



An Bord Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin,  
D01 V902

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Re : Kilkenny County Council - Abbey Quarter Urban Park and Street**

**Application to An Bord Pleanála for approval under Section 175 and 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)**

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Kilkenny County Council hereby applies for approval, in accordance with the provisions of Section 175 and 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), for the construction of a new Urban Park and Street in the Abbey Quarter (former Smithwicks Brewery site) in Kilkenny City.

The construction of the proposed park and street are key components of the Masterplan for the redevelopment of the former Smithwicks Brewery site and are specifically provided for in the Kilkenny City & Environs Development Plan 2014 – 2020 under the following objectives

**Objective 3I** To provide for an urban park in the vicinity of St. Francis Abbey (National Monument) incorporating the City Walls, Evan's Turret and St. Francis' Well taking into account the recommendations of the archaeological strategy developed in the preparation of the Abbey Creative Quarter Masterplan and subject to compliance with the Habitats and Birds Directives and the provisions of the Abbey Creative Quarter Masterplan.

**Objective 3P** To provide for an urban street of pedestrian and cyclist priority between the Central Access Scheme and Bateman Quay crossing the River Breagagh at the existing bridge crossing. To provide for traffic management measures on the street such as to inhibit the flow of through traffic and heavy goods vehicles.

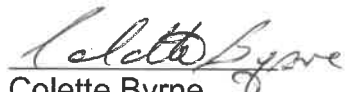
The proposed development will provide a high quality public amenity in the heart of the city and will provide access to the future development of new buildings within the Abbey Quarter, as provided for in the Abbey Quarter Masterplan.

Please find enclosed the following documents in relation to the proposed development :

1. Copy of Public Notices (newspaper and site notices)
2. Statutory Body Notifications
3. Environmental Impact Assessment Report
4. Natura Impact Statement
5. Landscape Design Statement
6. Landscape Design Drawing Package
7. Materials Reference Booklet
8. Services Design and Methodology Report
9. Engineering and Services Design Drawing Package

As agreed with your offices, the public notice for the proposed development outlines that the public consultation period will run from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August until Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (inclusive of both dates)

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Colette Byrne,  
Chief Executive.