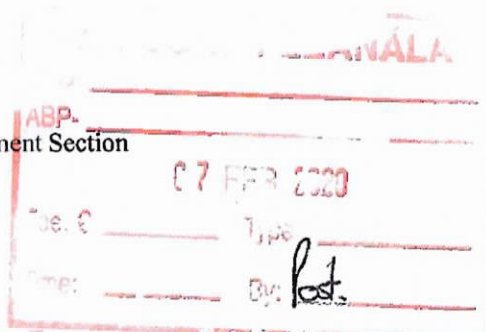




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RE: Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass)
(incorporating the Foynes to Rathkeale Protected Road Scheme,2019,
the Rathkeale to Attyflin Motorway Scheme,2019,
and the Foynes Service Area Scheme,2019)

To whom it concerns;

Limerick City Council and County Council have applied under section 51() of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) to An Bord Pleanála for a proposed road development as outlined above.

This infrastructure is vital for the improved connectivity of County Kerry to the wider region particularly Limerick, Shannon International Airport and the motorway network to the East including Dublin and the Western Corridor to Galway.

The improvement of this strategic link has been a priority for major businesses such as Kerry Group for many years and has been included in submissions both to the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region. The project has also been included in the various County Development Plans and the Local Economic and Community Plan.

Improved road access to the County has been highlighted as key to attracting new investment into Kerry both from foreign direct investment and indigenous sources and also in securing an efficient operating environment for all existing businesses in Kerry.

The Board and Management of Kerry Group wish to highlight the importance of this proposed infrastructure improvement on both the economic and social life of County Kerry and the South West Region.

It is vitally important for the competitiveness and attractiveness of the region for future economic development and for retention of existing employment.

Yours Faithfully

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Chief Executive.