



Statement of Reasons for Recommending that a Draft Direction Not Be Issued under Section 63(11) of the Planning and Development Act 2024

Variation No. 2 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028

The Office of the Planning Regulator (Office) has carried out its assessment of Variation No. 2 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 (Variation) in accordance with section 63 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (Act).

In carrying out this assessment, the Office considered whether any of the following criteria is met:

- a) the Variation fails to establish an integrated overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the relevant area;
- b) the Variation is materially inconsistent with the National Planning Framework, the National Marine Planning Framework, the relevant regional spatial and economic strategy, or National Planning Policies and Measures;
- c) the Variation departs from any relevant guidance set out in National Planning Policy Guidance and, in the opinion of the Office, no adequate explanation has been offered justifying that departure having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area;
- d) the Variation departs from any relevant transport strategy of the National Transport Authority and, in the opinion of the Office, no adequate explanation has been offered justifying that departure having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area; or
- e) the Variation is otherwise in contravention of the Act.

Conclusion

The Office has concluded that none of the above criteria are met and, accordingly, recommends that no draft direction be issued.

Basis for Conclusion

No recommendations in respect of the Variation were made by the Minister or the Office during the making of the Variation.

In forming this view, the Office in particular, considered:

- the National Planning Framework First Revision (2025);
- the National Marine Planning Framework;
- the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Regional Assembly;
- National Planning Policies and Measures and National Planning Policy Guidance;
- the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy 2040;
- submissions and recommendation made by any prescribed bodies, as relevant;
- the requirements of Chapter 5, Part 3 of the Act; and
- those matters in section 547(3) not referred to above.

Yours sincerely,



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