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Office of the  
Planning Regulator

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Senior Executive Officer,  
Planning Department,  
Kildare County Council,  
Áras Chill Dara,  
Devoy Park,  
Naas,  
Co. Kildare

**Re: Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Leixlip Local Area Plan 2020-2026**

A Chara,

Thank you for your authority's work in progressing the Local Area Plan for Leixlip. The Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) has evaluated and assessed the proposed material amendments of the draft Local Area Plan (LAP), above, under the provisions of Section 31AO(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended (the Act) and within the context of the OPR's recommendations to the draft LAP in July 2019.

As your authority will be aware, one of the key functions of the OPR includes assessment of statutory plans and strategies to ensure consistency with legislative and policy requirements relating to planning.

The Office is currently developing an overall assessment methodology for statutory plans. The submission below has been prepared to provide a high-level input to your authority in finalising the plan.

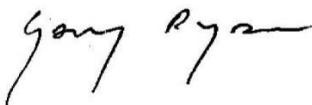
The Office has undertaken an evaluation and assessment of the proposed material amendments. It welcomes, in particular, the commitment of the planning authority to prepare and adopt into the Local Area Plan a masterplan for the Confey UDF lands, under objectives CS1.2 and CON 1.1. The Office would encourage that the masterplan be brought forward within 12 months of the adoption of the LAP.

The Office has no other comment to make.

Your authority is required to notify this Office within 5 working days of the making of the local area plan and send a copy of the written statement and maps as made.

Please feel free to contact the staff of the OPR in the context of your authority's responses to the above, which we would be happy to facilitate. Contact can be initiated through the undersigned or at [plans@opr.ie](mailto:plans@opr.ie).

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