

**Chief Executive's Report on proposed Material Alterations to
Draft Thomastown Local Area Plan 2019**



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1. Introduction

This report forms part of the statutory procedure for the making of a Local Area Plan (LAP). It addresses the submissions received during the 4 week public consultation period, from the 31st January 2019 to the 28th of February 2019, in relation to the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Thomastown LAP.

The purpose of the report is to:

- (a) Report on the written submissions/observations received during the public consultation period.
- (b) Set out the Chief Executive's response to the issues raised in the submissions/observations and;
- (a) Make recommendations to the Elected Members on the issues arising from the consultation process.

This report is being furnished to the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council in accordance with Section 20(3)(l) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, for their consideration.

1.1 Details of Public Display

The documents put on public display for the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Local Area Plan were:

- Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft LAP
- Public Notice
- Appropriate Assessment Screening Report
- Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report

The documents were placed on the consult.kilkenny.ie consultation website and on the Council's own website. Hard copies of the documents were on public display in the following locations:

- Planning Office, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny
- Thomastown Library
- Thomastown Area Office

Submissions could be made by:

- Email to ourplan@kilkennycoco.ie
- Online at consult.kilkenny.ie
- Written submissions to Denis Malone, Senior Planner, Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.

2. Submissions Received

In total, 2 submissions were received to the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Thomastown Local Area Plan, as set out below.

Ref.	Name
TTMA1	Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government
TTMA2	T.I.I

3. Summary of Issues Raised, Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations

3.1 Submissions from Statutory bodies

Ref	Name
TTMA1	Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government
Summary: The Department notes and supports the Draft Thomastown LAP 2019 - 2025 and proposed amendments.	
Response: Noted.	
Recommendation: No further change.	

Ref	Name
TTMA2	T.I.I
Summary: No comments in relation to the proposed Material Alterations.	
Response: Noted.	
Recommendation: No further change.	

3.2 Other submissions

None received.

4. Next Steps

The members shall consider the Chief Executive's Report, and following this consideration the Local Area Plan shall be deemed to be made or amended by resolution, with all, some or none of the material alterations as published.

If the Members decide to change the material alteration of the plan by resolution, it shall be necessary that the resolution be passed by not less than half of the members of the planning authority.

A further modification to the material alteration:

- may be made where it is minor in nature and therefore not likely to have significant effects on the environment or adversely affect the integrity of a European site,
- Shall not be made where it refers to – an increase in the area of land zoned for any purpose, or an addition to or deletion from the record of protected structures.

A Screening Report for Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Screening report for Appropriate Assessment accompany the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft LAP.

5. Summary of Recommendations of the Chief Executive

In total 2 submissions were received on the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Thomastown LAP.

This report has addressed all submissions received in relation to the proposed material alterations.

I recommend that the draft LAP be adopted, with Material Alterations as proposed, in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended)



Colette Byrne, Chief Executive