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Rialaitheora Pleanála
Office of the
Planning Regulator

27th May 2021

Senior Planner,
Planning Department,
Kerry County Council,
County Buildings,
Rathass,
Tralee.

Re: Adopted Corca Dhuibhne Local Area Plan 2021-2027

A Chara,

The Office of the Planning Regulator acknowledges the adoption of the Corca Dhuibhne Local Area Plan 2021-2027 by the members of Kerry County Council on the 29th April 2021.

It is noted, however, that a revised Strategic Flood Risk Assessment does not appear to have been published with the main volume of the LAP. The environmental assessment reports form an integral part of the written statement of the LAP and must be published and made available to the Office under section 31(AO)(5) of the Planning and Development Act.

The Office also notes that the implementation of 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DEHLG & OPW, November 2009), and the associated clarifying Circular PL 2/2014, has arisen as a significant issue in the Office's evaluation of recent statutory plans in the county and the Office would therefore invite the local authority to discuss flood risk issues in advance of the publishing of the draft county development plan in order to avoid such issues arising during the plan making process

The Office welcomes the adoption of the Corca Dhuibhne Local Area Plan 2021-2027 and looks forward to continued engagement with Kerry County Council in the implementation of national policy at the local level.

Is mise le meas,

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