

Limerick City & County Council in partnership with Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC Notice Pursuant to Section 175(4) and 177ae(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended)

APPLICATION TO AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA FOR APPROVAL

Limerick City & County Council, in partnership with Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC, intends to seek the approval of An Coimisiún Pleanála in accordance with Section 175 and 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, for a mixed-use development that seeks the regeneration and adaptive reuse of a strategic brownfield site, as part of the Limerick City and County Council 'World Class Waterfront revitalisation and transformation project'.

The site, known locally as 'Cleeves Riverside Quarter' comprises the former industrial mill complex ('Cleeves') situated on the northern side of the River Shannon, Limerick City and occupies the area between; Stonetown Terrace Road to the northeast; O'Callaghan Strand to the southeast; Condell Road (R527) to the southwest; and, Salesian Primary School and the 'Fernhill' residential estate to the northwest and west respectively - all situated in the townland of Farranshone More in Limerick City. The site is dissected by North Circular Road where it extends between Shelborne Road Lower and O'Callaghan Strand.

The proposed development comprises Phase II, of an overall Masterplan with four phases of development proposed. Phase II will commence subsequent to ongoing emergency stabilisation and repair of the Flaxmill protected structure (Phase I). Phase III is intended to comprise an educational campus, inclusive of the adaptive reuse of the Flaxmill Building as part of that development and will be subject to a future separate application. Phase IV comprising the Shipyard site will be the final phase of development.

Two structures within the site are designated protected structures; the Flaxmill Building (PS Ref no.264 & NIAH No. 21512053) and the octagonal brick chimney (PS Ref no.265 & NIAH No. 21512059), which are to be retained. The proposed development will consist of the carrying out of works to the Flaxmill Building; specifically, the demolition of remaining fabric of c20th rear lean-to of the Flaxmill Building

The proposed development includes:

- A. Demolition of a number of structures to facilitate development including (i) Salesians Secondary School and Fembank House; (ii) 2 no. houses on North Circular Road; (iii) Residual piers from the basin of the reservoir; (iv) Upper Reservoir on Stonetown Terrace comprising 2 no. concrete water tanks, pump house and liquid storage tank; (v) 1960's lean-to building structures adjoining the Cold Store (former Weaving Mill); (vi) remaining fabric of c20th rear lean-to of the Flaxmill Building; (vii) c.1960s office building adjoining the Packing Store and Cheese Plant on North Circular Road; (viii) Cluster of buildings including altered part of the Linen Store, the former Linen Store, Storage Building, and Office/Lab building at O'Callaghan Strand / Stonetown Terrace with partial retention of existing stone wall; (ix) warehouse on the Shipyard site; and (x) partial removal of stone boundary wall defining the Cleeves site adjoining O'Callaghan Strand / Stonetown Terrace and around the Shipyard site.

B. Construction and phased delivery of:

- i. Residential Development in 4 development 'zones' within the site ranging in height from 3 – 7 storeys (with screened service plant at roof level) comprising: (a) 234 no. residential units; (b) 270 no. student bedrooms with ancillary resident services at ground floor level; (c) 299sqm of commercial floorspace; and (d) a creche. The specific development details of each proposed development zone comprise the following:
 - Salesians Zone – 1 no. building with 2 no. blocks extending to 6 and 7 storeys comprising 146 no. apartments (76 no. 1 bed; and 70 no. 2 bed); a creche; semi basement car and bicycle parking; reception area, plant rooms, and refuse storage, with screened external plant and photovoltaic panels at roof level; 20 no. 3 storey 3 bed triplex units with photovoltaic panels at roof level; and 30 no. car parking spaces for the dedicated use of the adjoining Salesians Primary School.
 - Quarry Zone – 1 no. Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) building with 3 no. blocks extending to 6 and 7 storeys comprising 270 no. bedrooms with study rooms, shared areas, exercise room, reception area, plant rooms, refuse storage and bicycle parking all at ground floor level and screened external plant and photovoltaic panels at roof level. Provision is made for telecommunication antennae on the roof top of one block. Consent is also sought for use of the PBSA accommodation, outside of student term time, for short-term letting purposes.
 - Stonetown Terrace Zone – 1 no. building extending to 4 - 5 storeys comprising 38 no. apartments (6 no. studios; 12 no. 1 beds; and 20 no. 2 beds) with plant rooms and refuse storage at ground level, ancillary infrastructure at basement level at northern end of the block, with screened external plant and photovoltaic panels at roof level; 9 no. 3 storey 3 bed townhouses with photovoltaic panels at roof level; and a dedicated secure bicycle storage facility.
 - O'Callaghan Strand Zone – 1 no. building extending to 4 / 5 storeys comprising 21 no. apartments (9 no. 1 bed and 12 no. 2 bed) with an open roof structure accommodating communal open space, plant and photovoltaic panels; and 299qm of commercial ground floorspace intended to accommodate Class 1, Class 2 and / or Class 3 uses, with provision for car parking in the undercroft.
- ii. Dedicated mobility hub with canopy and photovoltaic panels including double stacker bicycle parking; and EV Charging spaces, within the Shipyard Zone. A dedicated pedestrian/cycle link connects North Circular Road with Condell Road. The remaining area of the zone shall accommodate temporary car parking and a temporary external event space to be used on a periodic basis as the need arises, pending future redevelopment proposals as detailed in the Masterplan (Stage IV).
- iii. Extensive provision of Public Realm including creation of the Reservoir/Quarry Park, the Flaxmill Square and the Riverside Corridor. Significant areas of civic and green spaces are provided, incorporating formal and informal play space; nature based SuDs, permeability and access; and a riverside canopy with photovoltaic panels functioning as an outdoor event space and incorporating heritage interpretative panels
- iv. 3 no. dedicated bat houses;
- v. Telecommunication antennae on roof of Block 2A of the PBSA, including (a) 9 no. Support poles to support 2 no. antennae each; (b) 6 no. microwave dishes affixed to the plant screen; and (c) associated telecommunications equipment and cabinets (effectively screened). To facilitate technologically acceptable locations at the time of delivery, a micro-siting allowance of 3m is proposed on the roof top of Block 2A of the PBSA for the infrastructure.
- vi. Provision of vehicular access/egress points including (a) utilisation of existing access points to the Salesians Zone, to the Flaxmill and Quarry Zones and to the Mobility Hub on the Shipyard Site Zone; (ii) reopening an existing (currently blocked) access point off O'Callaghan Strand; (iii) new access points to the proposed undercroft carparking at Salesians from the North Circular Road and at the end of Stonetown Terrace road which provides access to the Stonetown Terrace Zone; and (iv) emergency access only from Stonetown Terrace to the Flaxmill Zone;
- vii. Provision of 30 no. dedicated car parking spaces to serve the Salesians Primary School; and
- viii. All ancillary site development works including (a) water services, foul and surface water drainage and associated connections across the site and serving each development zone; (b) attenuation proposals; (c) raising the level of North Circular Road between Fernhill and O'Callaghan Strand; (d) refuse collection store (e) car and bicycle parking to serve the development; (f) public lighting; (g) all landscaping works.; and (h) temporary construction measures including (i) construction access to the Quarry site including provision of a temporary access across the reservoir; and (ii) temporary use of onsite mobile crusher.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared as part of the application in respect of the proposed development.

A copy of the plans and particulars of the proposed development, the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAR) and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will be available for inspection free of charge, (or may be purchased on payment of a specified fee which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours (excluding Public Holidays) from 11th November 2025 to 23rd December 2025 (inclusive of both dates), at the following locations:

- The office of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 (between 9.15am and 5.30 pm Monday to Friday)
- Limerick City and County Council, Merchant's Quay Limerick V94 EH90 (between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday)
- Limerick City and County Council, Dooradoyle Road, Dooradoyle, Limerick, V94 WV78 (between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday)

The application plans and particulars, the EIAR and NIS may also be viewed / downloaded from the following website: <https://www.limerick.ie/cleeves-planning>

Submissions or observations may be made, on payment of the prescribed fee of €50, in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01 V902 during the above mentioned period submissions or observations may also be made through An Coimisiún's website at the following address <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-IE/Observation-on-a-strategic-Infrastructure-devel>), to be received on or before 5.30 p.m. on 23rd December 2025, relating to:

- I. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned, and
- II. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out, and
- III. The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

An Coimisiún Pleanála may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development. A person may question the validity of any such decision of An Coimisiún by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I. No.15 of 1986, as amended), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Legal Notices – *Judicial Review Notice on the An Coimisiún's website: www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website: www.citizensinformation.ie.*