

To: John Mulholland, Director of Services
From: Denis Malone, Senior Planner
Subject: Extension of Loughmacask Local Area Plan (2008)
Date: 8th April 2013

I refer to the option under section 19 (1)(d) of the Planning and Development Acts (2000-2012) to extend the life of a Local Area Plan, by deferring publication of the notice stating the authority's intention to review the Plan. The Act states that "*A planning authority may, as they consider appropriate, by resolution defer...publishing a notice... for a further period not extending five years*". Such a resolution must be made not more than five years after the making of the previous local area plan, i.e. by **14th April 2013**.

The Loughmacask Local Area Plan was adopted on the 14th April 2008.

Since that time there has been a significant downturn in the housing sector with very little housing activity in Kilkenny City and Environs. This is the case also with the Loughmacask plan area.

The following permissions have been granted in the plan area since its adoption in 2008.

- 07/2165 Surface water and foul water pipelines
- 08/561 Permission granted for 27 houses
- 08/50 Permission granted for 7 houses (Borough Council)
- 09/227 Permission granted for 69 houses
- 09/231 Permission granted for 8 houses
- 10/10 Permission granted for 112 houses
- 10/15 Permission granted for 223 houses

None of these permissions have commenced.

Having regard to:

- Kilkenny's role as a hub settlement in the Southeast Region under the National Spatial Strategy 2002 - 2020,
- the provisions of the Kilkenny City and Environs Development Plan 2008 – 2014,
- the Core Strategy Variation No. 1 to the Kilkenny City and Environs Development Plan 2008 – 2014 adopted by Kilkenny Borough Council and Kilkenny County Council in July 2011,

- the long standing and clear vision for development that Kilkenny Local Authorities have had for this area of Kilkenny City Environs,

I consider the Plan should be extended.

In my opinion, the local area plan is consistent with the Core Strategy as adopted by Variation 1 to the City & Environs Development Plan (2011) and the objectives of the LAP have not been substantially secured.

Permissions have been granted for a total of 446 houses since the adoption of the Plan. To date none of the permissions listed above have been commenced. There is a further 25 ha available to be developed within the Loughmacask area.

I can confirm therefore that the sending and publishing of the notices may be deferred and the period for which they may be deferred is 5 years.

I recommend that the Loughmacask LAP be extended as outlined above, and that this item be placed on the Agenda of the next Borough Council meeting, to take place on 8th April 2013.



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