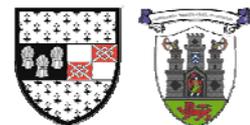


Review of Kilkenny County and  
City & Environs Development Plans  
&  
Preparation of Draft  
Development Plans  
2014-2020

**Manager's Report on Pre-draft Stage**



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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose and Contents of Report

The purpose of this document is to report on the outcome of the consultation process carried out prior to the preparation of the new Draft Kilkenny County and City & Environs Development Plans. This report is submitted to the Council Members for their consideration.

The report forms part of the statutory procedure for the preparation of new Development Plans. This report is not intended to give details on all the issues that will be addressed in the forthcoming plans but gives recommendations on the issues to be included or the approach to be adopted as a result of the public consultation exercise.

### 1.1.1 Government Guidelines on Development Plans

In 2007, the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government issued Guidelines to Planning Authorities on the preparation of Development Plans<sup>1</sup>.

The Guidelines state that high quality development plans lie at the heart of a high quality planning system. The guidelines set out a framework within which development plans will achieve high standards in:

- how they set out their aims and objectives,
- how they are produced,
- how they are presented, and
- how they are implemented and monitored.

The guidelines have a number of key messages. These are that:

- Development plans should be strategic
- Development plans should be a catalyst for positive change and progress
- Development plans should anticipate future needs on an objective basis
- They have a key role in protecting the environment and heritage
- It is essential that there is consistency between plans and strategies at different levels
- There should be broad ownership of the development plan
- Diverse community needs should be addressed

Local authorities must have regard to the Government Guidelines in the process of preparing Draft Development Plans.

## 1.2 Report Structure

Part 1 of this report consists of an introduction. This part sets out the requirements for the Manager's Report under the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and describes the next steps in the process of making the new City and County Development Plans.

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<sup>1</sup> Development Plans, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DoEHLG, June 2007

Part 2 outlines the various elements of the pre-draft consultation process, including the advertising and awareness campaign, the public consultation meetings and development of the website.

Part 3 consists of an analysis and summary of the issues raised at the public consultation meetings, on the website, and in the written submissions. This part includes the County Manager's opinions and recommendations on the issues raised.

Part 4 contains the County Manager's recommendations for policies to be contained in the Draft County & City Development Plans.

Appendices are attached to this report as follows:

- Appendix A sets out the indicative time frame for the preparation of the Draft County & City Development Plans.
- Appendix B sets out the matters which must be included in a Development Plan, as well as those matters that may be included.
- Appendix C is a list of all documents which will be considered in the formulation of the Plans
- Appendix D consists of a list of prescribed bodies who were informed of the review of the Development Plans.
- Appendix E summarises the responses from a feedback form handed out at the public consultation meeting in Graiguenamanagh.

### **1.3 Planning and Development Act 2010**

Since the making of the last Development Plans in 2008, the Planning and Development Act 2010 was enacted. A key change in this Act is a requirement for a Core Strategy to be included in the Development Plans. Another key change is that the Manager's Report on pre-draft submissions shall not refer to a submission relating to a request or proposal for zoning of particular land for any purpose<sup>2</sup>.

### **1.4 Manager's Report**

The County Manager is required to prepare a 'Manager's Report' on the submissions and observations received and the matters arising out of any consultations. This report shall:

- list the persons or bodies who made submissions as well as any persons or bodies consulted by the authority,
- summarise the issues raised in the submissions and during the consultations, where appropriate,
- give the opinion of the manager to the issues raised, taking account of (a) the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, (b) the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area, and (c) any relevant policies or objectives of the Government or of any Minister of the Government, and
- make recommendations on the policies to be included in the draft plan.

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<sup>2</sup> Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010, Section 11(4)(b)(ii)

## 1.5 Next Steps

The Manager's Report must be submitted to the Members of the Planning Authority or a committee of the Planning Authority for their consideration. Members may then issue directions to the Manager regarding the preparation of the Draft Development Plan (Section 11(4)(d)). These directions might consist of concerns that Members would like to see addressed or policies or objectives that Members would like to see incorporated into the Draft Plan. Any such directions must be strategic in nature, consistent with the draft core strategy, and shall take account of the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives of the Government or of any Minister of the Government. The Manager shall comply with any such directions.

In issuing directions, Section 11 (4)(f) of the Act states that the Members shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development plan relates.

Directions must be issued by the 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2012.

### 1.5.1 Preparation of Draft Development Plan

An indicative timetable for the preparation of the 2014 Development Plans is attached in Appendix A. A period of 12 weeks from December 2012 to March 2013 has been set aside for the preparation of the Draft Plan.

Section 10 (2) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2010 sets out the mandatory objectives which must be included in a Development Plan. These include objectives for the zoning of land, the provision of infrastructure, the conservation and protection of the environment (including water), and the integration of the planning and sustainable development of the area with the social, community and cultural requirements of the area and its population, etc. Other non-mandatory objectives are also referred to in the Planning Act. All of these objectives are set out in Appendix B of this report.

Information/studies/requirements which will feed into the Draft Plans include:

- Members' Directions
- The outcome of the public consultation process
- Background studies which are currently ongoing including;
  - Strategic Environmental Assessment
  - Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
  - Revision of Housing Strategy
  - Landscape Character Assessment
  - Wind Energy Strategy
  - National Inventory of Architectural Heritage – assessment of recommendations contained therein
  - Retail Strategy update
  - Rural Housing policy review
  - Rural Housing Design Guide
  - Natura Impact Assessment (Appropriate Assessment)

- National and Regional plans, policies and guidelines, including the National Development Plan; the National Spatial Strategy; the South East Regional Planning Guidelines and all Government Guidelines to Planning Authorities. A list of these documents is attached at Appendix C.
- Local Area Plans and studies

Members will then have an 8 week period from March 2013 to May 2013 within which to consider the proposed Draft Plans. The Draft Plans will be published in May/June 2013, following which the public will have an opportunity to comment. A report on the outcome of the Draft Plan consultation will be considered by Members, following which either (a) the Plan will be made or (b) material alterations will be made to the Draft Plan. If material alterations are made, there will be a further public consultation period regarding these and a further report will be prepared for Members' consideration. This will be followed by the making of the Plan. As stated above, Appendix A sets out an indicative timetable for the preparation of the Development Plans.

## 2 Pre-Draft Consultation Process

### 2.1 Introduction

The Pre-Draft consultation stage was divided into two parts; the informal stage and the formal submissions stage. The informal stage started in March 2012 and one project is still ongoing which will end in December 2012. This stage overlapped with the formal submissions stage, which ran from the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

### 2.2 Informal consultation stage

The informal consultation process comprised seven elements: (1) newspaper articles, (2) awareness raising meetings, (3) website development, (4) a primary schools project (5) a secondary schools project (which is ongoing), (6) Informing local groups, and (7) an Economic Issues workshop.

In order to raise awareness and outline the issues involved for interested people, groups and organisations, a document entitled “*Our Plan - A Guide to Having Your Say*” was published and made available through the Planning Department, Area Offices, libraries and on the Councils’ websites. In addition another short document, entitled “*Guide to Making a Submission to the Development Plan*” was also published.

#### 2.2.1 Newspaper articles

In conjunction with Tess Felder, a reporter with the *Kilkenny People*, a series of articles were written and published in the *Kilkenny People* in order to generate interest and awareness around the Development Plans. These articles were published as follows:

<b>Kilkenny People</b>	<b>Title</b>
1/06/2012	Have your say on the future of Kilkenny city
15/06/2012	Council seeking Public’s opinion on services in the community
15/06/2012	Expanding on ideas to shape city’s future
29/06/2012	Council seeks input on rural areas
13/07/2012	Shaping the Future of employment in Kilkenny

#### 2.2.2 Awareness raising meetings

A number of umbrella groups were identified as being representative of wider groups within the county. A total of ten meetings were held with these different groups/fora around the county, as follows:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Number attendees (approx.)</b>
1	6/03/2012	Heritage Forum	17
2	12/06/2012		
3	21/03/2012	Older People’s Forum	40
4	23/03/2012	County Development Board	15
5	11/04/2012	Kilkenny Access group including National Council for the Blind of	5

		Ireland	
6	1/05/2012	Sports Partnership	2
7	4/05/2012	Municipal Policy Committee	5
8	8/05/2012	Comhairle na nÓg	12
9	17/05/2012	Community & Voluntary Forum	20
10	5/06/2012	Community Group for Social Justice	8

The purpose of these meetings was first as an awareness raising exercise, but also to encourage these specific representative bodies to consider the issues of relevance to them, and to make a submission to the process. Following on from their meeting, the Older People's Forum made a written submission.

### 2.2.3 Website development - Ourplan

A dedicated website was set up to generate interest and provide for a collaborative, innovative approach to making the plans; <http://ourplan.kilkenny.ie/>. This website was officially launched at the County Council meeting on the 21st May 2012. Prior to the public meetings, the Issues Paper "Our Plan - A Guide to Having Your Say" was published on this website in an interactive format. The site also provided background information on the process and advertised the details of the public consultation events along with relevant contextual information. For the first time, video content related to the Development Plans was used in order to provide for different methods of engaging with the public. A team blog was also started, and one blog post was made by the Senior Planner on the topic of Universal Design. Following each public meeting, the presentations as given were uploaded to the site with the slides and associated audio.

The primary purpose of the site is to utilise social media technologies and services in order to provide a forum where citizens can make comments and generate debate and can collaborate with the Council during its forward planning consultations and processes. The site also gave information on how to make a written submission.

When someone registers on the site, they can then post comments and receive updates on the process via email. Up to the closing date for submissions (August 24th) a total of 81 users (other than team members) had registered on the site.

A total of 19 comments were made on the site during the consultation period, these are addressed in Section 3.

Details of the website, and updates on content to the website were publicised via Twitter and the Council's main websites.

The OurPlan website represents the next stage in the evolution of the Council's social media planning consultation platforms, which began with the Planning wiki <http://wiki.kilkennycoco.ie/> which was launched in 2008, (this site represented the first government use of social media for a public consultation in Ireland, and was also one of the first such examples in the world). The second iteration of this platform was the LAP social platform which was launched in 2010 <http://lap.kilkennycoco.ie>. Both of these sites were nominated for Innovation awards.

There were over 1,822 visits to the site during the consultation period and each of these visitors on average viewed 5.42 pages on the site, spending five minutes on average on the site during each visit (or 151.8 hours in total).

To date the site has received visits from 27 Countries, the top 10 countries in terms of number of visits were:

1. Ireland
2. United Kingdom
3. Netherlands
4. India
5. United States
6. Belgium
7. China
8. Philippines
9. Canada
10. Poland

To date the top 10 locations in Ireland in terms of number of visits are:

1. Kilkenny
2. Dublin
3. Wexford
4. Cork
5. Waterford
6. Carlow
7. Limerick
8. Galway
9. Maynooth
10. Dundrum

#### 2.2.4 Primary Schools project

All primary schools in the city were contacted to gauge their interest in participating in a pilot project related to the Development Plans. A number of schools were interested, and presentations were given to three primary schools in May as follows:

- St. Patricks De la Salle - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May
- St. John's Senior School – Wednesday- 16<sup>th</sup> May
- Presentation Primary School – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Two of these classes made submissions to the process; these are dealt with under Section 3.

#### 2.2.5 Secondary School Project

Johnstown Vocational School was selected to pilot a consultation exercise with transition year students at secondary school level. This project is to run through the school term between September and December 2012. The results of this consultation exercise will be incorporated

into the development plan process at a later stage when the members come to consider the draft plans.

#### 2.2.6 Notice to voluntary groups

A database of approx. 550 sporting/cultural and voluntary organisations through the county was obtained from the Community & Voluntary Forum. Each of these organisations was sent a letter, or an email, which outlined the purpose and process for the review of the Development Plans, sought submissions, and invited them to attend the public meetings.

#### 2.2.7 Economic Issues Workshop

A workshop on Economic Issues was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012, in the Borough Council. A number of economic stakeholders were invited, including CANDIDA, the Castlecomer Enterprise Group, the City Centre Business Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the members of the Municipal Policy and the Strategic Policy Committees. The attendees were asked to give their views on a number of topics in two facilitated groups. The topics discussed all related to the economic development of the county and city. The issues raised are discussed in Section 3.

### 2.3 Formal submissions stage

The formal submissions stage ran from the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012. Although the Planning and Development Act requires the submissions period to be a minimum of eight weeks long, it was decided to extend this to 10 weeks, due to the summer holiday period which generally occurs in the month of August.

This stage comprised newspaper advertisements, public meetings and letters to and contact with the prescribed bodies, informing them of the review and inviting submissions and observations (refer to Appendix D). The closing date for written submissions was the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012. However, in one case where a prescribed body was late in making a submission, the submission was still considered as the Councils are required by law to consult with prescribed bodies.

#### 2.3.1 Public meetings

A total of seven public meetings were held across the five electoral areas in the County and City. These meetings were general meetings but also had a specific 'theme' and associated presentation by a guest speaker. These public meetings were organised in such a way to ensure a broad geographical spread which would promote access to the process for people across the whole county of Kilkenny, as follows:

Date	Venue	Theme & Guest Speaker	Number of attendees
Tues. 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Kilkenny City, Parade Tower	<b>Smarter Travel/Pedestrianisation</b> Kieran Fitzgerald, Borough Engineer	20 (1 councillor)
Wed. 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Thomastown, Grennan Community College	<b>Retail &amp; Tourism</b> Amanda Horan, Fáilte Ireland	5

Date	Venue	Theme & Guest Speaker	Number of attendees
Wed. 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Callan, Friary House	<b>Community &amp; Rural development</b> Martin Rafter, KLP	6 (3 councillors)
Wed. 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Castlecomer Community Hall	<b>Heritage</b> Dearbhala Ledwidge, Heritage Officer	16 (3 councillors)
Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Abbey Community College, Ferrybank	<b>Economy &amp; Service provision</b> John Dempsey, Director of Services	19 (5 councillors)
Tues. 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Kilkenny City, Parade Tower	<b>Retail/Heritage</b> Dearbhala Ledwidge, Heritage Officer	22 (3 councillors)
Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Graiguenamanagh, Scout Hall	<b>Renewable Energy</b> Declan Keogh, Carlow-Kilkenny Energy Agency	35 (5 councillors)

Formal notice of the schedule of public meetings was published in the Kilkenny People (and notice of the Ferrybank meeting was also reported in the Waterford News & Star). A series of adverts to promote the public meetings were run on the local radio station, KCLR, during the formal submissions stage. A total of 50 ads were played. The meetings were also advertised in the parish newsletters for Thomastown, Callan and Ferrybank and in all the libraries.

As can be seen, a total of 123 people attended the public meetings, and the issues raised are addressed in Section 3. Those present at these sessions were also invited and encouraged to make written submissions covering issues which they felt needed more detailed discussion.

#### 2.3.1.1 Purpose and Format of the Public Meetings

At each of the meetings copies of *“Our Plan - A Guide to Having Your Say”*, the *Guide to Making a Submission on the Development Plan* and both Development Plans were available.

Each of the sessions took the following format:

- Introduction from Denis Malone (Caitriona Reilly at the Graiguenamanagh meeting)
- Presentation from the Guest Speaker – as set out above
- Facilitated Thematic Discussions
- Feedback from discussion groups to full group
- Questions and Answer session

Within this format, participants were facilitated to discuss the issues emerging in a focused way.

#### 2.3.1.2 Feedback from Public meeting

At the final meeting in Graiguenamanagh on the 1<sup>st</sup> August, a feedback form was handed out to all attendees. A total of 24 partially complete, or completed forms were returned. Of these, 18 rated the evening ‘Excellent’ or ‘Good’. Only 1 response rated the evening as ‘Very poor’. The full results of this feedback form are included in Appendix E.

### 2.3.2 Written Submissions

A total of 42 written submissions were received to the process. Of these, 14 related to both Plans, 9 related solely to the City Plan, and 19 related solely to the County Plan. The issues ranged from Heritage, to Education to Renewable energy. The two topics most frequently commented on were the Brewery site and the Wind Energy Development Strategy. A total of 5 submissions were received supporting increased areas for wind energy development and 4 submissions were received seeking restrictions to the development of wind farms. Each of the written submissions is addressed in detail in Section 3.

### 3 Public consultation –Summary & Analysis

This section comprises an examination of the main concerns expressed through the four fora used during the consultation; (1) the various public consultation meetings, (2) the economic workshop, (3) the written submissions and (4) the Ourplan website. The Councils wish to express their appreciation and thanks to those who made submissions and/or attended the public meetings.

#### 3.1 Public meetings

A total of 7 public meetings were held around the county, and a broad range of opinions and comments were expressed. What follows is not intended to be an exact record of what was said at each meeting, but all comments were analysed and the broad themes summarised under a series of headings. The opinion of the County Manager in relation to each issue is expressed through the categorisation of each comment into the following three categories:

- 1. The Development Plans will include or support
- 2. The review of the Plans will examine this issue
- 3. Not a Development Plan issue

##### 3.1.1 Kilkenny City Meeting – Smarter Travel/Pedestrianisation

Heading	Issue Raised	Manager's Recommendation		
		1	2	3
Overall	Development Plan should have big ambitions			
	Plan should aim for reduction in car dependency as a principle			
	Acknowledgement of the many improvements in recent times			
Cycling	Development of cycleway from Castlecomer to city would be great			
	Improvements to infrastructure are required			
	Cycle paths on Ring Road are successful			
	One way system would improve situation for cyclists			
	Cycle paths could include for more greenery			
	Cycling officer could be appointed			
	Castle park should be opened to cyclists			
	Dog track on Freshford Road links schools and housing estates – could this be leased as a safe connection?			
Pedestrianisation	More pedestrian crossings required; Bennettsbridge Road, Nuncio Road, Castle Road, Greens & John's bridges			
	Review pedestrian mobility in Newpark area; from housing estates to schools			
	Need to allow for loading & unloading			
	How to improve access on country roads?			

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	Access for older tourists increasingly an issue		Yellow	
	Pedestrian bridge proposal at library on John's quay – modern structure would be inappropriate		Yellow	
	Need to protect rights of way for pedestrian routes	Green		
	Bateman Quay/John Street area accessibility		Yellow	
Traffic	Need to prioritise the development of the ring road		Yellow	
	One way system as trialled – majority of attendees were in favour of it		Yellow	
	Opposition to Central Access Scheme		Yellow	
	Enforcement of 30 kph speed limits		Yellow	Red
	Park n ride viability should be examined		Yellow	
	Shared space concept could be examined		Yellow	
Other	Seats and benches need to be more comfortable and better located	Green		
	Could street trees be used instead of bollards		Yellow	
	No enforcement on disabled parking bays			Red
	Brewery site suggestions: 3 <sup>rd</sup> level education facility arts/design/NCAD		Yellow	
	Extend linear park to Diageo site – through underpass at Greens bridge	Green		

#### 3.1.2 Thomastown Meeting – Retail & Tourism

Heading	Issue	1	2	3
Overall	Linkages between retail & tourism are important	Green		
	Shops could act as information points for tourists		Yellow	
Tourism	Access to sites needs improvement		Yellow	
	Local celebrities; Jonathan Swift, George Berkeley & James Hoban could be celebrated more		Yellow	
	Signposting is critical		Yellow	
	Local heritage projects are good wins for local communities & tourism; example of Pride Of Place projects, Historic Towns projects		Yellow	
	Tidy Towns are very active – producing a Heritage Trail with signage		Yellow	
Retail	SuperValu moved out of centre; how to balance sufficient choice & protection of town centre?		Yellow	
	How do we encourage more life back to Market Street?		Yellow	
Thomastown	Thomastown Paddlers require improved facilities		Yellow	
	Investment has not been made in Thomastown in recent years		Yellow	
	Problem of ageing population in town centre		Yellow	

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#### 3.1.3 Callan Meeting - Community & Rural development

Heading	Issue	1	2	3
Community development	Callan has success in community development; L'Arche & Camphill started this	Green		
	CEART – only project of its type in the country - funding has been cut		Yellow	
	Increased bureaucracy causes problems for smaller agencies			Red
	How to best provide for community-level plans that residents can buy into?		Yellow	
	Model of Village Design Statement – can we improve upon this?		Yellow	
	Good idea to set short-medium-long term goals for villages		Yellow	
	Focus on enhancement now, not development		Yellow	
	Important to develop local leadership		Yellow	
Callan	Recreational projects required in Callan; walking path on Fair Green & around GAA pitch		Yellow	
	Two ideal sites for parks in Callan – Friary and Motte		Yellow	
	Some anti-social behaviour on Fair Green – walk would alleviate this			Red
	Footbridge would provide great linkage		Yellow	

#### 3.1.4 Castlecomer – Heritage

Heading	Issue	1	2	3
Overall	Recognition of heritage and tourism linkage – Development Plan needs to illustrate crossovers between economic development and eco-systems, heritage and economy.	Green		
	Need to learn from past mistakes in planning		Yellow	
	All involved agencies should work more closely; Teagasc, NPWS, Dept. of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht and Council		Yellow	
	Educational programmes in relation to heritage are important			Red
	Local community groups could help with heritage information		Yellow	
Natural Heritage	Coillte Woods could benefit from small car parks	Green		
	Its importance is not always reflected – cutting of trees and hedgerows		Yellow	
	Allotments could be more widely used		Yellow	
	Forestry is important for bio-diversity, but large sites can have huge impacts			Red
	Planting – need for local species, of local provenance		Yellow	
Built Heritage	All Council projects need to have regard to effect on heritage	Green		
	Council needs to look after their own properties properly	Green		

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	Protected structures – affordability for owners – expensive to conserve		Yellow	
	Courthouse in Castlecomer – important to protect		Yellow	
	Many protected structures around the county are neglected		Yellow	
	Lack of power for enforcement of regulations			Red
	Castlecomer – has strong mining history		Yellow	
	Placenames recording – projects such as these are important		Yellow	
	RPS being mapped, not available yet		Yellow	
	Many small villages are heritage assets in themselves – how to tap into this?		Yellow	
	Access to sites needs improvement		Yellow	
Other	Siting of wind turbines in the county is critical	Green		
	More walks would be great		Yellow	

#### 3.1.5 Ferrybank - Economy & Service provision

Heading	Issue	1	2	3
Service provision in Ferrybank	Important to brand Ferrybank as urban centre in its own right		Yellow	
	Older peoples needs are well met; Age Action recently launched	Green		
	Deficit in health centre		Yellow	
	Need for day centre or community hall		Yellow	
	Co-operation imperative between Waterford and Kilkenny Councils		Yellow	
	Shopping services very poor with no centre		Yellow	
	Service provision didn't keep pace with development in Ferrybank		Yellow	
Economy/Tourism in Ferrybank	Signage is an issue		Yellow	
	Increased focus required on tourism		Yellow	
	Lack of co-ordination in tourism literature; rivers, Grannagh Castle, South Kilkenny		Yellow	
	Festival potential could be exploited further		Yellow	
	Development of river asset		Yellow	
	Regional promotion of tourism		Yellow	
Other	Hard water is an issue in the area			Red
	University of the South East needed		Yellow	
	More recreational facilities in general	Green		
	Public transport – linkages from train station		Yellow	

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	Increase parking in Ferrybank		Yellow	
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#### 3.1.6 Kilkenny City – Retail & Heritage

Heading	Issue	1	2	3
Overall	Need to take economic issues into account when considering development	Green		
Heritage	No language or literature in Heritage Plan			Red
	Role of civic society in overseeing – the Councils aren't solely responsible – example of Golden Mile in Tipperary where communities oversee a mile of rural road		Yellow	
	Vernacular buildings are worth protecting		Yellow	
	Small changes can destroy integrity esp. Windows	Green		
	Care should be taken in prominent facades	Green		
	St. Mary's project - ivy is a problem		Yellow	
	Unique selling point for Kilkenny	Green		
	Make more heritage information online		Yellow	
	Make space for wildlife in repair of buildings		Yellow	
	Value of wildlife gardening should be recognised in supporting wildlife		Yellow	
	Retail	Distinctive shops in Kilkenny – avoid homogenisation		Yellow
Maintain this through shopfront policies		Green		
Parking is deterrent for city centre shopping – not user-friendly – 15 minutes too short, minimum charge too high			Yellow	
How to remove financial incentive for people to shop in out of centre locations?			Yellow	
Incentivise development of floors above ground level			Yellow	
Cap out of town centres			Yellow	
There are enough supermarkets in Kilkenny – no need for another major retailer – large retailers reduce choice			Yellow	
But – need to compete with other towns, keep quantity, quality, diversity – some shoppers shop elsewhere because of range – e.g. Marks & Spencers			Yellow	
High vacancy rates in Kilkenny			Yellow	
John Street has suffered in recent years			Yellow	
Pedestrianisation – mixed views – need for pedestrian friendly policies		Green		
Diageo site – incorporate retail – if this is developed, do we need Mart site as well?			Yellow	
Have good examples of retailing e.g. Market Cross		Green		
Other	Appropriate uses for the network of lanes off High Street		Yellow	
	How to encourage residential use back into city centre		Yellow	

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#### 3.1.7 Graiguenamanagh - Renewable Energy

Heading	Issue	1	2	3
Wind energy	Arguments against: environmental impact, impact on scenery & therefore tourism potential			
	Arguments for: economic benefits to farmers and to areas, more self-sufficiency in energy supply			
	Need more information on electricity grid connections etc.			
	Argument for area around Graiguenamanagh being included as Open for Consideration in Wind Energy Strategy			
	Argument against as only resource Graig has is tourism, and wind farms would negatively impact this			
Renewable energy	Bio-mass is area that people would like more information on			
	Councils should consider use of bio-mass in their buildings, planning applications could include feasibility studies for bio-mass			
	Education required for citizens on the use of other sources of energy in order to reduce costs			
	Government needs to subsidise renewable energy			
	Focus needs to return to food production, away from bio-energy			
Other	Too much land was zoned in the previous Development Plan			
	Important to keep a register of unused/derelict buildings			

#### 3.1.8 Closing date for submissions

A recurring theme at the public meetings was that the closing date for submissions should be extended. As discussed under Section 2.3, the formal period for submissions was a ten week period. The Planning and Development Act requires that the Manager prepare a report on any submissions or observations received, and on the matters arising out of any consultations, within 16 weeks of advertising for submissions. In order to allow sufficient time for compiling the manager's report and for the Councils to consider it, it was not possible to extend the closing date. There will be a further two rounds of public consultation in the plan preparation process and this was explained at each public meeting. In addition, comments are still being accepted on the Ourplan website, and these comments will be considered during the next (Draft) stage of the process.

### 3.2 Economic workshop

This workshop concentrated on the economic elements of the Development Plan. A number of issues were raised by the participants as summarised under various headings below. Similar to the approach taken to analysing the public meetings, each comment has been categorised into three as follows:

- 1. Development Plans will include or support
- 2. The review of the Plans will examine this issue
- 3. Not a Development Plan issue

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Heading	Issue	1	2	3
General	There is a need to take a longer term view to the development of Kilkenny than 6 years	Green		
	It is important to set ambitious targets in regard to economic development		Yellow	
	Development plan should include measures to assist existing businesses, not just policies for new business	Green		
	Sufficient business and industrial zoned land should be identified to attract key employers; this requires a partnership approach		Yellow	
	Agri-food is priority area for economic development of county		Yellow	
	Incentives to target development in certain areas		Yellow	
	Kilkenny needs to focus on its quality of life in order to attract business	Green		
	Is there sufficient zoned industrial land in Kilkenny?		Yellow	
	Can we provide advance high spec offices		Yellow	
	Development plans should be framed in a positive way	Green		
	Port at Belview merits discussion	Green		
Infrastructure	Development of infrastructure is critical, particularly roads linking Kilkenny city to the M8, upgrading of N76, N77 and N78 and improvements to Dublin-Kilkenny train frequency	Green		
	Traffic congestion in the city should be addressed, completion of the ring road would be a solution, improvements to public transport are also necessary. Parking and facilities for buses should be provided for.		Yellow	
	Public transport improvements are necessary		Yellow	
	Recognise importance of broadband, seek improvements to the connection speeds, particularly in District Towns like Castlecomer. Thomastown is well served. Kilkenny could seek to establish itself as a Google fibre location	Green		
	The Councils should examine provision of free wi-fi in strategic locations		Yellow	
Education /Skills	A third level institution is vital, possibly as a College of Art and Design		Yellow	
City development	Brewery site could be developed as a multicultural quarter to become a major tourist attraction		Yellow	
	City centre living needs to be incentivised		Yellow	
Retail	Any additional retail space permissions should not undermine the viability of existing areas, and there are sufficient retail warehousing units in the city. The mart site is a strategic opportunity for Kilkenny and the Plan should provide for this		Yellow	
	Need to take a balanced approach	Green		
	Rents in the city centre are high, which is difficult, but also a good indicator. High rents are a barrier to crafts enterprises			Red

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	Supply of retail space on High Street is small		Yellow	
	Mix of retail operations is necessary	Green		
Tourism	Graiguenamanagh should be marketed as an experience, possibly a corridor experience along the River Barrow			Red
	There is a lack of information on some tourism sites – e.g. King’s River valley			Red
	Kilkenny needs to attract independent tourists; bus tour tourists are not big spenders			Red
	Kilkenny’s festivals enhance the economy of the county and should continue to be supported			Red
	Rugby world cup – Kilkenny has potential to get involved			Red

### 3.3 Ourplan website

A total of 19 comments were made to the site during the submissions period. There were a number of topics covered by the comments. These comments were grouped under relevant headings and are summarised below. All comments made were published on the Ourplan site and were responded to where relevant. Any comments made on the site which did not relate to the Development Plans are not addressed in this report.

#### Brewery Site

This topic received the most (six) comments. A variety of uses were proposed for the site, namely for bottled water, a velodrome (cycling arena), a heritage attraction in the form of a corn mill or a third level institution. Ideas for the third level institution were discussed in detail. Three different options for such an institution were proposed; 1) a multi-faculty partner university developed in conjunction with a partner, such as Berkeley University in California, 2) a niche campus, such as the National College of Art & Design, or a film school or 3) a brewing academy. Any such third level institution could provide opportunities to other uses to locate on the site, such as an incubation centre for ICT start-ups with office/lab accommodation, renewable energy projects, rural development enterprises, cultural initiatives, recreational spaces and residential accommodation.

#### Response:

The brewery site is approximately 5.6 hectares (14 acres), located in a strategic location for the future expansion of the city. The site is sufficiently large to accommodate a range of uses appropriate to the city centre. The Development Plan should not be overly prescriptive in its approach to this site. It is envisaged that a range of objectives to be achieved in the development of the site will be set out in the Development Plan in such a way that any masterplan would be required to meet. The various suggestions outlined above offer a good basis on which to begin drafting a masterplan, and accordingly it is proposed to begin the process of masterplanning in the current year, incorporating provision for third level education/research and the extension of the linear park with Great Garden.

#### Pedestrian/cycle connectivity

One comment sought the reconstruction of the suspension bridge built by the Countess of Desart to link Talbot’s Inch village to the Greenvale woollen mills, which was destroyed by a

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flood in 1947. The suggestion was to construct it in the County Council grounds to connect the Canal Walk to the Lacken Walk.

Response: A number of short, medium and long-term possibilities are being considered to enhance connectivity across the River Nore as part of the overall plan for the Linear Park system in Kilkenny. Objectives will be included for greater connectivity between both sides of the river.

Another comment related to bikes in the city, suggesting that Kilkenny examine a bike rental scheme, such as the Dublin Bikes scheme. This comment also emphasised that cycle infrastructure must be prioritised.

Response: The Smarter Travel section in the Development Plans will address and prioritise cycling infrastructure in the city.

#### Aarhus Convention

A question was raised about the implications for the Plan of the ratification of the Aarhus Convention.

Response: Any Development Plan must be, as far as is practicable, be consistent with such national plans, policies or strategies as the Minister for Environment determines relate to proper planning and sustainable development. The Aarhus Convention is in the final stages of ratification by Ireland. This lays down a set of basic rules to promote citizen's involvement in environmental matters and improve enforcement of environmental law; its provisions are broken down into three Pillars: Access to Information, Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making and Access to Justice. Strategic Environmental Assessment (or SEA) is the formal evaluation of the likely significant environmental effects of implementing a plan. The Environmental Report on the outcome of the SEA will be published with the Draft Plans in 2013. Members of the public can make comments on the draft environmental report.

#### Bandstand in Castle Park

One comment suggested that a bandstand be located in Castle Park.

Response: The Castle and the adjacent park are in state ownership and are managed and controlled by the Office of Public Works (OPW). Liaison with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland will be carried out during the preparation of the Development Plan, and this suggestion will be raised with them.

#### Biodiversity

A question was raised about the biodiversity policy for land in the Councils' control.

Response: There is no specific written or operational policy for biodiversity on council owned property. There is merit in the suggestion of having a biodiversity policy and/or objective and having this in the relevant Development Plans. This will be examined in the review process. It is not a straightforward issue in terms of day to day operations and would require staff and financial resources in awareness raising and training across the local authority. This is an issue that can also be raised through fora such as the Heritage Forum which is tasked with implementation of the Biodiversity plan and the Heritage plan for the County, particularly in view of the current review of the Heritage Plan.

#### Aerodrome

This comment suggested that Policy IE29 from the 2008 Development Plan: *"Support the continued development of airport facilities at Kilkenny Aerodrome"* be reinstated.

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Response: The Council recognises the significance of having an airfield within easy reach of the city, and will continue to support airport facilities for the city.

#### **3.4 Written submissions**

A total of 42 submissions were received, each of which is summarised in the table below. In addition to the 42 submissions, two submissions were received from the South East Regional Authority, and in line with Section 11(4)(bc) of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010, the issues raised in those submissions are summarised first and the recommendations of the Manager in relation to those issues are outlined.

##### **3.4.1.1 South East Regional Authority Submission**

Two submissions were received, one for each plan, however they are both identical, so will be addressed jointly here.

Summary of Regional Authority Submission	Manager’s Recommendations
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Draft Plan should be consistent with the Regional Planning Guidelines for the South-East Region 2010-2022 and, in particular, the population targets contained in Section 3 and Appendix</li> <li>2. The Core Strategy must be clear, concise and logical.</li> <li>3. In developing a Core Strategy, there should be careful consideration by the Councils of the implications of the population targets for achieving the best distribution of residential development, employment and other development and services within the plan area.</li> <li>4. There should be consideration as to the best use of land having regard to the location, scale and density of new development and its potential to benefit from and support public transport and infrastructure services.</li> <li>5. The Planning Authority should satisfy themselves that the draft development plan is fully compliant with the requirements in relation to ‘Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (Cities, Towns &amp; Villages)’, DOEHLG 2009.</li> <li>6. The Draft Plan should promote an integrated approach to planning for land-use and transportation, particularly for large scale development sites involving the promotion of sustainable transportation / smarter travel policies.</li> <li>7. The Draft Plan should set objectives to provide for physical, economic and social infrastructure in the plan area in a manner which promotes balanced regional development.</li> <li>8. There should be clear alignment of the housing, settlement, economic and retail objectives of the Draft Plan and its Core Strategy with the RPGs.</li> <li>9. The Planning Authority should satisfy themselves that the proposed draft plan is fully compliant with the requirements of the RPGs in relation to Flood Risk Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment, all relevant EU Directives, the Water Framework Directive and associated documents.</li> <li>10. In order to facilitate timely responses by the Regional Authority in the forthcoming Development Plan review process, it is recommended that an overall timetable be developed to identify the various phases of the plan preparation where Regional Authority input is required, having due regard to the statutory requirements and timelines set down in the Planning Act.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Draft Plans will be consistent with the RPG population targets.</li> <li>2-4. The Core Strategies will follow these principles.</li> <li>5. The Draft Plans will be compliant with the Guidelines.</li> <li>6. The Draft Plans will promote an integrated approach to planning for land-use and transportation.</li> <li>7-8. The Draft Plans will set objectives in line with the RPGs.</li> <li>9. The Draft Plans will be compliant in these regards.</li> <li>10. A timetable has been developed and is included in Appendix A.</li> </ol>

<b>GENERAL SUBMISSIONS</b>				
<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Name/Group</b>	<b>City/ County</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Manager's Opinion &amp; Recommendation</b>
P1	St. Patrick's De La Salle, 6 <sup>th</sup> Class	City	1) Would like to see improved shopping choice and hurling and recreational facilities. 2) Suggest an adventure centre for the Brewery site.	1) Comments will be addressed in the Retail Strategy & Recreation chapter in the Draft Plan. 2) All brewery site suggestions will be considered in the formulation of Brewery site objectives.
P2	St. John's Senior School, 6 <sup>th</sup> class	City	1) Suggest improvements to recreational facilities for children e.g. another sports centre & astro turf beside St. John's Senior School. 2) Suggest indoor water park for Brewery site. 3) A Tesco should be located in the Mart site.	1) Recreation chapter will include objectives for improved recreational facilities where an evidenced based need is identified. Uses for the site beside St. John's School will be examined in the Plan. 2) All brewery site suggestions will be considered in the formulation of Brewery site objectives. 3) Appropriate sites for retail and the various store formats will be considered in the Retail Strategy.
P3	Michael Kavanagh	Both	1) The Brewery site is an opportunity for renewable energies e.g. hydro on River Breagagh. 2) The Councils should implement an Energy Management System. 3) Consider broadening out policies for Auto-producers under the Wind Energy Development Strategy.	1) All brewery site suggestions will be considered in the formulation of Brewery site objectives. 2) The Councils have a Climate Change Strategy & Energy Efficiency Action Plan 2010-2014, linkages between this & the Development Plan will be considered. 3) Policies for auto producers will be reviewed and amended as appropriate as part of the Wind Energy Development Strategy.
P4	Irish Concrete Federation	County	1) Suggests the Council determines future	1) GSI's Aggregate Potential Mapping will be

			extraction areas using GSI Aggregate Potential Mapping & protects any such areas. 2) Suggests the adoption of standard conditions in relation to long term permissions, operating hours & after-use of extraction sites. 3) Suggests a policy statement for inclusion in the Plan in relation to aggregates.	incorporated into the Plan with relevant policies as appropriate. 2-3) Policies in relation to aggregates and conditions on permissions will be examined as part of the Draft Plans.
P5	George Doyle	County	1) Seeks that the area around Cullintra, Bishopslands, Ballavarra & Ballgrub be included as suitable for wind energy development	1) This area, east of Inistioge, around Mount Brandon, is at present zoned as Not Normally Permissible in the Wind Energy Development Strategy. A strategic approach will be taken to Wind Energy Development, and this should dictate which areas are suitable or unsuitable for wind farm development.
P6	Martin Gittens	City	1) Suggests a range of uses for the Brewery site including a park, office, cultural/tourism use, retail & residential.	1) All brewery site suggestions will be considered in the formulation of Brewery site objectives.
P7	Dept. of Education and Skills	Both	1) This sets out the Dept's policies in relation to schools and the total land requirement. 2) The Councils are referred to the Technical Guidance Document on schools and the Guidelines on Sustainable Residential Dev in Urban Areas and the Code of Practice for Planning Authorities. 3) Land adjacent to schools should be protected for future expansion.	1) These standards will be consulted in the preparation of the Draft Plans. 2) These 3 documents will be considered in the drafting of the Plans. 3) Land adjacent to schools will be protected for future educational use where feasible.
P8	Michael McCormack NRA	Both	1) The Councils should have regard to the Spatial Planning & National Roads Guidelines. 2) Appropriate Strategic Transport Assessment should be undertaken	1) The Plans shall have regard to these Guidelines and their provisions in the making of the Plans. 2) The process of making the Plan will include consideration of impacts on

			as part of the Plan. 3) Suggests the plan should include objectives providing for development & protection of national road schemes, five of which are listed. 4) Integration of land use and transportation should be a strategic principle. 5) Plan should contain requirement that applications be accompanied by Traffic/Transport Assessment and Road Safety Audits as appropriate. 6) Council are referred to NRA policy on Provision of Tourist & Leisure Signage 7) Council are referred to the requirements of S.I. No. 140 of 2006 in relation to noise.	the efficiency & capacity of the road networks. 3) Details of national road schemes & objectives in relation to them will be included in the Infrastructure chapter. 4) The core strategy will integrate land use and transportation. 5) Requirements for applications will be examined as part of the Infrastructure and Development management chapters. 6) This policy will be reviewed. 7) This legislation will be reviewed and its requirements incorporated as appropriate.
P9	Tom McDonald, KLP	County	1) Include support for two recreational projects in Graiguenamanagh in the Plan; the Outdoor Tourism hub at the Pitch n Putt site in Graig, and outdoor tourism in the Barrow Valley area	1) Reference to both of these projects will be included in the Recreation chapter.
P10	Barry Monaghan, Monaco	City	1) The Plan should prepare and include an integrated road network for Leggetsrath. 2) The Plan should provide for national business operators to set up regional offices in Leggetsrath. 3) The Plan should include an objective for the provision of infrastructure in Leggetsrath.	1) Appropriate policies for the development of the Leggetsrath area, including its road network, will be examined in the Plan. 2) The Economic chapter will generally include for the encouragement of national business operators to Kilkenny. 3) Same as 1 above.
P11	Ted Walsh	County	1) Seeks that the area around Croghan Hills be included as suitable for wind energy development, but that Brandon Hill continue to be not acceptable.	This area, west of Graiguenamanagh, around Mount Brandon, is at present zoned as Not Normally Permissible in the Wind Energy Development Strategy. A strategic approach will be taken to Wind Energy Development,

				and this should dictate which areas are suitable or unsuitable for wind farm development.
P12	Louise Pembroke	County	1) The requirements in relation to Areas under Urban Influence in the rural housing policy should be relaxed to accommodate people who have grown up in edge of urban/rural areas.	1) The Rural housing policy will be reviewed as part of the Plan having regard to the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines and policies for each category of area will be reviewed to ensure they remain appropriate.
P13	Eugene Pembroke	County	1) The requirements in relation to Areas under Urban Influence in the rural housing policy should be relaxed to accommodate people indigenous to the area.	1) The current policy for Areas under Urban Influence does allow for people who have grown up in the local area. The rural housing policy will be reviewed as part of the Plan and policies for each category of area will be reviewed to ensure they remain appropriate.
P14	Richard Walsh	County	1) The wind strategy should not be altered just to facilitate development of wind farms in one area. 2) Area around Tullaghought has tourism potential, the hills of Kilmacoliver, Windgap, Frankfort and Blackbog (the following townlands; Blackbog, Boolyglass, Ballintekin, Barnadown, Carrigetna, Brownstown, Newchurch, Raheenarran and Ballygowan) should be included in not normally permissible category due to their heritage significance and impact on the loop walk. 3) Majority of areas deemed suitable for wind energy have not been utilised; there is no need to increase these areas.	1-2) A strategic approach will be taken to Wind Energy Development, and this should dictate which areas are suitable or unsuitable for wind farm development. 3) The review of the Wind Energy Development Strategy will include an examination of how the existing policies are operating.

<p>P15</p>	<p>Kilkenny Archaeological Society</p>	<p>Both</p>	<p><b>Kilkenny City &amp; County</b>                  1) Implement the policies related to heritage &amp; environment which are not fully completed. 2) Require new housing estates to have a variety of designs. 3) Increase the provision of information for buildings of note. 4) Make more archaeological information available to the public. 5) Completion of ring road should be given priority over Central Access Scheme. 6) Include Buildings in National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) in the Record of Protected Structures (RPS). 7) Enforce policies on derelict sites.</p> <p><b>Kilkenny City</b>                  8) Includes suggestions for changes to Architectural Conservation Area policies. 9) Use of bollards should be limited. 10) The preservation of the Pleasure House (Tea Room) on Bateman Quay should be</p>	<p>1) All policies will be reviewed as part of the new Plans and will be retained/deleted and/or amended where appropriate. 2) The Departmental Guidelines on Sustainable Residential Development promote variety in housing types and tenure; the Guidelines will be adhered to in the Plans. 3) A street-naming and interpretation scheme is underway in the Borough and this includes for a plaque on all buildings of note. The monoliths included as part of this scheme also give information on the buildings of note. 4) All archaeological information recorded as part of planning applications is available to the public at the planning counter and a large number of planning files are also available on the Council’s website. 5) Policies for road infrastructure will be addressed in the Infrastructure Chapter. Phasing of road objectives will be addressed in the development as appropriate. 6) Work on the incorporation of buildings on the NIAH into the RPS is underway. Policies in relation to this will be reviewed in the Heritage chapter. 7) Policies in relation to Derelict sites will be reviewed. 8) ACA policies will be reviewed in the Heritage chapter. 9) Bollards are used to prevent cars from mounting the footpath and the slim line metal bollards are the least obstructive.</p>
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<p>P15</p>	<p>Kilkenny Archaeological Society</p>		<p>prioritised. 11) Dean Street should be upgraded to include planting &amp; green areas. 12) Tree planting should be undertaken on College Road. 13) The list of Trees Worthy of Preservation in the city should be transposed into Tree Preservation Orders. 14) Brewery site should include prioritisation of St. Francis Abbey, could include a micro-brewery and a car-park. 15) Walks in the city should be connected.</p> <p><b>Kilkenny County</b> 16) Policies are suggested in relation to Callan, Thomastown and Castlecomer.</p>	<p>Following the implementation of any shared space scheme all traffic management measures, including the use of bollards are reviewed. 10) The Pleasure House (NIAH ref 12000204) will be recommended for addition to the RPS. 11) Planting &amp; landscaping was recently carried out but there is no scope for a green area. This could be re-examined following completion of the Central Access Scheme.</p> <p>12) There is insufficient width on the College Road footpath to provide for trees in addition to footpaths and cycleways. The Plan will include a general policy in relation to tree planting.</p> <p>13) Tree Preservation Orders can be made by the Council, having regard to the amenity importance of trees and the degree of risk to which they are considered to be exposed. The Draft Plan could include an objective for review of the Trees Worthy of Preservation and to make TPOs as appropriate. 14) All brewery site suggestions will be considered in the formulation of Brewery site objectives. 15) A strategy for the enhancement of green infrastructure in the city will be included in the Recreation chapter.</p> <p>16) Each of these towns is subject to a Local Area Plan, which deals with development in each of these areas.</p>
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P16	Mairead Phelan	County	1) Seeks that the Council improve its communication with people objecting to planning applications.	1) Any member of the public can obtain advice and assistance from the Planning Department when commenting on a planning application. Information on this is also included on the Council's webpage.
P17	Philomena Cronin	County	1) The area around Tullaghought has tourism potential, the hills of Kilmacoliver, Windgap, Frankfort and Blackbog (the following townlands; Blackbog, Boolyglass, Ballintekin, Barnadown, Carrigetna, Brownstown, Newchurch, Raheenarran and Ballygowan) should be included in not normally permissible category due to their heritage significance and impact on the loop walk.	1) A strategic approach will be taken to Wind Energy Development, and this should dictate which areas are suitable or unsuitable for wind farm development.
P18	An Taisce, Declan Murphy	Both	<p><b>General</b></p> <p>1) Implement the policies related to heritage &amp; environment which are not fully completed. 2) All policies must be proofed against climate change and biodiversity loss. 3) Proof plans against all national and EU laws &amp; policies. 4) Subject plans to SEA &amp; AA.</p> <p><b>Traffic, Roads, Transport</b></p> <p>5) Increase emphasis on Smarter Travel. 6) Ring-road completion should be prioritised over Central Access Scheme. 7) Provide pavement along Kells Road.</p> <p>8) Improve pedestrian/cycle route from Kilcreene Hospital to city centre. 9) Provide park 'n' ride/stride at the edge of the city and the major towns. 10) Improve public</p>	<p>1) All policies will be reviewed as part of the new Plans and will be retained where appropriate. 2) This will be done as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment. 3) This is required by law and will be done as part of SEA. 4) Plans will be subject to SEA &amp; AA.</p> <p>5) Plans will have a focus on Smarter Travel. 6) Policies for road infrastructure will be addressed in the Infrastructure Chapter. 7) The provision of a footpath along the Kells Road is well underway, and the scheme will be completed by early 2013.</p> <p>8) Improvements to the route to Kilcreene will follow after implementation of the Central Access Scheme. A policy will be included in the plan to this effect.</p>

<p>P18</p>	<p>An Taisce, Declan Murphy</p>	<p>transport in the city. 11) A secondary school should be planned for east of the Nore – e.g. in Mart site. 12) Enforce &amp; negotiate to prevent large trucks accessing the city centre during busy times. 13) Reduce speed limits on minor rural roads.</p> <p><b>Bicycles, cycling</b>          14) Appoint a cycling officer. 15) Upgrade cycling facilities. 16) Require that planning applications include access plan for cycle &amp; pedestrians. 17) Encourage cycling instruction and training. 18) Cycling route maps should be made available.</p> <p><b>Pedestrians</b>          19) Appoint a Pedestrian Officer. 20) Pedestrians should be prioritised at traffic</p>	<p>9) Opportunities for park n ride sites in the future will be examined as part of the Plans. 10) Opportunities for improvements to public transport will be examined as part of the Plans. 11) An assessment of needs for schools will form part of the Plan analysis, in conjunction with the Dept. of Education and skills. 12) The Council have produced by-laws in this regard, which must be enforced by the Gardai. 13) In rural areas generally the national default speed limit applies. It would be very unusual to introduce a special speed limit in a rural location as it would set a precedent. Generally special speed limits are only applied in urban areas or where there is a particular risk for example at a rural school. A review of the Speed Limit schedule is undertaken every couple of years. 14-15) A comprehensive review of cycling policy will form part of the Plans. 16) This will be examined as part of the Development management chapter in the Plans. 17) Cycling awareness is carried out as part of the Smarter Travel initiative. This includes an annual Smarter Travel Day with demonstrations on the Parade. Cycling initiatives in schools are encouraged under the Road Safety Awareness campaign. 18) Opportunities for cycling routes and maps will be examined as part of the Plans. 19) A review of pedestrian facilities and access will form part of the Plans. 20) Traffic</p>
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<p>P18</p>	<p>An Taisce, Declan Murphy</p>	<p>lights with shorter wait times in the city, such as at St. Canice’s steps. 21) Pavements should be constructed on roads without paths in the city, such as the Kells Road. 22) Designated pedestrian paths should be provided in rural areas where practicable, or provide safety features in road markings or signage. 23) Cobble lock in paving is hazardous, limestone slabs or granite cobbles should be used. 24) Limestone or granite paving should be used in Architectural Conservation Areas.</p> <p><b>Shared Space</b></p> <p>25) Shared space must be accompanied by appropriate information. 26) Drivers should have alternative routes to shared space routes. 27) Pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair users must be informed and reassured that they will be safe within the shared space environment.</p> <p><b>Planning, design</b></p> <p>28) The rivers should be addressed in city centre planning and in county towns. 29) Housing estates should provide permeability for walking &amp; cycling &amp; gated estates discouraged. 30) Roads in housing estates should avoid play areas. 31) Dezoning should be undertaken. 32) Priority should be given to brownfield sites. 33) Ghost estates with no prospect of sale or completion should be demolished. 34) Nursing homes &amp; retirement centres should</p>	<p>volumes have to be balanced to avoid congestion. The crossing at St. Canice’s is a detection system, which reacts to demand. 21) The path on the Kells Road is due for completion by early 2013. 22) The Plan will examine the need for pedestrian facilities and/or traffic calming schemes for any relevant rural area. 23) Cobble lock is not considered hazardous. Limestone slabs are unsuitable for underfoot and granite cobbles have a large cost implication.</p> <p>24) Paving in ACA’s is selected in accordance with the relevant policies for the ACA. 25-27) Policies related to any proposed shared space scheme will address these issues.</p> <p>28) Policies in relation to how the city addresses the river will be included in the City Plan. Planning policies for the 4 District towns are set out in their Local Area Plans. 29-30) Policies on residential development will comply with the Guidelines on Residential Development, Urban Design Manual which provides guidance on these issues. 31-32) The Plans must now contain a Core Strategy which is an evidence-based approach linking the zoning of land to population projections. This Core Strategy</p>
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<p>P18</p>	<p>An Taisce, Declan Murphy</p>	<p>be located within population centres. Redundant institutional buildings should be converted for this use. 35) Support the reuse of empty commercial units for alternative uses and limit residential and commercial development to areas within existing town boundaries. 36) Prioritise enforcement of conditions. 37) Inspect construction sites for building regulation compliance. 38) Open a telephone hotline for reporting of illegal demolition of buildings.</p> <p><b>Leisure</b> 39) Extend the adult playground at the linear park to other parks and towns.</p> <p>40) Connect the Linear Park to Green Street</p>	<p>will set out the amount of zoned land required. 33) The Council has an Unfinished Estates team who are actively pursuing resolution for all unfinished estates. The Plans should address policies for unfinished estates. 34) Residential development is encouraged to locate within the designated towns and villages identified in the Core Strategy. The new Plans will continue this emphasis in accordance with Government guidelines. 35) Suitable policies to encourage the reuse of empty commercial units will be examined in the drafting of the Plans. The Core Strategy will set out the zoning requirements and land will be zoned accordingly, the Plan will recognise and plan for the possibility of longer-term growth in a sustainable manner. 36) The Council has a dedicated Enforcement section which responds to all queries. 37) Regular inspections of sites are carried out in accordance with the Building Control Act. 38) The Council's Enforcement section can be contacted from Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. There is also an out of hours Council emergency number available.</p> <p>39) Tone Zones are already in place in Thomastown, Castlecomer, Callan and in the River Nore Linear Park. Policies for Tone Zones will be examined in the Recreation chapter.</p> <p>40) A strategy for enhancing connectivity</p>
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<p>P18</p>	<p>An Taisce, Declan Murphy</p>		<p>by a path or board walk.                  41) Consult with residents in advance of implementing playgrounds. 42) Provide a skateboarding facility in Kilkenny and in other towns. 43) Provide outdoor public facilities such as chessboards and table tennis tables.</p> <p><b>Built Heritage</b>                  44) Include buildings on NIAH in the RPS. 45) Allow benefits or allowances to owners of Protected Structures. 46) Make online info relating to the RPS more user-friendly.</p>	<p>between the City’s walks and parks will be included in the City Plan. 41) All playgrounds are subject to a Part 8 process, which is a planning application process for developments carried out by the Local Authority. This includes site and public notices. The Parks Dept also conduct informal consultations with local residents by holding a local public meeting, and have also consulted with the children in the neighbouring schools. 42) The principle of a skateboard park is acknowledged, but there is no agreement at present for an appropriate site location within the city. This will be examined in the review of the Plan. The need for a skateboarding facility will be monitored in other towns in the County. 43) This idea has been referred to Parks and any possibility for such facilities will be examined under the Recreation chapter. 44) Work on incorporation of the buildings on the NIAH into the RPS is underway. Policies in relation to this will be reviewed in the Heritage chapter. 45) A Conservation Grant Scheme is administered by the Conservation Officer for works to Protected Structures. 46) The Plans will provide for greater information in relation to protected structures. Mapping of the RPS is under way and when this is completed this information will be made available. Policies or actions in relation to the provision of information on</p>
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			<p>56) Encourage hydropower for use on site.                      57) Dispose of organic waste &amp; food waste in a sustainable way, which may require biodigester and a three bin collection system.</p> <p><b>Light Pollution</b>                      58) Control street lighting and floodlighting so that unnecessary spillage of light is avoided.</p> <p><b>Sound Pollution</b>                      59) Control amplification in public spaces</p> <p><b>Diageo Site</b>                      60) Buildings should be a continuation of the architectural style of that area of the city.                      61) The quayside should be a public open space and facilities for canoeists and kayakers should be included on the site. 62) Site could include renewable energies. 63) The disused hydro corn mill could be restored. 64) There should be an emphasis on community facilities and small craft enterprises. 65) The foundations of the Smithwicks buildings could be reused. 66) A microbrewery on the site should be explored.</p> <p><b>Retail</b>                      67) Develop no further edge of town centres. Consider actions to improve the retail environment.</p>	<p>Wind Energy Dev. Strategy.                      56-57) Hydropower and organic &amp; food waste will be examined under the Renewable Energies section of the Plans.                      58) Policies in relation to floodlighting and street lighting will be included in the plans.                      59) The Development Plan only has a role in conditioning noise standards for developments that require planning permission. Criteria for assessing noise from developments will be set out in the Dev. Management sections of the plans.                      60-66) All brewery site suggestions will be considered in the formulation of Brewery site objectives.</p> <p>67) The Retail Strategy will contain policies and objectives for retailing in the city and county.</p>
P19	Conaitheoir (Resident)	Both	<p><b>Settlement and context</b>                      1) The Council should maintain positive links</p>	<p>1) This is done through work on the Regional Authority and various other bodies.</p>

<p>P19</p>	<p>Conaitheoir (Resident)</p>	<p>with surrounding Councils. 2) Give recognition to settlements in South Kilkenny; Belview &amp; Ferrybank.  <b>Natural Heritage and Conservation</b>                  3) Suggests operational measures in relation to biodiversity. 4) Suggests operational measures in relation to dogs and litter in parks. 5) The council should liaise with the Gardai in relation to outdoor illegal drinking. 6) Broken branches should be removed from upstream of bridges after storms. 7) Recommends that young people and adult volunteers be more involved in environmental initiatives. 8) Covering up of graffiti should be done with the same colour paint. 9) A survey of road kills should be carried out after car-racing on rural roads.</p> <p><b>Community</b>                  10) Support the charter “Make Home Work”. 11) Continue tone zones facilities in the parks. 12) Provide bus shelters where there is an obvious need.</p>	<p>2) The Development Plan will set out the Settlement hierarchy which recognises Ferrybank as the second largest centre in the county.                  3) Policies on, and references to the Biodiversity plan will be included in both plans. 4) This is not a Dev. Plan issue but has been referred to the Parks dept . 5) The Council sits on the Joint Policing Committee where this issue is often raised, so there is ongoing liaison with the Gardaí through the JPC. 6) The plans include a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment which addresses all aspects of flooding. The OPW are responsible for all works in rivers. 7) The Council supports many local voluntary environmental community groups, such as Keep Kilkenny Beautiful. The Council’s Environmental Awareness Officer is involved in the An Taisce Green Schools programme. 8) The Local authority has a policy to match paints, however other agencies and private property owners also engage in graffiti removal. 9) This is not a Dev Plan issue.</p> <p>10) This Charter, as compiled by Older &amp; Bolder, will be examined in conjunction with the universal design concept for incorporation into the Plans. 11) Policies for provision of outdoor facilities will be addressed in the Recreation chapters. 12) Bus shelters are being provided at various</p>
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<p>P19</p>	<p>Conaitheoir (Resident)</p>		<p>13) Outdoor seating should include back and arm rests. 14) Use the empty huts on Gaol Road for community purposes. 15) Green space should not be removed unless there are very good reasons.</p> <p><b>Transport</b></p> <p>16) Build a bridge north of Green’s bridge to remove traffic from Green’s bridge. 17) Improve pedestrian/cycle linkages in the city with increased bridges. 18) Provide public transport to link estates to services. 19) Improve cycling infrastructure; including sheltered cycle parking bays and lanes. 20) Develop a walking route along the disused railway track between the City and Castlecomer.</p>	<p>locations in accordance with the Smarter Travel programme and will be included as objectives for the City and County. 13) In the main, all seats include back and armrests and the seats on the Parade that don’t are being retro-fitted.</p> <p>14) These buildings are not in Council ownership. Adequacy of community facilities will be examined in the Plans. 15) Policies will be included in the Plans for the protection of green spaces.</p> <p>16) Permission has been granted for a new bridge, south of Green’s Bridge as part of the Central Access Scheme. This scheme will alleviate traffic from Green’s Bridge. 17) The Plans will examine a number of short, medium and long-term possibilities to enhance connectivity across the River Nore as part of the overall plan for the Linear Park system in Kilkenny. 18) Opportunities for improvements to public transport will be examined as part of the Plans. 19) The Smarter Travel section in the Development Plans will focus on achieving modal shift from cars to other means of transport and improvements to cycle infrastructure in the plans will be address and prioritised in that context. 20) A feasibility study is being prepared in conjunction with Laois County Council, Trail Kilkenny and Abbeyleix Community Development at present. The Dev. Plan will take account of this feasibility</p>
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		<p>21) Move the cycle track on the Callan Road onto the road. 22) Improve safety for walkers on rural roads through reducing speed limits in villages such as Dunmore. 23) Dispose of water from gutters under footpaths to prevent freezing. 24) The new signage is not readable, and there is an error in James' Green. 25) Pedestrian crossing signs/poles should be exclusively for pedestrians, unlike the one at Green's Bridge. 26) Speed limit sign for 100 kph on the Kells road is inappropriate. 27) Supports the one way system. 28) Water should be free from fluoride and aluminium.</p>	<p>study.</p> <p>21) Extensive public consultation was carried out for improvements on the College Road. The cycle lane is partially on the path and partially on the road, however the cycle path is not adjacent to the wall.</p> <p>22) Any alterations to the speed limit on the national road network require NRA and An Garda Síochána consent. The NRA is slow to consent to any reduced speed limit as it increases journey time. In the case of Dunmore, Kilkenny County Council applied to the NRA for a special speed limit in 2008 but consent was not forthcoming.</p> <p>23) Where possible, water is disposed of under the path, if the surface water system is in place. In some cases, due to the depth of the path, this is not possible.</p> <p>24) The font and size of new signage is aimed at pedestrians and is legible to most from the street. The Irish translations were taken from the official Irish translation service; <a href="http://logainm.ie">logainm.ie</a></p> <p>25) Pedestrian crossing signs/poles should be exclusively for pedestrians, and the signage at Green's Bridge has been removed.</p> <p>26) This speed limit sign gives advance warning of the higher speeds applicable on the ring-road, and is appropriate at this location. There are also signs in place to warn of the roundabout.</p> <p>27) The Plans will address traffic</p>
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				management in the City. 28) Water supplied by Kilkenny County Council is within national limits for fluoride and aluminium levels.
P20	Brendan Sheahan	City	1) Suggests the Council acquisition of the MacDonagh car park on the Dublin Road to form a plaza. 2) Supports a College of Art & Design at the Brewery site. 3) Suggests a rooftop linear walkway along John Street.	1) This site is in private ownership and permission exists for a hotel on the site. The possibility of a plaza in this general location could be examined in any subsequent planning application on this site. An objective could be included for a plaza at this location. 2) All brewery site suggestions will be considered in the Brewery site objectives. 3) Such a rooftop walkway would require a dedicated project team, this could be investigated over the life of the next Plan. Methods of enhancing connectivity between MacDonagh and the High Street will be examined in the Plan.
P21	Premier Broadband, C/o Peter Thomson	County	1) Requests a policy to recognise the need for rural broadband and acknowledge the difficulties for smaller telecommunications providers. 2) Requests waiver on all Development Contributions for small scale providers under the Rural Broadband Scheme.	1) The provision of broadband in rural areas will be addressed in the Plan and appropriate policies inserted. 2) The Development Contribution Scheme will be revised and submissions from interested parties will be requested and considered as part of that process.
P22	MacDonagh Junction Developments c/o Tom Phillips & Associates	Both	1) Suggests that the retail policy encourages appropriate new retail/mixed use development into existing centres rather than greenfield sites. 2) Suggest 3 <sup>rd</sup> level facility on Brewery site. 3) States traffic flows are a concern; the one way system was an improvement, the new bridge	1) Retail policy in the Plans will follow the Govt. Guidelines on Retail Planning (2012) which broadly support the consolidation of existing town and city centres. 2) All brewery site suggestions will be considered in the formulation of Brewery site objectives. 3) Permission has been granted for the bridge

			proposed as part of Central Access Scheme would alleviate congestion.	as part of the Central Access Scheme, it is proposed that work on this will start in 2013. The one way system will be re-examined after implementation of the CAS.
P23	Keep Ireland Open Roger Garland	Both	<p>1) Presumes the Council is monitoring the review of the Wexford Plan and that the Councils are liaising. 2) Suggests a number of formatting changes. 3) Incorporate Regional Planning Guidelines where relevant. 4) Include the list of mandatory development objectives from the Act. 5) Include reference to the Plan’s consistency with the National Spatial Strategy. 6) Include reference to consistency with Departmental Guidelines, instead of ‘have regard to’. 7) Include reference to consistency with the RPGs and name the counties. 8) Include reference to taking account of the plans of adjoining counties and name the counties.</p> <p><b>Rural Development</b></p> <p>9) Include reference to commonage and rough grazing land as an environmental/recreational resource. 10) Include section on the fencing of open land. 11) Include policies on extractive industries in relation to protection of rights of way. 12) Include policies in relation to rights of way and walking routes in Forestry section. 13) Restrict forestry on ridge lines and steep slopes. 14) Include a list of recreational forests. 15) Include a policy to discourage new non-broadleaf forestry development in</p>	<p>1) The Plans will have regard to all adjoining plans. 2) Formatting changes will be considered in the drafting of the Plans. 3) Plans will have regard to the RPGs. 4) Mandatory objectives are listed in Appendix B of this report, and all of these must be included in the Plans. 5) The Plans will be consistent with the NSS. 6) The Act requires Plans have regard to all Departmental Guidelines. 7) The Plans will be consistent with the RPGs and the relevant counties could be named. 8) This could be referenced.</p> <p><b>Rural Development</b></p> <p>9) This reference will be included under the Rural Development chapter. 10) A policy on fencing will be considered as part of the Rural development chapter. 11) The policies for extractive industries will include for the protection of walking routes and rights of way. 12) Policies in relation to Forestry will include reference to protection of rights of way. 13) Policies in relation to Forestry and its impact on visual amenity will be examined in the review of the Landscape Character Assessment. 14) A list will be included. 15) Policies for restriction of forestry in certain</p>

<p>P23</p>	<p>Keep Ireland Open Roger Garland</p>	<p>certain areas. 16) Include policy to promote, encourage and seek funding for woodlands.</p> <p><b>Recreation, Tourism and the Arts</b>          17) Suggests formatting changes to the existing plan and listing of activities that the Council will support. 18) Include a range of policies in relation to the improvement and consolidation of walking and cycling infrastructure, including references to their upgrading, references to the National Trails Strategy, maps, signposting, awareness campaigns, supporting local groups, guides, car parking areas. 19) List the National trails, Slí na Sláinte and other defined walking and cycling routes in the Plans and state that additional routes will be updated on the website. 20) Develop a Walking and Cycling Policy/Strategy within two years of the Plan. 21) Preserve routes by prohibiting the intrusion of development &amp; considering impacts on the routes from any planning applications. 22) Include policy on bridle paths. 23) Promote greenways and linear parks. 24) Support the improvement of access to the countryside with Comhairle na Tuaithe. 25) Develop a strategy for promotion of cycling &amp; walking in line with Smarter Travel. 26) Suggests a range of policies and text to cover rights of way, including their maintenance, promotion,</p>	<p>sensitive areas will be examined under policies for the protection of such areas, e.g. SACs. 16) Policies for the promotion of woodlands will be examined.</p> <p><b>Recreation, Tourism and the Arts</b>          17) The Recreation &amp; tourism section will be comprehensively reviewed, and any listing of activities will be incorporated as necessary. 18) The Plan will include a review of Cycling and Walking infrastructure and the suggested policies in this regard will be incorporated as appropriate. 19) The Plan will include a list of these routes. 20) The Plan will examine the possibility of drawing up such a strategy. 21) The Plan will include policies for the protection of views from scenic routes from inappropriate development. 22) Bridle paths will be examined as part of the Recreation chapter. 23-24) Policies will be included in this regard. 25) Smarter Travel policies will be dealt with in detail in the new Plans. 26) Policies in relation to Rights of way are a mandatory objective suitable policies and objectives will be included in the Plans.</p>
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<p>P23</p>	<p>Keep Ireland Open Roger Garland</p>	<p>extension, listing, mapping, awareness, signposting and protection.</p> <p><b>Heritage</b>                  27) Alter the text in relation to the Heritage Plan. 28) Include section on World Heritage Sites. 29) Include map and policy for County Geological sites. 30) Include section on waterway corridors including policies for their maintenance and protection, access to, riparian zones and walking routes. 31) Include policy to preserve commonage and other hill land. 32) Include reference to possibility of designating National parks and Special Amenity areas. 33) Include policy on access to archaeological sites.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure &amp; Environment</b>                  34) Include policy on opening a walk/cycleway adjacent to the Waterford-New Ross rail line. 35) Complete a feasibility study of the use of the former Kilkenny to Portlaoise rail line as a walk/cycleway. Where feasible, separate walking/cycling trails should be provided. 36) Include policy to identify rights of way and established walking routes prior to new wind energy developments and prohibit them if they</p>	<p><b>Heritage</b>                  27) Text of this section will be reviewed and altered with the appropriate references to the Heritage Plan. 28) There are no World Heritage sites in Co. KK and there are no sites being considered on the Irish tentative list of WH sites. Designation of the tentative list is a function of the Dept. of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. 29) A map of any Geological sites will be included in the Plans and appropriate policies added for their protection. 30) The Plans will deal with waterway corridors in the context of protection of SAC's, NHA's SPA's recreation and amenity policies for the County's rivers. 31) Policies in this regard will be examined. 32) Possible opportunities for this will be examined as part of the Plans. 33) Such a policy will be included in the plans.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure &amp; Environment</b>                  34) This will be examined as part of the Recreation chapter. 35) A feasibility study is being prepared in conjunction with Laois County Council, Trail Kilkenny and Abbeyleix Community Development at present. The Dev. Plan will take account of this feasibility study. 36) The Wind Energy Development Strategy is being reviewed as part of this Plan and this should include policies in relation to walking routes and rights of way. 37) Such a</p>
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<p>P23</p>	<p>Keep Ireland Open Roger Garland</p>		<p>impact thereon. 37) In relation to hydro energy, include a policy that developments should not interfere with rights of way and access tracks. 38) Include policies regarding rights of way and telecommunications antennae, and policies on the impacts of telecoms infrastructure on the landscape.</p> <p><b>Requirements for New Development</b> 39) Include a section on golf courses, with a policy to identify existing rights of way and walking routes prior to new golf course development. 40) Include a section on Enforcement.</p>	<p>policy should be included in the Hydro section. 38) Policies for telecom communications will be in accordance with the (1996) Guidelines Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures as amended by Circular P07/12.</p> <p><b>Requirements for New Development</b> 39) Policies on Rights of way and their protection will be set out in the Recreation chapter. 40) Enforcement procedures are set out in law, and the Council follows the correct procedures in all enforcement cases in accordance with the Act. There is no necessity to include details of these procedures in the Plans.</p>
<p>P24</p>	<p>Irish Wind Energy Association</p>	<p>County</p>	<p>1) Regard should be had to the level of the resource, the nature of the landscape, the status of the surrounding lands and the Dept’s Wind Energy Guidelines. 2) Extend the Acceptable in Principle areas to include the Open for Consideration areas for wind energy development. 3) Remove the stipulation for 20 year time limits of permissions. 4) Remove the current policy restricting wind farms within 2km of a registered thoroughbred stud farm.</p>	<p>1) The Wind Energy Development Strategy will be reviewed and will have regard to all the mentioned criteria, in accordance with the Department’s Guidelines. 2) A strategic approach will be taken to Wind Energy Development, and this should dictate which areas are suitable or unsuitable for wind farm development. 3) The new Strategy will be in accordance with the Guidelines in regard to time limits. 4) This policy will be reviewed and assessed if it should be retained or removed.</p>

<p>P25</p>	<p>Older People's Forum</p>	<p>Both</p>	<p>1) Planning for ageing is planning for everyone.</p> <p><b>Housing</b> 2) For applications of more than 20 units, care centres and adaptable housing should be provided. 3) There should be a quicker turnaround for grants for adapting homes.</p> <p><b>Retail</b> 4) Large retail units should be required to provide accessible toilet facilities.</p> <p><b>Public safety &amp; Accessibility</b> 5) Install a pedestrian crossing at Ayrfield Medical Centre. 6) Improve pedestrian access at key facilities. 7) Undertake an audit of pedestrian crossings with the Older People's Forum. 8) Develop signage to warn of older people crossing at key points. 9) Increase the time for pedestrians to cross at crossings. 10) Require sports facilities to</p>	<p>1) The Plans will be underpinned by a philosophy of universal design which is to design for everyone.</p> <p><b>Housing</b> 2) The Plans will have an emphasis on Universal Design which encourages adaptable housing. The Plans will have regard to the Govt. Guidelines on Sustainable Residential Development which emphasise the necessity of incorporating community facilities into new schemes. 3) Housing adaptation grants are administered by the Council. A Housing Action Group has been set up and this is examining grants in both the HSE and the Local Authority to ensure greater efficiency and avoid duplication of funding which will create better value for money for each authority. <b>Retail</b> 4) This issue will be examined as part of the Development Management section of the Plans, in conjunction with the Council's Access Officer.</p> <p><b>Public safety &amp; Accessibility</b> 5) There is a zebra crossing on the Granges Road at the Loreto school, which caters for pedestrians in this area. 6) Part M of the Building Regulations – Access and Use – was introduced in 2010, and this requires that all public buildings be accessible by 2022. 7) In the city &amp; county there is an annual programme of footpath repair and traffic</p>
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<p>P25</p>	<p>Older People's Forum</p>		<p>include accessibility for older people.</p> <p><b>Public facilities</b>          11) Public toilets should be provided at key public amenity sites, with a token system for older citizens. 12) Make appropriate public seating available to suit all ages. 13) Provide bus shelters with seating at key places in the city and in larger towns. 14) Provide integrated activity centres for intergenerational activity.</p>	<p>calming measures all of which are designed to provide ease of access to the aged and those suffering from disability. A policy will be included in the Plans to co-ordinate with the Older People's Forum in this regard. 8) A single category of people should not be singled out. The basic premise is access for all. The draft plans will reinforce the concept of Universal design and access for all. 9) The length of time given to cross is dependent on the width of the street. Specific issues in this regard should be addressed through the Access forum.          10) Since January 2012, Part M was introduced on accessibility to all public buildings, so this is now a requirement of the Building Regulations.</p> <p><b>Public facilities</b>          11) It is not possible to provide public toilets at all amenity sites. The Council are providing public toilets in the Market Yard, to commence in 2013. 12) The Councils have a programme of replacement of old and provision of new timber seating at various locations in the public realm. Proposals have been prepared for the rehabilitation of public amenity areas at James Green and The Closh. Both proposals include for an area specifically dedicated to the aged. 13) In accordance with the provisions of the Smarter Travel Programme bus shelters are</p>
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				being provided at various locations. These shelters will allow for seating. 14) Community facilities are provided throughout the county, policies in this regard will be included in the Plans.
P26	Aldi, c/o John Spain Associates	City	1) A review of policies and objectives should take place to ensure that lands are subject to appropriate objectives. 2) Unused or under-utilised lands should not be subject to specific objectives requiring the delivery of residential development. This relates particularly to objective Z7 attached to the Aldi site on the Waterford Road.	1) A comprehensive review of all policies and objectives shall be undertaken as part of the Plan review. 2) All land use objectives in the Plan will be reviewed and retained or amended as appropriate in the interests of sustainable development.
P27	Ketmaff, c/o Liam McGree & Associates	City	1) The policy in relation to strategically located major employment areas at Smithsland, Joinersfolly, Loughboy, Danville, Hebron Road, Purcellsinch and Leggetsrath should be retained.	1) The policies in relation to employment areas shall be reviewed and retained or amended as appropriate.
P28	Ballyragget Development Association	County	1) Derelict sites need to be addressed in the Plan in an appropriate manner.	1) The issue of derelict sites will be addressed in the Plan and appropriate policies devised in relation to them.
P29	Michael Cass	County	Protected structures 1) Clonmantagh mill was not protected under C449 as a Protected Structure. 2) D34 – Mill at Freshford Lots Cascade was demolished, reference should be removed. 3) Clarify listing of C91. 4) Clarify listing of National Monument for Moat townland. 5) Suggests the designation of the Square in	1) Clonmantagh mill was not listed as a Protected Structure, C449 relates to the Barracks. 2) D34 does appear to be demolished; this will be verified before deleting it from the RPS. 3) C91 appears to refer to Kilrush Grain mill, which is listed in detail as D2. This will be verified prior to deletion of C91. 4) National Monuments were listed in the 2002 Plan, but not in the

			Freshford as a Protected Structure. 6) Suggests the designation of the following structures around Freshford as Protected Structures: St. Lachtains' Well at Moat, the Ice House on Ballylarkin Road, the PO box at Sart and the Weir in Nuenna River.	2008 Plan, as they are kept up to date by the Dept. of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/media/archeology/PDFS/FileDownload,303,en.pdf">http://www.archaeology.ie/media/archeology/PDFS/FileDownload,303,en.pdf</a> 5) The Square in Freshford is within an Architectural Conservation Area which affords it a level of protection. 6) Proposals for protected Structures are being undertaken on a phased basis. This submission will be referred to the Conservation Officer.
P30	Eirgrid c/o Gael Gibson	County	1) The Plan should support the provision of new high voltage electrical infrastructure and text is suggested to provide for this. 2) A Strategic Corridor should be reserved which would facilitate the necessary development of the national electricity transmission grid.	1) The Plan will support the provision of new high voltage electrical infrastructure and policies will be inserted to reflect this. 2) The concept of a Strategic Corridor will be examined in the review of the Plans.
P31	Ahenny Action Group, c/o Mairead Sheehan	County	1) Area of South Kilkenny around Ahenny, the Lingaun Valley, Windgap and Tullaghought should be included in not normally permissible category for wind energy due to its potential effect on the area including on heritage, landscape and the equine industry.	1) A strategic approach will be taken to Wind Energy Development, and this should dictate which areas are suitable or unsuitable for wind farm development.
P32	Kieran Dooley	Both	1) Questions how Local Area Plans will be addressed in the Dev. Plans review. 2) Variation No. 2, Core Strategy, should not inhibit or stifle changes in the review of the Plan. 3) Suggests measures to increase public interest and participation including	1) The Dev. Plan will review the plans for the 15 settlements which were included in Variation No. 2 to the Dev. Plan, i.e. Ballyhale, Ballyragget, Bennettsbridge, Freshford, Goresbridge, Inistioge, Kells, Kilmacow, Knocktopher, Mooncoin,

			two full day seminars at the start of the process, evening meetings and publication of all relevant documentation.	Mullinavat, New Ross, Stoneyford, Slieverue, Urlingford. 2) A full review of the Plan, including the Core Strategy as adopted by Variation 2, will take place. 3) The full public consultation measures carried out for this Stage have been set out in Section 2 of this report. This suggestion could be considered for Stage 1 in the 2020 Plan review process.
P33	Conor Walsh	City	1) Suggests changes to Castle Park to include a cycle lane and that grounds be open to other events such as concerts and hot air ballooning. 2) Bus stops should be located at the train station and exits to the ring road to ease congestion in the city centre. 3) Prioritise the needs of residents in the city, including speed cameras instead of speed bumps and improving street cleaning techniques. 4) Suggests LED lighting for John’s Bridge, Greens Bridge and the new footbridge. 5) Suggests a pump in the river to create a fountain and a permanent wave feature.	1) The Castle and the adjacent park are in state ownership and are managed and controlled by the Office of Public Works (OPW). Liaison with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland will be carried out during the preparation of the Plan, and these suggestions will be raised with them. 2) As part of Smarter Travel, bus stops should bring people to the heart of the city. The Smarter Travel section in the Plan will address measures to ease congestion. 3) The local authorities consult widely before implementing its objectives both at policy formulation and at project stage. All sections of the community are considered. The local authorities continuously seek ways to improve its decision making. Public consultation methods will be reviewed as part of the monitoring of the plans. 4) LED lighting is a good idea, however its implementation will be budgetary related. A policy will be included in the plan in this regard.

				5) Developments in the river are under the control of the OPW. Liaison with the OPW will be carried out during the preparation of the Plan, and these suggestions will be raised with them.
P34	Tesco, c/o Tony Bamford	Both	<p>1) The role of retail in job creation should be considered in any retail planning application.</p> <p>2) In line with the Retail Planning Guidelines, a realistic approach must be taken to policies around the location of retail sites. As far as possible the guiding principle should be 'make the site fit the retail format'.</p> <p>3) There is quantitative justification for new retail floorspace, but in any case, other criterion should be given equal weight in the assessment of retail applications.</p> <p>4) The councils should reduce Development contributions for town/city centre development.</p> <p>5) Parking standards should be reviewed to ensure they encourage retail investment.</p> <p>6) The Joint retail strategy for the South East should be completed, and until that time Ferrybank should be removed from the retail hierarchy.</p>	<p>1) The Retail Strategy for the Plans will include the criteria against which any retail development is assessed.</p> <p>2) The Retail Strategy will be reviewed and shall have regard to the new Retail Planning Guidelines (2012).</p> <p>3) The Retail Strategy for the Plans will include the criteria against which any retail development is assessed.</p> <p>4) The Development Contribution scheme will be revised and submissions from interested parties will be requested and considered as part of that process.</p> <p>5) Parking standards will be reviewed as part of the Plans.</p> <p>6) It is an objective of the Development Plan to complete a Joint retail Strategy for the greater Waterford area. The status of Ferrybank will be analysed as part of the review of the retail hierarchy.</p>
P35	Dublin Airport Authority	Both	No comment	Noted
P36	Anonymous	Both	<p>1) Include a policy to prevent or control developments that give rise to noise disturbance that negatively impact residents.</p> <p>2) Include policy to prevent</p>	<p>1) The Plans have a role in controlling development and specifying standards which can be applied to developments that require planning permission. These standards will be</p>

			intrusive activities including low flying apparatus. 3) Contends that Kilkenny Aerodrome contravene policies in the Plan.	set out in the Dev. Management section. 2) Policies and standards in the Plans must be enforceable. The Plans will contain policies for the control of facilities for recreation in the countryside. 3) Policies supporting the Kilkenny Aerodrome will be checked against all other relevant policies in the Plans.
P37	Maurice Treacy	County	1) The area of Ballyvalden, Castlewarren should be included as suitable for Wind Energy Development.	1) A strategic approach will be taken to Wind Energy Development, and this should dictate which areas are suitable or unsuitable for wind farm development
P38	Heritage Council c/o Colm Murray	City	1) Give cultural and natural resources priority by using the World Heritage Convention criteria of Outstanding Universal Value to manage the city. 2) The pattern of burgage plots deserves to be protected or managed in order to ensure its conservation. 3) The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process could be improved by involving stakeholders and including a reporting format which reflects open dialogue. 4) An audit of the environmental performance of the previous development plan should be made available.	1) These criteria will be reviewed and assessed with a view for inclusion as tools to manage the city as appropriate. 2) Policies are set out in the current Plan in relation to the protection of historical plot sizes. These will be retained or strengthened as appropriate. 3) An SEA will be undertaken in line with the requirements of legislation and the Guidelines, which includes for consultation with the environmental authorities and for public consultation. Every effort will be made to ensure that this is a readable, accessible document. 4) The environmental indicators as included in the previous SEA were generally indicators that are regularly published, such as water quality indicators. Information on these indicators is available from a variety of sources. A review of how the Plan functioned will be carried out as part of the Environmental Report on the Draft.

<p>P39a</p>	<p>Fáilte Ireland c/o Amanda Horan</p>	<p>Both – County</p>	<p>1) Include reference to Fáilte Ireland’s Destination Kilkenny and Destination South East in Chapter 1 and include policy relating to this. 2) Strengthen the role of the Rural Design Guide in applications for one-off housing and cross reference the section as necessary.  <b>Economic development</b>          3) Include references to partnership and collaboration with agencies and neighbouring counties in tourism initiatives. 4) Include reference to relevant organisations in the development of the arts and crafts sector. 5) The Council should set up a ticketing and event management organisation and structure. 6) Include references to tourism and Diageo Brewery tour in Enterprise section. 7) Cross-reference sections as appropriate. 8) Retail section should include reference to Public realm improvements including signage, information and interpretation. 9) Include reference to the supply of farmhouse accommodation and the need for further local artisan food development, also include policy. 10) Include ref. to Inland Fisheries Ireland and give consideration to measures to facilitate fishing e.g. access, car-parking, stands and signage. 11) Include reference to forest accommodation. 12) Include policy to support tourism transport initiatives.  <b>Recreation, Tourism and The Arts</b></p>	<p>1) References, and policies, to Destination Kilkenny and Destination South East will be included in the Plan in appropriate locations. 2) Policies in relation to the Rural Design Guide will be reviewed and amended as appropriate.  <b>Economic development</b>          3) References will be included as appropriate. 4) References will be included as appropriate. 5) This is not a Development plan issue; but should be raised with Kilkenny Tourism. 6) References will be included as appropriate. 7) Appropriate cross-referencing will be done throughout the Plan. 8) References will be included as appropriate. 9) References will be included as appropriate. 10) Include ref. to Inland Fisheries Ireland and measures to facilitate fishing will be examined. 11) References will be included as appropriate. 12) Tourism transport initiatives will be examined in the Plan.  <b>Recreation, Tourism and The Arts</b></p>
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<p>Fáilte Ireland c/o Amanda Horan</p>	<p>13) Change formatting of plan to include separate chapter on Tourism. 14) Include reference to the challenges facing tourism and references to Kilkenny Tourism and neighbouring counties. 15) Include new section on Tourism Statistics and Trends. 16) Retain section on Sustainable Tourism and cross-reference sections as appropriate. 17) Include section on Destination Development to include the Unique Selling Points of Kilkenny and a section on Kilkenny Tourism. This section should also include reference to the Tourism Towns programme. 18) Expand the section on Tourism Products to include flagships, heritage attractions, festivals and events, business tourism, activity and adventure, retail, and visual and creative arts. 19) Retain section on Integrated Rural Tourism and include reference on clustering of products. 20) Retain section on Tourist Facilities and Infrastructure and add policies. 21) Refer to the City Interpretation Plan. 22) Consider a review of tourist vehicle licensing permit arrangements. 23) Include policy on best practice in environmental management. 24) Include policies to develop and promote the River Nore Linear Park. 25) Include policy on outdoor recreation in the countryside. 26) Policies in relation to walking and cycling trails should be updated. 27) Retain section on rights of way. 28) Section on festivals should include</p>	<p>13) The Plan’s format will be reviewed and amended as appropriate. 14) References will be added as appropriate. 15) Tourism statistics and trends are the remit of Fáilte Ireland and reference to their plans will be included here. 16) Section on Sustainable Tourism will be retained and cross referencing will be done throughout the plan. 17) References to Destination Development, Kilkenny Tourism and the Tourism Towns programme will be included as appropriate. 18) These topics will be examined and included as appropriate. 19) Section on Integrated Rural Tourism will be retained and amended as appropriate. 20) Section on Tourist Facilities and Infrastructure will be retained and amended as appropriate. 21) Reference to the City Interpretation Plan will be included. 22) This is not a Development plan issue, but should be raised with Kilkenny Tourism. 23) Policy on best practice environmental management will be included. 24) Policies in this regard will be included. 25) Policies in this regard will be included. 26) The Plan will be updated with relevant information. 27) Section will be revised updated and retained. 28) Reference to festivals will be included in the Plan. Policies in relation to Arts will be reviewed and amended as appropriate.</p>
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			<p>reference to collaboration. Policy on the implementation of the Arts Strategy should be retained.</p> <p><b>Heritage</b>                  29) Strengthen policies on historic gardens and designed landscape. 30) Include ref. to importance of angling in river section. 31) Change wording of built heritage section to include ‘promotion’ and emphasise upgrading of interpretation. 32) Include policies for upgrading of the public realm.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure &amp; Environment</b>                  33) Include section on proposed roadside improvements, such as viewing spots, parking etc. 34) Include policies on protection of water quality.</p>	<p><b>Heritage</b>                  29) Policies on historic gardens and designed landscapes will be reviewed and strengthened where appropriate. 30) References to angling will be included. 31) Wording of heritage section will be reviewed; section will be included on interpretation. 32) Policies for public realm improvement will be included.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure &amp; Environment</b>                  33) Section on roadside improvements will be included. 34) Policies on water quality will be included.</p>
P39b	Fáilte Ireland c/o Amanda Horan	Both – City	<p>1) Include reference to Fáilte Ireland’s Destination Kilkenny in Chapter 1 and include policy relating to this. 2) Vision and strategic goals should include tourism.</p> <p><b>Economic development</b>                  3) Include references to partnership and collaboration with agencies and neighbouring counties in tourism initiatives. 4) Include reference to relevant organisations in the development of the arts and crafts sector. 5) The Council should set up a ticketing and event management organisation and structure. 6) Include reference to Destination Kilkenny in the</p>	<p>1) References to, and policies regarding, Destination Kilkenny will be included in the Plan in appropriate locations. 2) Vision and strategic goals will be reviewed and amended as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Economic development</b>                  3) References will be included as appropriate. 4) References will be included as appropriate. 5) This is not a Development plan issue, but will be raised with Kilkenny Tourism. 6) References will be included as appropriate. 7) References to public realm improvements will be included as appropriate.</p>

<p>Fáilte Ireland c/o Amanda Horan</p>	<p>retail section. 7) Retail section should include reference to Public realm improvements including signage, information and interpretation, Pedestrianisation and shared space and extension of public realm works to Irishtown.</p> <p><b>Recreation, Tourism and The Arts</b>              8) Change formatting of plan to include separate chapter on Tourism. 9) Include policies to develop and promote the River Nore Linear Park. 10) Water sports section could also refer to rafting, canoeing &amp; kayaking. 11) Policies in relation to walking and cycling trails should be updated. 12) Retain section on rights of way. 13) Include more detail in Tourism section, covering partnerships, flagship projects etc. 14) Include reference to challenges and opportunities facing tourism. 15) Include new section on Tourism Statistics and Trends. 16) Retain section on Sustainable Tourism and cross-reference sections as appropriate. 17) Include section on Destination Development to include the Unique Selling Points of Kilkenny and a section on Kilkenny Tourism. 18) Expand the section on Tourism Products to include flagships, heritage attractions, festivals and events, business tourism, activity and adventure, retail, and visual and creative</p>	<p><b>Recreation, Tourism and The Arts</b>              8) The Plan’s format will be reviewed and amended as appropriate. 9) Policies in this regard will be included. 10) Information in this regard will be included. 11) The Plan will be updated with relevant information. 12) Objectives for rights of way are now mandatory and will be included. 13) This section will be reviewed and more detail on projects will be added as appropriate. 14) References will be added as appropriate. 15) Tourism statistics and trends are the remit of Fáilte Ireland and reference to these will be included if appropriate. 16) Section on Sustainable Tourism will be retained and cross referencing will be done throughout the plan. 17) References to Destination Development, Kilkenny Tourism will be included as appropriate. 18) These topics will be examined and included as appropriate. 19) Section on Tourist Facilities and Infrastructure will be retained and amended as appropriate. 20) A policy on best practice environmental management</p>
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			<p>arts, craft and design. 19) Retain section on Tourist Facilities and Infrastructure and add policies. 20) Include policy on best practice in environmental management. 21) Include detail on need to expand tourist accommodation offering in Kilkenny. 22) Section on festivals should include reference to collaboration. Policy for implementation of the Arts Strategy should be retained. 23) Update policy in relation to the cultural/artistic quarter to include actions contained within Destination Kilkenny.</p> <p><b>Heritage</b> 24) Change wording of built heritage section to include its value to tourism. 25) Emphasise upgrading of interpretation. 26) Include policies for upgrading of public realm. 27) Strengthen policies on historic gardens and designed landscape. 28) Include ref. to importance of angling in river section.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure &amp; Environment</b> 29) Consider development of tourism routes in public transport section. 30) Include policies on protection of water quality.</p>	<p>will be included. 21) Policies in this regard will be included. 22) Reference to festivals will be included in the Plan. Policies in relation to Arts will be reviewed and amended as appropriate.</p> <p>23) This policy will be updated, and reference to Destination Kilkenny added as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Heritage</b> 24) Wording of the heritage section will be reviewed and references to tourism added where appropriate. 25) Reference will be included on interpretation. 26) Policies for improvement of the public realm will be included. 27) Policies on historic gardens and designed landscapes will be strengthened as appropriate. 28) References to angling will be included as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure &amp; Environment</b> 29) This issue will be examined. 30) Policies on water quality will be included.</p>
P40	Robert Hennessy	County	1) The areas of Kilkieran, Inistioge and Raheen, Graiguenamanagh should be included as suitable for Wind Energy Development.	1) A strategic approach will be taken to Wind Energy Development, and this should dictate which areas are suitable or unsuitable for wind farm development.
P41	Margaret O'Neill	County	1) Objects to wind turbines on the basis that they have a negative effect on landscape,	1) A strategic approach will be taken to Wind Energy Development, and this should dictate

			heritage, and wildlife. 2) Suggests Ireland should emphasise tidal power and that local/individual small turbines should be prioritised.	which areas are suitable or unsuitable for wind farm development. This strategy will seek to balance the Government’s prioritisation of renewable energy against the protection of landscape and heritage and other planning criteria. 2) Small scale turbines are exempt under the Planning & Dev. Regs. Possibilities for small projects will be examined as part of the Wind Energy Dev. Strategy.
P42	Laois County Council	County	1) Laois would welcome the opportunity to work with Kilkenny in developing cross border tourism, recreation and amenity initiatives to increase employment potential and would welcome policies in the Plan which would reflect the work being carried out across the counties’ borders.	1) The Council is currently partaking in a project in conjunction with Laois County Council and Abbeyleix Community Development to examine the feasibility of using the former Kilkenny-Portlaoise rail line as a walk/cycleway. An appropriate policy will be included in the Recreation chapter to reflect this project.

## **4 County Manager's Policy Recommendations**

### **4.1 Introduction**

This part of the report sets out recommendations on the broad policies to be included in the Draft Development Plans. It is presented mainly as a response to the issues raised in the public consultation process and submissions. The statutory objectives of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) must also be followed. These objectives are set out in Appendix B of this Report.

The Draft Plan will have regard to the objectives of the Government and Ministers of the Government. With regard to these, some of the principal documents and guidelines are set out at Appendix C.

It must be stated that the recommendations set out in the following pages are not the precise wording of policies that will be included in the Draft Development Plans, they are indicative of the policies that will be included.

### **4.2 Recommended Policies to be inserted into the Draft City and County Development Plans**

#### **Vision for the City and County**

It is recommended that the Development Plans in formulating policies and objectives for the plan period 2014 to 2020 will also take a long term view for the optimum and sustainable development of the city and county. It is recommended that the development plans will support through relevant policies and objectives five themes for economic development which are:

1. Third Level education and research
2. Agri-business
3. Tourism
4. Life Sciences & Pharmaceutical industry
5. Internationally Traded/Financial/Corporate Services

The vision for the city and county should be as vibrant and attractive places for people to live, work and visit. The City should fulfil its role as a Hub for the South East Region and both plans should support regional, economic, social and physical development.

#### **Settlement Hierarchy**

It is recommended that the settlement hierarchy will follow that as outlined in the current development plan with due recognition of the Ferrybank area as the second largest settlement within the county.

#### **Infrastructure**

In order for development to take place infrastructure is necessary. The Council will, through the efficient management of a wide range of engineering services and infrastructure, seek to provide for the sustainable social and economic development of the county.

#### Transport and connectivity

Transport plays a central role in the economy. The development of an efficient strategic transport system in line with national policy is essential to the future economic, social and physical development of the county. Transport policy and planning and land use policy are fundamentally linked. It is recommended that the plans make provision for an efficient strategic transport network in line with National and Regional objectives.

#### Heritage

Heritage (both built and natural) is an important asset in the city and county which supports biodiversity, agricultural, tourism and recreation. It is recommended therefore that the draft Development Plans provide an adequate policy context to protect and enhance the heritage of the city & county.

#### Universal Design approach

It is recommended that the local authorities adopt a policy of universal design for future development within the City and County. Universal design places human diversity at the heart of the design process so that buildings and environments can be designed to meet the needs of all users. It is about achieving good design so that people can access, use and understand the environment to greatest extent and in the most independent and natural manner possible, without the need for adaptation or specialised solutions. Given the wide diversity of the population a universal design approach which caters for the broadest range of users from the outset can result in buildings and places that can be used and enjoyed by everyone.

#### High Standards of design

It is recommended that both councils should foster a high standard of design and layout for new development in the county through its development management. This should be consistent with the universal design approach and other recommended policies to protect and enhance the character of urban and rural areas in the city and county.

#### Housing, Community and Education

It is recommended that the Plans promote the building of strong, inclusive communities as a key element in achieving sustainable development objectives. Sustainable communities require not only economic development, but also provision of and access to education, health and community support services, amenities and leisure services and a good quality built environment.

#### Environment

The Plans should focus on the highest standard of environmental quality for the City and County. This is important in connection with the expansion and development of food production within the county. Consumers require a high standard of environmental quality when it comes to production of food. High environmental standards therefore are very important in support of the development of agri-business as a driver of economic growth.

#### Rural Development

Rural areas have a vital contribution to make to the achievement of balanced regional development. This involves utilising and developing the economic resources of rural areas, particularly in agriculture and food, marine, tourism, forestry, renewable energy, enterprise and local services, while at the same time capitalising on and drawing strength from vibrant neighbouring urban areas. In this way rural and urban areas are seen as working in partnership, rather than competing with each other. It is recommended that both plans provide policies and objectives for the continued sustainable development of rural communities without compromising the physical, environmental, natural and heritage resources of the County.

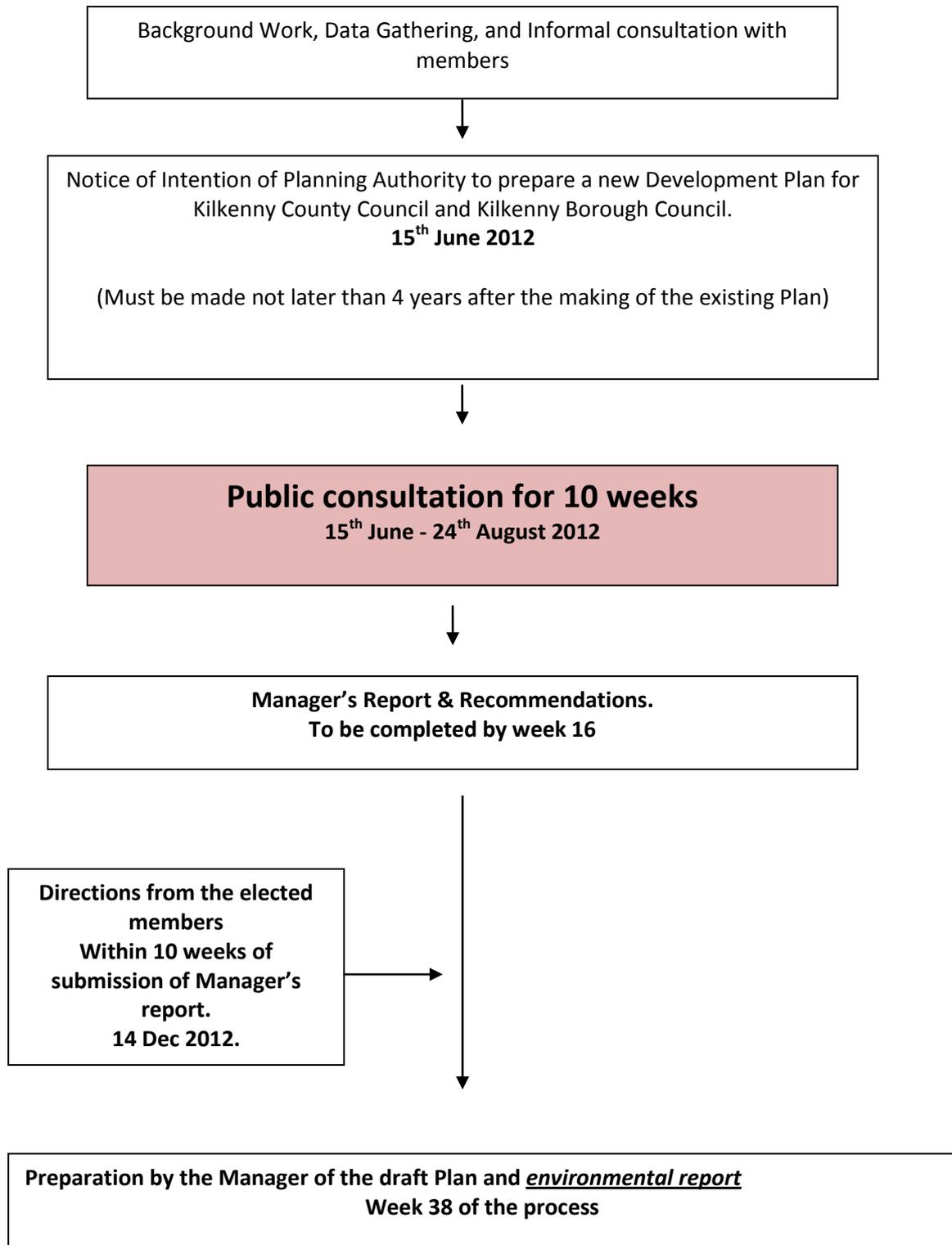
#### Arts /Culture

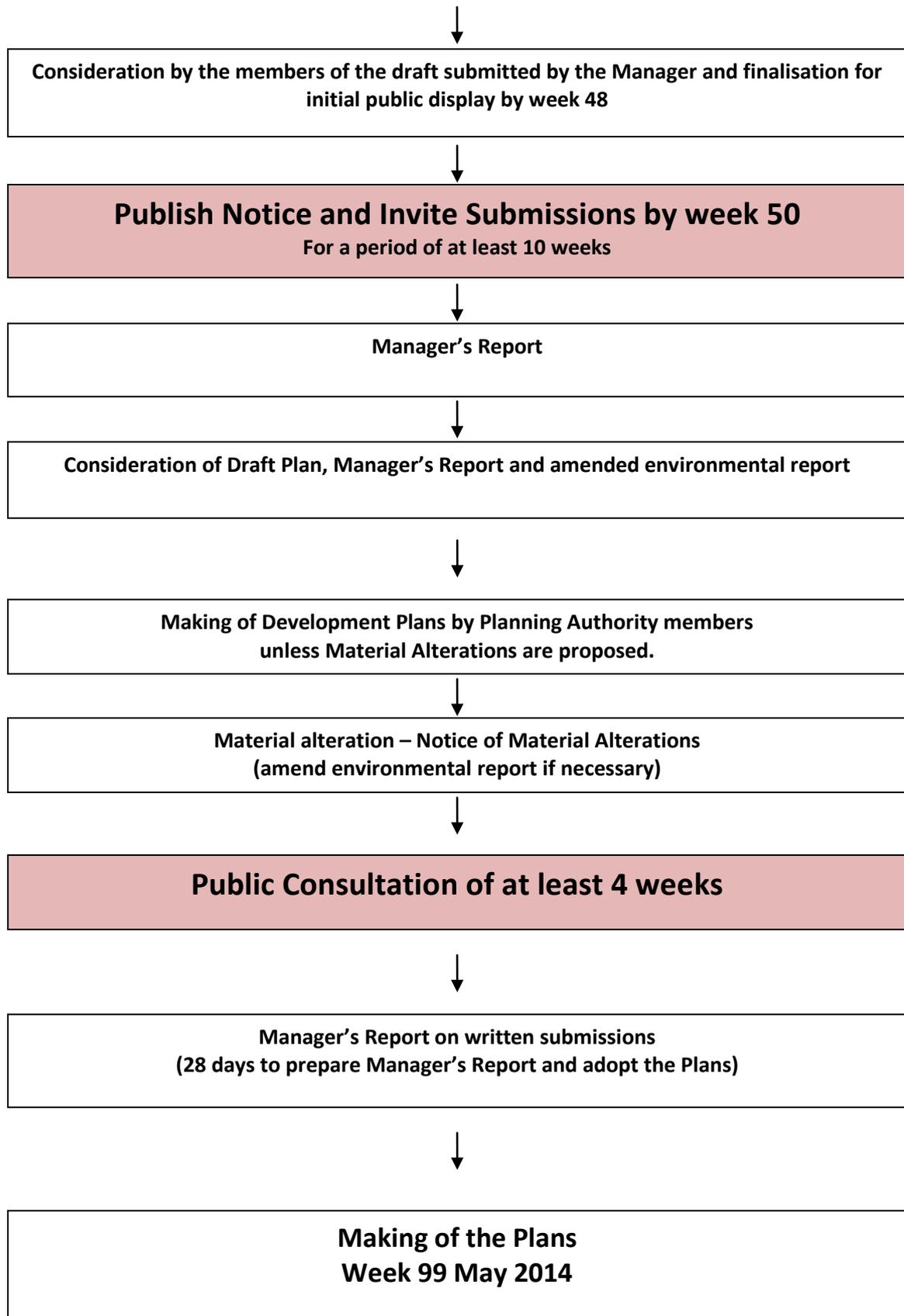
Arts and culture have an economic value. It is recommended that the development plans give due recognition to arts and culture through a set of appropriate policies and objectives to support and develop arts and culture within the city and county.

# APPENDICES

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## Appendix A - Timeframe





## Appendix B – List of Plan objectives

A development plan shall include objectives for:

- (a) the zoning of land
- (b) the provision or facilitation of the provision of infrastructure including
  - (i) transport, energy and communication facilities,
  - (ii) water supplies, and waste water services,
  - (iii) waste recovery and disposal facilities and
  - (iv) any ancillary facilities or services.;
- (c) the conservation and protection of the environment including, in particular, the archaeological and natural heritage and the conservation and protection of European sites and any other sites;
- (ca) the encouragement, pursuant to Article 10 of the Habitats Directive, of the management of features of the landscape, such as traditional field boundaries, important for the ecological coherence of the Natura 2000 network and essential for the migration, dispersal and genetic exchange of wild species;
- (cb) the promotion of compliance with environmental standards and objectives established—
  - (i) for bodies of surface water,
  - (ii) for groundwater,
- (d) the integration of the planning and sustainable development of the area with the social, community and cultural requirements of the area and its population;
- (e) the preservation of the character of the landscape, including the preservation of views and prospects and the amenities of places and features of natural beauty or interest;
- (f) the protection of structures, or parts of structures, which are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest;
- (g) the preservation of the character of architectural conservation areas;
- (h) the development and renewal of areas in need of regeneration;
- (i) the provision of accommodation for travellers, and the use of particular areas for that purpose;
- (j) the preservation, improvement and extension of amenities and recreational amenities;
- (k) the control of establishments under the Major Accidents Directive
- (l) the provision, or facilitation of the provision, of services for the community including, in particular, schools, crèches and other education and childcare facilities;
- (m) the protection of the linguistic and cultural heritage of the Gaeltacht including the promotion of Irish as the community language, where there is a Gaeltacht area in the area of the development plan;
- (n) the promotion of sustainable settlement and transportation strategies in urban and rural areas including the promotion of measures to—

- (i) reduce energy demand in response to the likelihood of increases in energy and other costs due to long-term decline in non-renewable resources,
- (ii) reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, and
- (iii) address the necessity of adaptation to climate change; in particular, having regard to location, layout and design of new development;

(o) the preservation of public rights of way which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility, which public rights of way shall be identified both by marking them on at least one of the maps forming part of the development plan and by indicating their location on a list appended to the development plan, and

(p) landscape, in accordance with relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government relating to providing a framework for identification, assessment, protection, management and planning of landscapes and developed having regard to the European Landscape Convention done at Florence on 20 October 2000.

In addition, a development plan may include additional objectives relating to:

- Location and pattern of development
- Control of areas and structures
- Community facilities
- Environment and amenities
- Infrastructure and transport

For full details, see Section 10 and the First Schedule of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

## Appendix C – List of documents to be considered

Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland - Guidance for Local Authorities, DoEHLG & NPWS (2009)

Architectural Heritage Protection for Places of Public Worship, DoEHLG (1993)

Architectural Heritage Protection, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DoEHLG (2004)

Best Practice Urban Design Manual, DoEHLG (2009)

Childcare Facilities Guidelines, DoELG (2001)

Design Standards for New Apartments, DoEHLG (2007)

Development Contributions - Draft Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DoEGLG (2012)

Development Management Guidelines, DoEHLG (2007)

Development Plan Guidelines, DoEHLG (2007)

Development Plans of adjoining Planning Authorities, Various

Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines, DoECLG (2012)

Implementing Regional Planning Guidelines-Best Practice Guidelines, DoEHLG (2010)

Landscape and Landscape Assessment, DoELG (2000)

National Inventory of Architectural Heritage, Survey of County Kilkenny

National Spatial Strategy 2002-2020, DoEHLG

Quarries and Ancillary Activities, DoEHLG (2004)

Regional Planning Guidelines for the South East Region 2010-2022, SERA (2010)

Retail Planning Guidelines, DoECLG (2012)

Retail Design Manual, DoECLG (2012)

Sustainable Residential Developments in Urban Areas - Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DoEHLG (2009)

Section 261A of Planning & Development Act 2000 – Guidelines, DoECLG (2012)

Section 261A of Planning and Development Act, 2000 Supplementary Guidelines, DoECLG (2012)

Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines, DoECLG (2012)

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Guidelines, DoEHLG (2004)

Sustainable Rural Housing Development Guidelines, DoEHLG (2005)

Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures, DoE (1996)

The Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DoEHLG (2009)

The Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities - Technical Appendices, DoEHLG (2009)

Tree Preservation Guidelines, DoE (1994)

Water Matters, South Easter River Basin Management Plan 2009-2015, South Eastern River Basin District

Waste Management Plan for the South East Region

Waterford Planning and Land Use Transportation Study, Atkins (2004)

Wind Energy Development Guidelines, DoEHLG (2006)

## Appendix D – Prescribed bodies

Prescribed bodies which were notified of the review of the Development Plan under Section 11 (2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in accordance with the Planning and Development (Amendment) Regulations S.I. 262 of 2011 and S.I. 476 of 2011.

Name of Body	Note if non-applicable
a) the Minister,	
b) the Board,	
c) the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food,	
d) the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht,	
e) the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources,	
f) the Minister for Defence,	
g) the Minister for Education and Skills,	
h) the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport,	
i) An Chomhairle Ealaíon,	
j) the Commissioners,	
k) Dublin Airport Authority,	
l) in the case of a planning authority any part of whose functional area is affected by the DTI Strategy, the Dublin Transportation Office,	N/A
la) EirGrid	
lb) the Environmental Protection Agency	
m) ESB (Electric Ireland),	
n) Forfás,	
o) Fáilte Ireland,	
p) the Health Service Executive,	
q) the Heritage Council,	
r) the Health and Safety Authority,	
s) Inland Fisheries Ireland,	
t) the National Roads Authority,	
u) in the case of a planning authority any part of whose functional area is situated within the functional area of the Shannon Free Airport Development Company Ltd., that Company,	N/A
v) An Taisce — the National Trust for Ireland,	
w) any planning authority whose area is contiguous to the area of the planning authority that prepared the draft, i.e. Carlow County Council, New Ross Town Council, Waterford City Council, Waterford County Council, Wexford County Council, Laois County Council, South Tipperary County Council, North Tipperary County Council	
x) any local authority, including town councils, and any city and county development board in the area to which the draft relates, and	
y) the regional authority or regional assembly within whose region the functional area of the planning authority is situated, and any regional authority whose region is contiguous to the region of the first-mentioned authority.	
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## Appendix E - Results of the Meeting Feedback

### Graiguenamanagh Meeting held on 1st August 2012

Total = 24 responses

Q.1 How did you hear about tonight's meeting? **You may tick more than one answer**

Kilkenny People	6
KCLR (radio)	4
Word of mouth	9
Council/Ourplan website	5
In Library	0
Through mailshot	2
Other _____	5

Q.2 What town/area do you live in/near?

Kilkenny	1
Callan	1
Castlecomer	0
Graiguenamanagh	14
Thomastown	6
New Ross	2
Waterford	1
Other _____	2

Q.3 What was your main interest in coming to this evening's meeting?

Interested in Development Plan generally	5
Interested in Renewable Energy	20
Interested in development in Graiguenamanagh	4
Other _____	

Please indicate your impressions of the items listed below.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
4. The evening met my expectations.	2	13	6	0	0
5. The information provided in the presentations was relevant.	4	11	6	0	0
6. The group work was productive and informative.	6	12	1	1	0
7. I felt I was able to make my views known.	9	11	0	1	0
8. The materials distributed were useful.	2	16	2	0	1
9. Adequate time was provided for questions and discussion.	3	15	0	2	0

10. How do you rate the evening overall?

Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very poor
3	15	2	0	1

11. What aspects of the consultation could be improved?

- Too general for very complex areas – biomass v wind energy are vast areas
- Presenters could have microphone (x2)
- Hand out presentations or put them on website
- Place reports of facilitated groups on website and the general conclusions of the final discussion
- Place questions to the groups on the website prior to meeting

12. Other comments?

- Take on board all the ideas aired here and keep people up to date on the progress of the Dev Plan
- Last plan was for development/housing, this plan should be about energy
- Overall very informative
- A one day seminar at the start of the process where all the presentations are made would make more people aware of the scope of the exercise
- Question Co-efficient of Performance given in slide for heat pump – reports from Carbon Trust UK of Germany/Switz, COP 2.5-3?
- Useful, but will it have an impact?