Variation No. 1 to Kilkenny City & Environs Development Plan 2014-2020

To be inserted in Chapter 3 (Core Strategy)

It is an objective of the Council¹:

- **3H** To provide for a linear park along the western bank of the River Nore connecting to the existing River Nore linear park north of Green's Bridge and the existing River Nore linear park south of the Masterplan area (Canal Walk) (as indicated on Fig 3.4) subject to compliance with the Habitats and Birds Directives and the provisions of the Abbey Creative Quarter Masterplan.
- 31 To provide for an urban park in the vicinity of St. Francis Abbey (National Monument) incorporating the City Walls, Evan's Turret and St. Francis' Well taking into account the recommendations of the archaeological strategy developed in the preparation of the Abbey Creative Quarter Masterplan (as indicated on Fig 3.4) and subject to compliance with the Habitats and Birds Directives and the provisions of the Abbey Creative Quarter Masterplan.
- 3J To prepare a Heritage Conservation Plan for St. Francis Abbey, Evans' Turret and St. Francis' Well in the context of the existing City Wall conservation plan in conjunction with the Heritage Council, the Office of Public Works, the National Monuments Service, the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and other relevant stakeholders.
- **3K** To prepare urban design criteria and recommendations and archaeological recommendations for the implementation of the Abbey Creative Quarter Masterplan.
- **3L** To finalise and adopt the Abbey Creative Quarter Masterplan and to incorporate it into the Kilkenny City & Environs Development Plan 2014-2020 as a separate future Variation.
- **3M** To develop a low carbon energy strategy for the masterplan area and advance the provision of near zero energy buildings on site.
- **3N** To provide for park and walk facilities for car and bus/coach parking at a site or sites in close proximity to the Abbey Creative Quarter Masterplan area to service both the masterplan area and the city centre generally taking into account the mobility management plan for the city.
- **30** To provide for housing within the masterplan in the area north of the Central Access Scheme as identified on fig 3.4
- **3P** To provide for an urban street of pedestrian and cyclist priority between the Central Access Scheme and Bateman Quay crossing the River Breagagh at the existing bridge crossing. To provide for traffic management measures on the street such as to inhibit the flow of through traffic and heavy goods vehicles.

¹ All development within the Abbey Creative Quarter shall comply with 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines' and take account of the mitigation measures included in the Flood Risk Assessment for the Abbey Creative Quarter Masterplan.

