

Chief Executive's Report

Submissions to:

Proposed Variation 6 to the Kilkenny City and Environs

Development Plan 2014-2020



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1. Introduction

This report forms part of the statutory procedure for the making of Variation 6 to the Kilkenny City and Environs Development Plan (KCEDP).

This report addresses the submissions received during the 4 week public consultation period, from the 10th August to the 7th of September 2018, in relation to the Proposed Variation.

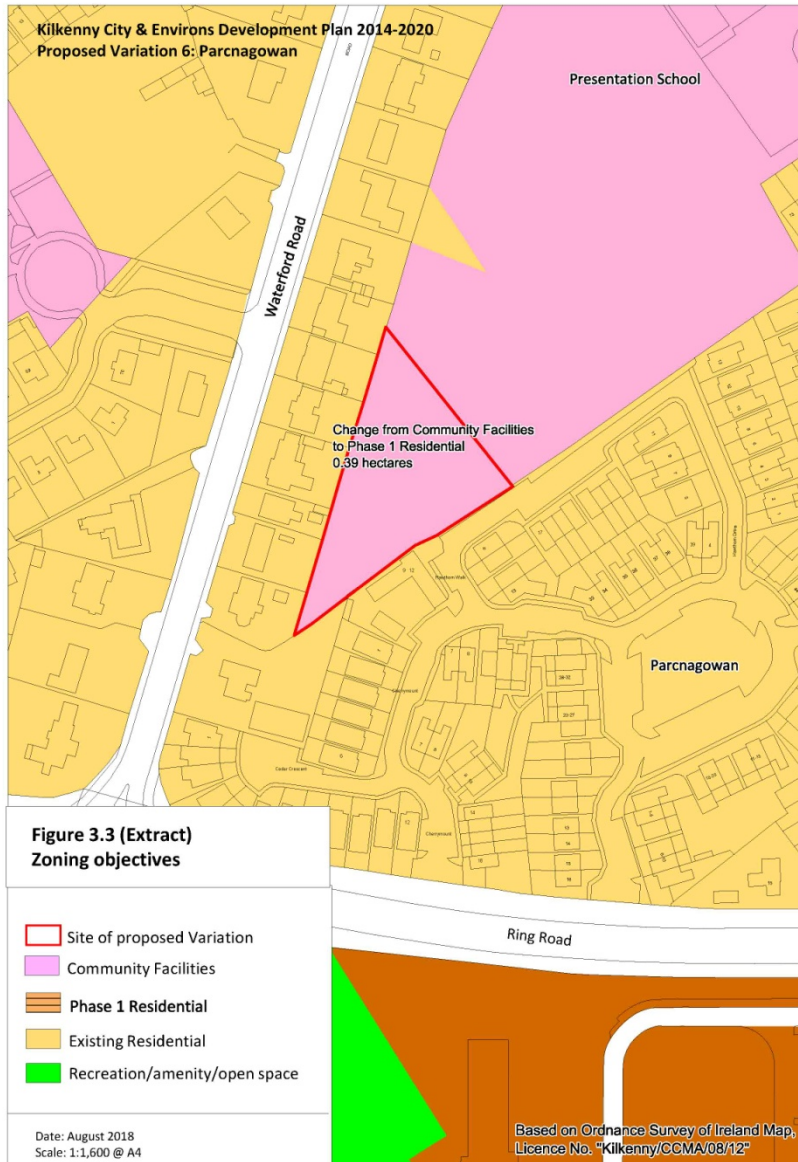
The purpose of this report is to:

- summarise the written submissions/observations received in relation to the proposed variation 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 Variation

The purpose of Variation No. 6 to the **Kilkenny City and Environs Development Plan** is "To change the zoning on a site (of 0.39 hectares) adjacent to the Parc na Gowan housing estate in Smithland South, Kilkenny City from Community Facilities to Phase 1 Residential in order to deliver social housing units in Kilkenny City on under-utilised, serviced lands within existing communities, in line with the Government's policy outlined in *Rebuilding Ireland*".



1.2 Details of Public Display

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

- Public Notice
- Proposed Variation
- Appropriate Assessment Screening report
- Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening report

These documents were placed on the Consult.kilkenny.ie consultation website and linked from 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 by:

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

2. Submissions Received

In total, four submissions were received to the proposed variation. Below is a list of the submissions received¹.

Reference	Name
KK-C73-1	Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
KK-C73-2	Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine
KK-C73-3	Environmental Protection Agency
KK-C73-4	Southern Regional Assembly

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

Ref	Name	Summary
KK-C73-1	Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government	The Department have no comments to make.
Response: Noted.		
Recommendation: No change to the proposed Variation.		

¹ The full text of the submissions received is available to view at the following link: <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/en/consultation/proposed-variation-6-kilkenny-city-and-environs-development-plan-2014>

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Ref	Name	Summary
KK-C73-2	Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine	The Department have no submissions or observations.
Response: Noted.		
Recommendation: No change to the proposed Variation.		

Ref	Name	Summary
KK-C73-3	EPA (David Galvin, Scientific Officer)	This submission requests that the Agency's previous submission in relation to Proposed Variation No. 6, made to the Notice of Proposed Variation for SEA ² should be taken into account at this time also as appropriate.
Response		
<p>This submission was previously received on the 23rd July and was considered in the Screening report which accompanied the Variation on public display.</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted.</p>		
Recommendation:		
No change to the proposed Variation.		

Ref	Name	Summary
KK-C73-4	Southern Regional Assembly	The Assembly states that the proposed change in zoning would facilitate good practice in the identification of and development of under-utilised lands for the purpose of social housing. It considers that the Proposed Variation would be consistent as far as practicable with the South East Regional Planning Guidelines 2010-2022.

² Notice given to the environmental authorities in accordance with Section 13(K)(3) of the Planning & Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004

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Response: Noted.

Recommendation: No change to the proposed Variation.

3. Summary of Recommendations of the Chief Executive

Proposed Variation 6 is a measure to change the zoning on a 0.39 hectare (just under 1 acre) site in order to deliver social housing units in Kilkenny City on under-utilised, serviced lands within existing communities, in line with the Government's policy outlined in *Rebuilding Ireland*.

The Council intends commencing a Part 8 process for this site soon.

I recommend adoption of the Variation.

Colette Byrne,

Chief Executive