



**To: Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Kilkenny County Council**

**Re: Section 85 Local Government Act, 2001**

**Planning application in respect of New Ross to Waterford Greenway.**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

Dear Councillor,

Kilkenny County Council are progressing to enter into a Section 85 Agreement with Waterford City and County Council to facilitate a planning application under Part VIII of the Planning & Development Acts, 2000-2014, and the Planning & Development Regulation 2001-2014 as amended.

Kilkenny County Council is proposing to apply for Part VIII planning in respect of a 22km off road Greenway along the Old Railway Line between New Ross & Waterford. The Greenway will link with a number of regional cycling and walking routes including the Waterford to Dungarvan Greenway. This proposal is in line with National, Regional and County Development policies for Smart Travel connecting urban centres and providing safe and suitable cycle routes for visitors and recreational cycling.

In relation to the current proposed planning application, the entire route of 22km is within the County bounds of Kilkenny apart for the final 62 meters which is in the administrative area of Waterford City and County Council. This request in accordance with Section 85 is for Kilkenny County Council to act as the Planning Authority in respect of the full extent application. It would be proposed to display plans of the scheme in both Kilkenny & Waterford Council Offices. I am requesting that a resolution of both Council's be passed at the respective November meetings (Waterford City and County Council on 10<sup>th</sup> November and Kilkenny County Council on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016) to facilitate the entering of said agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Butler,  
Director of Services.