

DRAFT SHANNON TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN

Clare County Council is preparing a Draft Shannon Town Centre Masterplan comprising of a 30 hectares area in the centre of Shannon Town which will set out a clear and shared vision for its development over the next 15 years.

The purpose of the Draft Plan is to define the focus and locations for economic, spatial, social, cultural, community and commercial development in the town centre. It is intended that the Draft Plan will unlock the development potential and guide and stimulate the development of all lands within Shannon Town Centre to maximise the opportunity for the town centre to unlock its potential as a social, cultural, economic, retail and recreational destination of choice.

As part of the Draft Plan preparation, we have prepared schematic concepts that provide an indicative layout in terms of proposed design elements and uses within the masterplan area, and we are asking for your views on the emerging Masterplan. We are also asking for your thoughts on a proposal to develop a new public civic hub for Shannon Town Centre and how this building can best be utilised as a public building for all.

Clare County Council is looking for your views and hereby invites any interested parties or individuals to make submissions and observations in respect of the Draft Plan. To help shape the Draft Plan, a public consultation is being carried out using Clare County Council's "Have Your Say" consultation portal at https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie/draft-shannon-town-centre-master-plan where there is a webpage dedicated to the new Shannon Town Centre Masterplan. Here you will be able to find relevant information on the Draft Plan and where you can provide feedback on the Draft Plan proposals. This online platform will remain live for feedback from Friday 16th July until close of business on Friday 20th August 2021.

The Draft Plan is accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report which details the likely significant environmental effects of implementing the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan is also accompanied by a Screening for Appropriate Assessment which considers potential significant effects on the integrity of European Sites. These reports and the consultation on the Draft Plan are prepared in accordance with the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (as amended) and European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2021 (as amended).

Copies of the Draft Plan and associated environmental documents will be available on Clare County Council's website: www.clarecoco.ie and at the following locations:

- Clare County Council, Economic Development Directorate, Clare County Council, Áras Contae and Chláir, New Road, Ennis, V95 DXP2
- Shannon Municipal District, Town Hall, Shannon, Co. Clare, V14 HF20
- Sean Lemass Public Library, Shannon Town Centre, Shannon, Co. Clare. V14 WK50

(Please check the Council's website or call for arrangements to access to these buildings as appointments may be necessary having regard to prevailing COVID precautions).

Submissions or Observations

Submissions or observations with respect to the Draft Shannon Town Centre Masterplan and associated Environmental Assessment should be made via Clare County Council's "Have Your Say" consultation portal at https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie/draft-shannon-town-centre-master-plan.

OR by email to:

<u>forwardplan@clarecoco.ie</u> identifying "Draft Shannon Town Centre Masterplan" in the subject line; OR in writing to:

Draft Shannon Town Centre Masterplan, Economic Development Directorate, Clare County Council, Áras Contae and Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 DX92.

Submissions or observations must be made in writing from Friday 16th July 2021 and up to 5.00pm on Friday, 20th August 2021.

Please note that submissions or observations received are subject to meeting requirements under relevant data protection legislation. All submissions/observations will be subject to Freedom of Information legislation.



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