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Proposed Material Alterations

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Please find attached Heritage Related recommendations for the above mentioned LAP.

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Tipperary County Council: Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2025-2031

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I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above. Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated headings

Archaeology

The Department notes that its comments on the Draft Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2025-2031 have largely been accepted.

The Department notes that several Material Alterations have been put forward by the Local Authority. The Department proposes that additional text be included with the following Material Alterations:

'Amend Objective 3G in Section 3.7 as follows: Objective 3G

Identify suitable locations for car, campervan and coach parking to support businesses and grow tourism, including for tourism purposes, within the town, including on lands close to the Primary Care Centre and Ormond Castle with access off the existing road network. Also, to examine the possibility of adapting existing car parks to provide for coach parking bays - having due regard to the Sustainable Transport Plan and safety, along with the needs of businesses and traders in the town'.

The Department advises that the following text be added to this Material Alteration:

Any works in proximity to Ormond Castle may be subject to Ministerial Consent under Section 14 of the National Monuments Act 1930 (and Amendments).



‘Amend Objective 5H as follows:

Seek the development of additional recreational and amenity spaces and associated car parking in Carrickbeg and on lands between Ormond Castle and adjacent to the River Suir, having due regard to environmental constraints and sensitivities in this area’.

The Department advises that the following test be added to this Material Alteration:

Any works in proximity to Ormond Castle may be subject to Ministerial Consent under Section 14 of the National Monuments Act 1930 (and Amendments).

‘Amend Section 6.6 to add Objective 6K:

Objective 6K: Investigate the feasibility of delivery a new vehicular street to the south of the Ormond Castle linking the Pill Road to the Town Centre’.

The Department advises that the following test be added to this Material Alteration:

Any works in proximity to Ormond Castle may be subject to Ministerial Consent under Section 14 of the National Monuments Act 1930 (and Amendments).

‘Amend Section 4.4 as follows:

Objective 4F Work with project partners, including the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage, Fáilte Ireland and the OPW to develop the Ormond Castle Quarter, cultural activities and events to support the tourism industry in the town. Any works to Ormond Castle shall be subject to Ministerial Consent under Section 14 of the National Monuments Act 1930 (and Amendments)’.

The Department advises that the following test be added to this Material Alteration:

Any works in proximity to Ormond Castle may be subject to Ministerial Consent under Section 14 of the National Monuments Act 1930 (and Amendments).

Nature Conservation

The Department has observations in relation to the following material alterations to the draft Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2025 - 2031:

The proposed amendment to Objective 4H (original text in regular font with proposed amendment underlined in italics):

4H "Support and facilitate the development of a greenway connection between the Suir Blueway Tipperary and the Waterford Greenway, including improved or additional cycle and pedestrian links over the River Suir."



The proposed amendment to Objective 5H (original text in regular font with proposed amendment underlined in italics):

5H "Seek the development of additional recreational and amenity spaces and associated car parking in Carrickbeg and on lands between Ormond Castle and adjacent to the River Suir, having due regard to environmental constraints and sensitivities in this area."

In relation to the proposed amendment to Objective 4H, the Department considers that the amendment refers to a particular project and therefore adds a more specific element to the original objective.

The inclusion of the proposed amendment would require a project-specific AA, and is not covered under the existing AA for the proposed amendments, which, for the assessment, cross-refers to the previous assessment of related (but not specific to this project) policies contained in the LAP.

In relation to the proposed amendment to Objective 5H, the amended wording would change the original objective significantly. Carrickbeg is a townland to the south of the River Suir, while "lands between Ormond Castle and adjacent to the River Suir" is a clearly defined location on the northern bank of the river. The development of car parking at this particular location (along with the development of recreational and amenity spaces, at this location) is a specific project.

Therefore, it is not covered under the existing AA for the proposed amendments, which, for the assessment, cross-refers to the previous assessment of related (but not project-specific) policies contained in the LAP, including Policy 7.5: "Protect the designated natural heritage sites and sites of high ecological value within the plan area including the Alluvial Wet Woodland habitat on the Islands of the River Suir." The Department notes that the site specified in the proposed amendment to Objective 5H is in close proximity to an island containing the Qualifying Interest priority habitat Alluvial Forests, and the inclusion of this project as an amendment would require a project- and site-specific assessment addressing in particular (but not limited to) its potential impacts on this habitat.

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