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The Secretary
National Planning Framework
Forward Planning Section,
Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin D01 W6X0

By email to npf@housing.gov.ie

Dear Secretary

I refer to a submission made by the University of Limerick to the public consultation phase of the National Planning Framework in March this year.

The University now wishes to update its submission with the following information:

Section 4 of the University submission refers to the "University Investment Zone." The development envisaged in the zone has, since the date of submission, become the focus of discussion between several interested parties. Arising from the discussions the University supports the proposition of Clare County Council that the lands contained in the investment zone would become the subject of a request for designation as a Strategic Investment Zone under the provisions of Section 166 of the 2000 Planning and Development Act. Please note these lands are zoned for University Related Uses in the Clare County Development Plan 2017-2023 of which both the detailed zoned itself and the plan have been subject to SEA and a Habitats Directive Assessment.

The University submission referenced the proposed Limerick Northern Distributor Road as a key component in the development of the University campus and the Region. The University wishes now to update its submission with confirmation that the planned project, including the road reservation corridor has been the subject of an Appropriate Assessment and a Strategic Environmental Assessment and the scheme passed both assessments as part of its adoption into both the Clare County Development Plan 2017-2023 and the Limerick City and Council Development Plan.

Please do revert if you require any further input.

Yours sincerely

Dr Des Fitzgerald