2027 and the Southern Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.

As your authority will be aware, a key function of the Office is the assessment of statutory plans and strategies to ensure consistency with legislative and policy requirements relating to planning. This includes a requirement to make submissions on statutory plans, including any observations or recommendations the Office considers necessary to ensure the effective co-ordination of national, regional and local planning requirements.

The Office's evaluation and assessment of the proposed Amendment concludes that no recommendations or observations are warranted. The Office looks forward to continued positive engagement with your authority regarding the implementation of the Callan Local Area Plan 2019-2028.

Please note that at the end of the process, your authority is required to notify this Office within **five working days** of the decision of the planning authority in relation to the proposed Amendment.

Please feel free to contact the staff of the Office in the context of your authority's responses to the above, which we would be happy to facilitate. Contact can be initiated through plans@opr.ie.

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