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Hi,

Please find attached the Department of Education's submission to the Rathkeale LAP 2023 – 2029. Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Regards  
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Forward Planning,  
Economic Development and Enterprise Directorate,  
Limerick City and County Council,  
Merchants Quay,  
Limerick

**Re: Proposed Material Alterations to the Rathkeale Local Area Plan 2023-2029**

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the above. The Department of Education wishes to make the following submission to the proposed material alterations to the draft Rathkeale Local Area Plan 2023-2029.

The Department has considered the material alterations and they do not result in a change to the projected school place requirements. Therefore, the Department re-confirms the projected school requirements outlined in our submission of 29th July 2022.

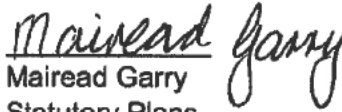
**Chapter 8 Sustainable Communities, Social Infrastructure, Recreation and Active Lifestyles**

The Department notes and welcomes the amendment to change the number of primary schools from two to three as identified in its submission to the draft LAP.

The Department acknowledges the crucial importance of the ongoing work of the Council in ensuring sufficient and appropriate land is zoned for educational needs. The Department wishes to thank Limerick County Council for the consideration given to the Department's submission to the draft Development Plan. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

If you have any queries in respect of the above, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

  
Mairead Garry  
Statutory Plans  
Forward Planning Section