

6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Co. Kildare.

OPR Ref: AD-024-24

Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas,

Re: Adopted Variation No. 1 (Kilcullen Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County

Development Plan 2023-2029

A chara,

The Office of the Planning Regulator (the Office) acknowledges the adoption of Variation No. 1 (Kilcullen Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (the Variation) by the members of Kildare County Council (Planning Authority) on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

The Office also acknowledges receipt of your letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025, further to section 31(AM)(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended (the Act). The Office has reviewed the adopted Variation in accordance with the legislative requirements set out in section 31(AM) of the Act.

The Office is satisfied with the overall outcome of the adopted Variation and the manner in which its recommendations and observation were addressed at draft and material alterations stages.

With respect to the matters raised under Recommendation 1 of the Office's submission at draft stage, the Office advises the Planning Authority to consult with the Office in advance of undertaking any similar exercises for other towns or areas in the future.

In conclusion, the Office welcomes the adoption of Variation No. 1 (Kilcullen Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 and looks forward to continued engagement with Kildare County Council in the implementation of national and regional policy at the local level.

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Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015

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