

Addendum to the Manager's Report on the Pre-draft Consultation Process for the Kilkenny Development Plans 2014-2020 (1st November 2012)

Addendum 1

Date: 3rd December 2012

GENERAL SUBMISSIONS	
Name/Group Kilkenny City Centre Business Association Ref. No. P43 City/County: City	
Summary:	Manager's Opinion & Recommendation:
<p>Economic development 1) Would like to see a third level campus for the city. 2) There is a need to revisit the key sites for development listed in Section 5.4 of the City Development Plan. 3) New offices should be restricted to the city centre.</p> <p>Retail Strategy 4) Strategy should be in line with the Retail Planning Guidelines. 5) The core retail area and edge of centre boundary should be retained. 6) Anchor tenants should be attracted to the city. 7) There should be no further retail development on sites outside the 400m boundary. 8) No further retail warehousing should be allowed. 9) The Retail strategy should be updated halfway through the Development Plan.</p> <p>Infrastructure and Environment 10) Complete the ring road from the Castlecomer Rd to Freshford Rd. 11) Complete the Central Access Scheme. 12) Remove policy of Pedestrianisation of High Street. 13) Traffic management policies should not have a negative effect on shopping by car. 14) Traffic changes should be implemented on a trial basis. 15) On street parking should encourage short stay parking.</p>	<p>1) This is an objective of the Councils and options in this regard are being discussed. 2) This section will be revisited. 3) Policies in relation to office development will be reviewed and included in the draft plan.</p> <p>Retail Strategy 4) The Retail Strategy will be in line with the Retail Planning Guidelines. 5) This will be examined as part of the Retail Strategy review. 6) The Retail Strategy will examine all options to enhance Kilkenny's offer. 7) The Retail Strategy will include for Sequential testing, as recommended by the Guidelines, which aims to consolidate the city's core. 8) The status and future of retail warehousing will be examined as part of the Retail strategy. 9) The Planning Department reviews the policies in the Plan on a continuous basis to ensure they are operating effectively.</p> <p>Infrastructure and Environment 10) This is an objective of the Council, and the Council is currently seeking a determination from An Bord Pleanála regarding the application process. 11) Permission has been granted by An Bord Pleanála for the CAS, and it is proposed that work on the detailed design is progressing with a view to moving to contract in 2013/2014. 12) Policies and objectives for High Street will be examined as part of this review. 13) Any traffic management policy must include consideration of the needs of all shoppers. 14) This is an operational issue. 15) On street parking is designed to discourage all-day parking.</p>

Pattern of Development and Land use

16) To ensure city centre developments are appropriate and do not cause negative effects.

Diageo and Mart sites

17) Diageo site should include some retail development, ideally a large retail anchor, however its size should be capped. 18) Mart site should not be developed for retail purposes.

City Centre Strategy

19) A City Centre Strategy should be prepared in parallel with the Development Plan as outlined in the Retail Planning Guidelines Annex 2.

Enhancement of the public realm

20) There should be a high standard of paving and street furniture in the city centre.

21) Overhead cables should be removed, especially near historic buildings.

16) Policies to this effect will be included.

Diageo and Mart sites

17) Options for uses here will be considered in the formulation of Brewery site objectives. 18) Uses for the Mart site will be examined as part of the review of the Retail Strategy and the general zoning approach.

City Centre Strategy

19) The elements of a City Centre Strategy, as outlined in the Guidelines, such as the identification of development opportunities, better access for public transport and environmental improvements, will all be examined as part of the Development Plan process.

Enhancement of the public realm

20) The Council recognises the need for this, and some of the funding obtained under the Medieval Mile project will be used for this purpose along High Street and Parliament Street. 21) Overhead cables are undergrounded where possible but this requires inter-agency co-operation.