

# Chief Executive's Report

**Submissions to:**

**Proposed Variation 4 to the Kilkenny City and Environs**

**Development Plan 2014-2020**

**And**

**Proposed Variation 2 to the Kilkenny County**

**Development Plan 2014-2020**



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## 1. Introduction

This report forms part of the statutory procedure for the making of variations as follows:

- Variation 4 to the Kilkenny City and Environs Development Plan 2014 – 2020 (KCEDP) and
- Variation 2 to the Kilkenny County Development Plan (CDP)

This report addresses the submissions received during the 4 week public consultation period, from the 15<sup>th</sup> September to the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017, in relation to the Proposed Variations.

The purpose of this report is to:

- summarise the written submissions/observations received in relation to the proposed variations during the public consultation period.
- set out the Chief Executive's response to the issues raised in the submissions/observations and;
- make recommendations to the Elected Members on the issues arising from the consultation process.

This report is being furnished to the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council in accordance with Section 13(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, for their consideration.

### 1.1 Proposed Variations

The Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 introduced a Vacant Site Levy (VSL) to incentivise the development of vacant sites in urban areas. The VSL is a site activation measure, to ensure that vacant or underutilised land in urban areas is brought into beneficial use. As part of the Act, Planning Authorities must include an objective in their Development Plans for the development and renewal of areas in need of regeneration and must establish a vacant site register.

These Variations are intended to reflect the vacant site levy provisions.

### 1.2 Details of Public Display

The documents put on public display for the Proposed Variations were:

- Public Notice
- Proposed Variations
- Appropriate Assessment Screening reports
- Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening reports

These documents were placed on the Consult.kilkenny.ie consultation website and on the Council's own website. Hard copies of the documents were on public display in the following locations:

- Planning Office, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.
- Carnegie Library, Johns Quay, Kilkenny

Submissions could be made from the 15<sup>th</sup> September to the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 by:

- Email to ourplan@kilkennycoco.ie
- Online at consult.kilkenny.ie
- Written submissions to Director of Services, Planning, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.

## 2. Submissions Received

In total, two submissions were received to the proposed variations. Below is a list of the submissions received<sup>1</sup>.

Reference	Name	Var. 2/Var. 4 or Both
S1	Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government	Both
S2	Director, Southern Regional Assembly	Both

### 2.1 Summary of Issues Raised, Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations

Ref	Name	Summary
S1	Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government	Department have no comments to make on the Variations as both intend to reflect the Government's policy on the Vacant Site Levy.
<b>Response</b> Comments of the Department noted.		
<b>Recommendation:</b> No change to the proposed variations.		

Ref	Name	Summary
S2	Southern Regional Assembly	<p>a) The proposed variations and associated documents have been reviewed in conjunction with the South-East Regional Planning Guidelines 2010 – 2022 and relevant regional and national policy.</p> <p>b) It is considered that the proposed variations would be consistent, as far as practicable, with the urban regeneration and housing objectives set out in the RPGs.</p>

<sup>1</sup> The full text of the submissions received is available to view at the following link: <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/en/consultation/proposed-variations-kilkenny-development-plans>

<b>Response</b> Compliance with the Regional Planning Guidelines noted.		
<b>Recommendation:</b> No change to the proposed variations.		

### 3. Summary of Recommendations of the Chief Executive

The two submissions received supported the proposed variations without qualification.

I recommend adoption of the Variations.

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Colette Byrne,

Chief Executive