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Department of the Environment,  
Climate and Communications



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Planning, Environment and Place-Making Directorate,  
Limerick City and County Council,  
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23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

**RE: Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Newcastle West Local Area Plan  
2023-2029**

Dear Sir / Madam,

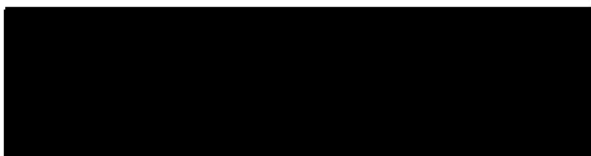
Further to the notice given to this Department of the publication of an invitation for submissions on the Material Alterations to the Draft Newcastle West Local Area Plan, the following submission outlines its observations in respect of a number of policy areas for which the Department is responsible.

#### **District Heating**

The Department welcomes the proposed amendment of the Local Authority which adds an additional objective with regard to the potential of district heating derived from waste heat where available, technically feasible and cost effective, while have consideration of the outcomes of the National Heat Study (Proposed Amendment No. 16).

#### **Waste**

The Department welcomes the Local Authority's proposed amendment which has regard to the best practice guidelines for the preparation of resource & waste management plans for construction & demolition projects (Proposed Amendment No. 17).





## **Conclusion**

We would be grateful if Limerick City and County Council would take these matters under consideration in the finalisation of the Newcastle West Local Area Plan 2023-2029.

Department officials can make themselves available for a discussion on any matters raised in this submission or any other matters within the remit of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications relevant to the preparation of this plan.

Officials can provide support to the County Council in the following areas:

- Climate Action, Engagement and Adaptation
- Energy Generation and Networks
- Energy Use / Demand in the Built Environment
- The Circular Economy
- Communications
- Environmental Policy and Governance
- Waste and Natural Resources (including geosciences)

Please direct any requests for further consultation to [REDACTED] e.

Yours sincerely,

Planning Advisory Division

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