

3rd December 2024

Kilkenny County Council,
John Street,
Kilkenny.

**Re: Notification regarding Adopted Variation No. 2 to the Kilkenny City and County
Development Plan 2021-2027**

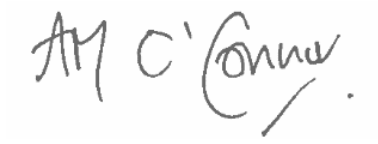
Dear Eoin,

Thank you for your emails of 4th November 2024 regarding the adoption of Variation No. 2 to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021-2027 in respect of the small towns and villages/rural nodes (the Variation).

The Office of the Planning Regulator (the Office) has reviewed the Variation in accordance with the legislative requirements set out in section 31AM of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended (the Act). The Office acknowledges that the Planning Authority did not comply with Recommendation 1 of the Office's submission on the proposed Variation. Having had regard to the plan material provided, your notice of 4th November 2024 and the Chief Executive's Report dated October 2024, the Office is satisfied with the overall outcome of the adopted Variation.

The Office would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the obligations further to section 31AM(6) of the Act, which provides a timeframe of five working days following the adoption of a plan or variation in which a planning authority must notify the Office of said adoption. In addition, section 31AM(6) also requires that where the planning authority decides not to comply with any recommendations of the Office, or makes a plan in such a manner inconsistent with any recommendation made by the Office, the chief executive is required to notify the Office in writing, stating reasons for this decision. Please ensure that in future, the Office is notified of any consultations and/or adoptions within the statutory timeframe, and that all required documentation is provided.

Is mise le meas,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AM O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a diagonal slash at the end of the name.

Anne Marie O'Connor

Deputy Regulator and Director of Plans Evaluations
