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Date 10 October 2024

**Re: Limerick City Greenway (UL to Annacotty)  
Request for pre-application meeting with An Bord Pleanála**

Dear Ms Ingle,

I refer to an initial pre planning meeting ABP – 314351-22 which was held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 regarding the proposed Limerick City Greenway (UL to Annacotty). I attach a copy of a summary report from that meeting for your reference. Ryan Hanley on behalf of Limerick City and County Council request a follow up pre planning meeting in relation to the aforementioned.

The applicant's address is Merchants Quay, Limerick, V94 EH90, the telephone number is +353 61 556000 and the Email is [sinead.kennedy@limerick.ie](mailto:sinead.kennedy@limerick.ie). The main agent is Ryan Hanley. The agent's address is 1 Galway Business Park, Dangan, Galway H91 A3EF, the Telephone number is +353 91 587116, and the Email is [larkinb@ryanhanley.ie](mailto:larkinb@ryanhanley.ie)

The proposed Greenway will extend between the River Goody bridge and Cappamore junction, and it will comprise of 5.5km of proposed shared paths, cycle lanes and footpaths. It will be constructed as a new 3.5m wide shared surface alongside the River Shannon between the River Groody and the northern extents of University Road and McLoughlin Road. There will be new public lighting along the shared surface.

The proposed Greenway will continue onto University Road and McLoughlin Road, where the proposed path will change to separated cycle lanes and footpaths on the eastern and western sides of the roads. The proposed infrastructure will join to 1.3km of existing cycle lanes and footpaths on Plassey Park Road. There will be a new two-way cycle lane beside the existing footpath in Annacotty between the Annacotty roundabout and Cappamore junction.

There will be six new bridges along the route, and one bridge will be a 46m long and 4.5m wide cantilever attached to the south side of the existing bridge over the River Mulcair in Annacotty.

The entire site is located within the administrative boundary of Limerick City and County Council.

The proposed Limerick City Greenway (UL to Annacotty) is included in Section 9.1.7 Greenway Cycle Network in the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS) and is described as an 'Extension of the Shannon Fields Greenway to UL along the banks of River Shannon to the NTP and Annacotty' and it can serve both an amenity and commuter function.

Chapter 7 - Sustainable Mobility and Transport in the Limerick Development Plan (LDP) 2022-2028 outlines the strategy to provide an effective, sustainable, and accessible transport system. The LDP includes policies to deliver modal split (Objective TR 06), to promote 'walking, cycling or other non-motorised wheel-based transport modes for

*purposeful travel* (Section 7.5.2), and encourage behavioural change (Objective TR 07). It requires LCCC 'to support sustainable mobility, enhanced regional accessibility and connectivity within Limerick.' The proposed Limerick City Greenway (UL to Annacotty) complies with both national and local policy objectives and will contribute to the creation of integrated cycling and pedestrian networks that will be accessible by all (Objective TR 08). Furthermore, Objective ECON O48 states it is an economic objective of LCCC to support the development of greenways in the county, particularly 'c) Extend the greenway from the University of Limerick to Annacotty'.

Both an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement have been prepared for the proposed development.

We would welcome an opportunity to discuss the project including the appropriate consent process and any other relevant matters pertaining to the development.

Yours sincerely



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**Brendan Larkin**  
Associate

CC: Sinead Kennedy, LCCC Project Manager  
Rosie O'Donnell, LCCC Planner  
Fintan Morrin, The Planning Partnership

Attached Documents:

Minutes from pre planning meeting ABP – 314351-22 on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
Location Map  
Planning Application Report  
Preliminary Design Drawings  
Photomontages