



**TO:** MARY MULHOLLAND, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
**FROM:** DENIS MALONE, SENIOR PLANNER  
**SUBJECT:** STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF VARIATION 2 TO KILKENNY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2014 – 2020  
**DATE:** 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

I refer to the requirement under article 13K of the Planning and Development Regulations (Strategic Environmental Assessment) 2004 in relation to considering whether or not a proposed Variation to a Development Plan would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 13K, a ‘screening’ of the proposed Variation was undertaken in respect of SEA. A Draft Screening report, setting out the Council’s considerations with regard to the relevant criteria for determining whether the Variation was likely to have significant impacts on the environment as set out in Schedule 2A of S.I. No. 436/2004, was submitted to the following environmental authorities:

- The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government,
- The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment,
- The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine,
- The Environmental Protection Agency, and
- Adjoining Local Authorities

None of the authorities advised that a Strategic Environmental Assessment should be carried out; the information contained in the response received from the EPA has been taken into account.

The SEA screening, which had regard to the criteria set out in schedule 2A of S.I. No. 436/2004, did not indicate that that the proposed Variation was likely to have significant impacts on the environment.

#### **Recommendation**

I therefore recommend that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is **not required** for proposed Variation 2 to Kilkenny County Development Plan 2014-2020, as per the provisions of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2015.

**Denis Malone,**  
**Senior Planner**

I agree with the above recommendation.

**Mary Mulholland,**  
**Director of Services**