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Office of the
Planning Regulator

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Co. Clare

PROPOSED AMENDMENT No.1 TO THE SHANNON AND ENVIRONS LOCAL AREA PLAN 2012-18

Dear Ms Quinn,

Thank you for your authority's work in preparing the Proposed Amendment No.1 to the Shannon Local Area Plan (LAP) 2012-18.

The Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) has assessed the Proposed Amendment above under the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018 and under which the OPR was established on 3rd April last.

As your authority will be aware, one of the key functions of the OPR includes assessment of statutory plans and strategies to ensure consistency with legislative and policy requirements relating to planning.

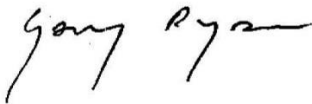
I wish to inform you that the Office of the Planning Regulator:

- notes the content of the proposed amendment and the intent giving rise to it;
- notes that the principal planning matter it raises relates to the requirement for a project level assessment in the context of the EU Habitats Directive and national legislative and regulatory requirements arising therefrom; and in the context of the foregoing,
- has no specific comments or recommendations to make in relation to the proposed amendment.

Please note that your authority is required to notify this Office within five working days of the making of the amendment to the Local Area Plan and send a copy of the written statement and maps as made.

If you have any further queries please contact the staff of the Office of the Planning Regulator through the undersigned at plans@OPR.ie

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the name.

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