**Submission on Draft Limerick Development Plan 2022-28**

**Limerick 2030 Plan – Interim Review and Update**

There are many good proposals in the Interim Review and Update of the Limerick 2030 Plan prepared for the Draft Limerick Development Plan 2022-28. However, there is one proposal which should be instantly discarded, and that is a proposal to construct a pedestrian bridge across the River Shannon at Barrington’s Pier.

This proposal shows a complete lack of appreciation and understanding of the historical and present day importance of Limerick City as a city which has had a direct connection to the sea from before the time of the Vikings. Today, Limerick has a thriving port with a regular shipping trade linking our city to the UK, Europe and beyond. A pedestrian bridge at Barrington’s Pier would present enormous practical difficulties for an important shipping trade link.

Furthermore, Limerick City as a port at the head of an estuary with direct access to the sea has enormous potential for the development of marine tourism. A bridge across the river below the city would completely rule out any such development.

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