

# Diagio Design Framework

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# General

- The Department would like to thank the Kilkenny local authorities and RIAI for the opportunity to participate in this innovative event.
- It is a fantastic opportunity site right in the heart of the city
- It's redevelopment must be set in context of national planning policy and the planning hierarchy with due regard to wider benefits to Kilkenny City it can deliver
- A new quarter which will hopefully provide both natural and man made amenities for citizens and visitors to enjoy and more particularly a place that Kilkenny can be proud of.



# Policy Context

- The planning framework for the site must have regard to the national planning policy context as set out in relevant Government policies incl the National Spatial Strategy 2002 and RPGs 2010-2014
- They are aimed at achieving more balanced regional development and Kilkenny is identified as a Hub and driver for the SE region because of its strategic location and its capacity for growth
- Development / Local Area Plans must be consistent with these higher order plans



# Forward Plan Context

- Supporting its role as a Hub a Local Area Plan was prepared for the City Centre in 2005 followed by Kilkenny City DP in 2008.
- Both are due for review
- The review of the City Plan commenced last year which is fortuitous as both framework plan project and development plan objectives can have due regard to each other
- Matters in regard to the zoning of the site can be examined in this context
- A review of the DP (or any variation of it ) must have regard to changes in 2010 Act and requirement inter alia for a core strategy
- Core strategy must have regard to the housing needs of the city , must indicate areas designated for significant growth, must look at the availability of public transport and also where retail centres are and will be located



# DELHG Policy Documents

National policy on planning incl s28 guidelines to planning authorities

- Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas Guidelines 2009
- Flood Risk Management Guidelines 2009
- Retail Planning Guidelines and Manual 2012
- Draft Local Area Plan Guidelines 2012
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets due for publication end of March 2013



# Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas

- Key focus of the SRD Guidelines was that city or town centre locations offered the greatest potential for the creation of sustainable patterns of development.
- Advises on the qualities which make successful places, and shows how design criteria can be applied in the planning process, with particular reference to the design of residential streets.
- The guidelines, together with the accompanying best practice Design Manual give useful guidance on how ideals of sustainable living can be translated into a practical examples on the ground.



# Flood Risk Management Guidelines 2009

- Any development in areas of flood risk areas must have regard to these guidelines
- Key messages in the Guidelines for the development plan / and or for the development management process are
  - Avoid
  - Substitute
  - Justify -- through use of DP and /or DM justification tests
  - Mitigate
  - The DP or LAP will have to prepare a Flood Risk Assessment in accordance with the Guidelines





# Retail Planning Guidelines and Manual 2012

- Key focus of retail planning guidelines and accompanying Manual was on keeping city and town centres alive and make them attractive and vital place for people to live, work and play-
- The guidelines emphasised that it is not only good architecture that makes attractive and successful places that people want to visit and stay in but the uses and also in particular the quality of the public realm.
- Getting these right are key challenges for designers on this site





# Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets

- Manual is due to be published jointly by DTTS and DECLG in March 2013.
- The Manual is as an important step in implementing the policies on sustainable living contained in the Guidelines on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas
- It has a key focus on creating a sense of place and is intended to support the creation of integrated street networks which promote higher levels of permeability and legibility for all users.
- It advises the use of multidisciplinary teams for large projects



# Draft Local Area Plans

- Role of LAP is to facilitate best practice and ensure consistency with higher order plans
- Local area plans are intended to provide more detailed planning policies for areas that are expected to experience significant development and change through proper public participation and democratic oversight.
- Local area plans must focus on delivering quality outcomes for local communities informed by effective involvement by those communities in preparing the local plan and the wider planning policy context.
- The local area plan must identify the mechanisms that will secure the implementation of the necessary physical, social and environmental infrastructure required to achieve the objectives of the plan.



# SEA /AA

- The planning authority must satisfy itself in regard to its obligations in regard to SEA/ / AA and consultation with NPWS in DAHG is advised to address these issues
- Thanks and good luck with the project

