

Consultation:
Draft Masterplan for Abbey
Creative Quarter (Former
Smithwick's Brewery and Bateman
Quay/Market Yard area)

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Cover Letter

Please see below details on areas of concern with regard to the development of the area.

Observation

Chapter: 5.1 Establishing a New Quarter

Title: Road through site.

The road through the site seems very large at over 15 metres. This is very large if it is only going to be used for deliveries and cyclist and pedestrians. A narrower street like we have on Ormonde street is in more keeping with the character of Kilkenny.

Observation

Chapter: 4.3 Urban Design Strategy

Title: Smarter Travel

There does not seem to be much thought gone into how the plan fits in with the rest of Kilkenny's Smarter Travel objectives. There is no indication how people are meant to travel from one area of the city to the other. How does the Brewery Quarter support the bigger picture which Kilkenny County Council are failing to see.

- How does a person traveling from Castle Road get to Fresford road. Do they enter the brewery site? This is only one example but the council need to think about the bigger picture.

At the public consultations it was agreed that the site should not be for cars but there is no plan about how this will be supported. Where will the council provide car parks outside of the area and will they take up transport initiatives like what Dublin is doing with the Nike scheme.

Observation

Chapter: Masterplan Contents

Title: Premature Voting on Plan

Why is the plan being voted on now. It is not fully agreed yet. Why is the vote being pushed through before another change of leadership? The same type of vote occurred before the last change of CEO. This voting practice leads to a lot of unrest. The new County Manager will implement a new plan, she should be part of

the decision making process.

Boundaries Captured on Map: No
Number of Documents Attached: 0