Limerick Chamber,
96 O'Connell Street,
Limerick,
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The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanala,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1.

13th February 2020

Re: 306199: Shangolden, Craggs, Askeaton West, Lismakeery, Nantian, Riddlestown, Rathkeale Rural, Rathkeale Urban, Dromard, Croagh, Adare North, Adare South, Clarina and Patrickswell, Co. Limerick

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you regarding the planning permission request submitted by Limerick City and County Council for the N69 Foynes to Limerick (including Adare Bypass) Scheme.

Limerick Chamber fully supports the development of this scheme as the current road infrastructure is inadequate and is hampering efficient business activity located along the route.

Shannon Foynes Port Company (SFPC) is recognised by the European Commission as one of the three core ports in Ireland under the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T).
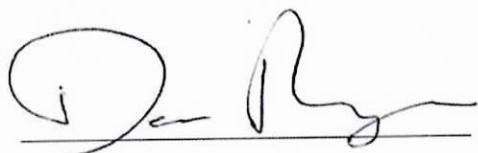
In addition, the National Planning Framework and the supporting National Development Plan 2018 – 2027 policy documents confirm the status of the Port of Foynes as a Tier 1 port and the Foynes to Limerick Road Scheme is included in the spending programme in the NDP which, subject to planning, can be delivered by 2024.

Expansion and infrastructural development in the deep-water Port of Foynes offers significant growth potential, particularly in a post Brexit climate where timely delivery of goods and materials will be of such critical importance. Delivery of the N69 Foynes to Limerick road is vital to the future development of SFPC as a cargo hub on Ireland's Western seaboard. A failure

to support the development of the port would mean substantial costs to the port and surrounding region, as well as to the national economy.

Furthermore, Adare Manor will host the Ryder Cup in 2026. This a huge opportunity for both Limerick and Mid West region and it is vital the key infrastructure such as the Adare Bypass is delivered in a timely fashion.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Dee Ryan

CEO

Limerick Chamber