



15 December 2023

Planning Department,
Tipperary County Council,
Civic Offices,
Emmet Street,
Clonmel,
Co Tipperary
E91 N512

Re: Proposed Material Alterations to the Clonmel Local Area Plan 2024-2030

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the above. The Department of Education wishes to make the following submission to the proposed material alterations to the draft Clonmel Local Area Plan 2024-2030.

The Department has considered the above document and notes that there are no alterations to the population projections as outlined in the draft LAP and therefore the Department re-confirms the projected school requirements as per its submission of the 8th September 2023. However, the Department notes that proposed amendment 5 increases the residential land zoning from 96.04 hectares to 105.39 hectares and thereby increases the housing delivery capacity from 2,401 units to 2,634 units. It is also noted that a proposed 5 ha increase for mixed zoning areas also increases the housing delivery capacity by a further 36 units and also that strategic reserve lands will increase by a further 2 hectares. These increases will allow for bigger residential development capacity which in turn has the potential to further increase projected school place requirements and impact on the future school capacity in Clonmel. In this regard, the Department re-iterates its position as per its submission to the draft LAP that it will engage with the Council where the findings of an assessment require a review of existing or future school site provision within a specific location.

The Department acknowledges and notes proposed amendment 24 in response to its submission. The Department notes and acknowledges the requirement as outlined in amendment 26 but it would also like to take the opportunity to express its preference for all schools to have an appropriate zoning in line with the community service that schools provide.



Finally, the Department acknowledges the crucial importance of the ongoing work of the Council in ensuring sufficient and appropriate land is zoned for educational needs. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

If you have any queries in respect of the above, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely, 


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