TO: JOHN MCCORMACK, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

FROM: DENIS MALONE, SENIOR PLANNER

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF VARIATION 1 – CORE STRATEGY TO KILKENNY CITY AND ENVIRONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

DATE: 29TH APRIL 2011

I refer to the requirement under article 13K of the Planning and Development Regulations (Strategic Environmental Assessment) 2004 in relation to considering whether or not a proposed Variation to a Development Plan would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 13K, a 'screening' of the proposed Variation was undertaken in respect of SEA. A letter setting out the Council's considerations with regard to the relevant criteria for determining whether the Variation was likely to have significant impacts on the environment as set out in Schedule 2A of S.I. No. 436/2004 was submitted to the following environmental authorities:

- The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, and
- The Environmental Protection Agency, and
- The Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources

None of the three authorities advised that a Strategic Environmental Assessment should be carried out; the information contained in the response received from the EPA has been taken into account.

The SEA screening, which had regard to the criteria set out in schedule 2A of S.I. No. 436/2004, did not indicate that that the proposed Variation was likely to have significant impacts on the environment.

Recommendation

I therefore recommend that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is **not required** for the proposed Variation 1 to Kilkenny City & Environs Development Plan 2008-2014, as per the provisions of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2008.

Denis Malone,
Senior Planner

I agree with the above recommendation.

John McCormack,
Director of Services