

Consultation:

Proposed Variation No. 1 to
Kilkenny City & Environs
Development Plan 2014-2020

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Cover Letter

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. I have lived in Kilkenny for the past nine years and have always admired its unique character. I have been disappointed at some of the recent planning developments in Kilkenny. I have taken part in the two workshops on the Brewery site and I made a submission for the Brewery Re-Visioning Report. I have seen that there are large numbers of people in Kilkenny who want to engage with the planning and development process. I think all future developments in Kilkenny should have ongoing and meaningful public consultation at their core, thus making development as democratic a process as possible.

Observation

Chapter: Public Notice

Title: Prematurity of voting on variations

Recommendation no. 6 of the Brewery Re-Visioning report was that the Variations would not commence until the Masterplan had been finalised and approved. It now looks as though the council are trying to push the Masterplan and the Variations through together. There needs to be time for the submissions re the Masterplan to be looked at and also time for debate in council chambers. Opening up the planning process for the Variations is premature.

Main Opinion:

Enter your main opinion(s)

Main Requests:

Enter your request(s)

Main Reasons:

Enter your reason(s)

Observation

Chapter: Text of proposed Variation

Title: Variation no 9

I object to variation number 9. At both public consultations it was evident that people do not want a spur road / urban street off the CAS that traverses the site. The historic site of St. Francis Abbey, the city wall, the well and Evans Turret should be peaceful and quiet and would be negatively impacted if there was a road running through it. If emergency vehicles need an access point there we need to see the different options that are available so we can pick the one that is least intrusive on the historical site.

Main Opinion:

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Main Requests:

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Main Reasons:

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Observation

Chapter: Text of proposed Variation

Title: Variation no 5

I object to variation no 5, the finalising of the draft masterplan. I don't think the plan reflects the wishes of the public who have engaged so much with this process over the past few months. For example there was almost unanimous rejection of the spur road / urban street and retention of the Mayfair at the public consultations.

Main Opinion:

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Main Requests:

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Main Reasons:

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Observation

Chapter: Text of proposed Variation

Title: Variation no 8

I object to variation no 8 as while I support the development of housing in the city centre I do not support housing in Area 1. The houses would be sandwiched between two busy roads, CAS and Greensbridge. I particularly have a problem with housing fronting onto CAS. While I understand that this may look the road look more like a street than a motorway, from the point of view of the person living in the house I don't think it would be a pleasant place to live. I would urge councillors, members of the executive and consultants to think about whether they would like to live in this area.

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Main Requests:

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Main Reasons:

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Observation

Chapter: Text of proposed Variation

Title: Variation no 6

While I believe that voting on variations is premature I do support the concept of variation no 6 and hope that over time it will be extended to the rest of the city. All new buildings in Kilkenny should generate low or no carbon emissions.

Main Opinion:

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Main Requests:

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Main Reasons:

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Observation

Chapter: Text of proposed Variation

Title: Variation no 3

While I believe that voting on the variations is premature I agree with the concept of variation no 3 and hope that it will be truly collaborative process led by the experts in heritage.

Main Opinion:

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Main Requests:

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Main Reasons:

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Observation

Chapter: Text of proposed Variation

Title: Variations 1 and 2

While I agree with the concept of the linear park and the Abbey park I don't agree with the specific plans for either as they are outlined in the masterplan. I don't think the plans as they stand reflect the wishes of the public as outlined in public consultation. The linear park needs to be wider and the Abbey Park should not have a road going through it.

Main Opinion:

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Main Requests:

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Main Reasons:

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