

Limerick City and County Council.

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023 – 2028.

LECP Consultation

Parnell Plaza Entertainment Venue.

Parnell Street,

Limerick.

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Submission to Limerick City and County Council.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to make this submission to the LECP 2023 - 2028.

I respectfully make the following contribution as a commercial stake holder in Parnell Street, Limerick.

Parnell Plaza Entertainment Venue was designed and built in 2012 as a destination visitor attraction. The venue consists of a total floor area of 38000 sq. Ft., 3530 sqm. It is licensed to provide bingo, gaming, a café and a pub.

Pery's bingo, a part of Parnell Plaza Entertainment Venue commits significant marketing financial resources each year to attract patrons from all corners of Ireland. Some visitors choose to use their leisure spend on booking into a local hotel and making a 'weekend away' of their visit to Pery's. The venue is very committed to also serving it's important loyal local patronage.

The venue is positioned opposite Colbert Train and Bus terminus, an important transport hub and gateway to and from the city centre.

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PARNELL STREET, COLBERT TRAIN AND BUS TERMINUS, DAVIS STREET, UPPER MALLOW STREET.

**It is often said that ‘first impressions are lasting impressions’.
Therefore, Colbert Bus and Train Terminus together with its surrounding area, this important gateway to Limerick should strive to create great first impressions for Limerick.**

A number of issues in the area as follows are respectfully suggested to be prioritised for consideration and action.

1. A statutory mechanism to be put in place to facilitate the Department of Transport, Limerick City and County Council and the local community engage meaningfully on this important gateway to Limerick in order to arrive at the best and most suitable outcomes for Limerick.
2. The new bus station at this time of writing being developed at Colbert Terminus be used as the city central bus station for all bus operators, private and public.
3. A tax incentive scheme to be proposed by Limerick City and County Council to Government to encourage redevelopment of private properties in the area.

The following further points, highlighted previously on many occasions are with the greatest respect, in need of urgent attention. Many of these points could and should be dealt with on a fast track basis.

4. Design adjustments to be made to aid efficient access and egress to and from the area of Colbert Terminus, Parnell Street, Davis Street and Mallow Street for the benefit of commuters, locals and traders.
5. Notwithstanding the at present bus station redevelopment, the taxi rank at Colbert Terminus needs to be repositioned from its present unsuitable location.
6. A fit for purpose commuter and visitor drop off and pick up zone to be put in place, with a design criteria of efficiency and convenience for users.

7. Provide bright and strong public flood lighting in addition to the architectural lighting that's in place at present. This will help with health and safety for the general public, be a deterrent to anti social behaviour and give visitors a greater feeling and perception of safety.
8. Public lighting in the area to be placed on a continuous maintenance programme, this important gateway to town should be well maintained and always lit.
9. Implement a graffiti and vandalism preventative maintenance programme in the area.
10. Public realm furniture of planters, seating and so on to be put on a continuous maintenance programme or removed from the area.
11. A multi agency approach to be taken to address anti social behaviour particularly at Colbert terminus concourse.
12. Maintained fit for purpose public toilet facilities to be provided to help reduce the usage of the area's lane's, alleyways and doorsteps as public toilets.

The points above are made as a reference of the needs of the area and can be expanded on by communication with the writer and the stake holders in the area.

Thank you for this opportunity to communicate with you.

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