

26th June 2026

John Cummins,
Minister of State,
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage,
Custom House,
Dublin 1, D01 W6X0.

**Re: Notice Pursuant to section 63(11) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 –
Variation No. 2 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028**

A chara,

1. I am writing to you in relation to the recent adoption of Variation No. 2 (Variation) to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 by the elected members of Limerick City and County Council on 30th March 2026.
2. Having completed its assessment, I am writing to you in the context of the statutory duty of the Office of the Planning Regulator (Office) pursuant to section 63(11) of the Act to issue a notice to you on the basis that, having completed its assessment, the Office is of the opinion that none of the criteria in section 63(10) have been met and, accordingly, the Office is recommending that a draft direction under section 64 should not be issued.
3. Please be advised that the Office did not make any recommendations in respect of the Variation during the making of the Variation.
4. The Office has undertaken an assessment of the adopted Variation in line with the requirements of section 63, giving particular consideration to:
 - 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;
 - National Planning Policy Guidance;
 - the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy 2040;

- the requirements of Chapter 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (Act); and
- those matters in section 547(3) not referred to above.

5. Please find enclosed the Office's statement of reasons for this recommendation.

6. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office should you have any queries in relation to the above. Contact can be initiated through the undersigned or at plans@opr.ie.

Yours sincerely,



Niall Cussen

Planning Regulator

Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015