

Annual Report of the Office of the Planning Regulator for 2019 in accordance with Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 requires the publication of a report each year relating to the number of protected disclosures made in the preceding year and also for the publication of information with regard to any actions taken in response to protected disclosures made. This is the first annual report of the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR).

The OPR was established on 3 April 2019 in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This annual report covers the period 3 April 2019 to 31 December 2019. There were no protected disclosures made to the OPR in 2019.

The OPR has put in place procedures for the making of protected disclosures in line with the Protected Disclosures Act. These procedures set out in detail the process by which a worker of the OPR can make a protected disclosure, what will happen when a disclosure is made and what the OPR will do to protect the discloser. The process supports the OPR's commitment to fostering a working environment where employees feel comfortable in raising concerns relating to potential wrongdoing within the OPR and to provide the necessary supports for those that raise genuine concerns. This sort of working environment reflects the OPR's core values, especially those of integrity, professionalism, openness and transparency.

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