



## LIMERICK REGENERATION

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**5<sup>th</sup> April, 2013**

### **Re: Ballinacurra Weston Residents Alliance**

Dear Deputy O'Dea,

I refer to your email of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 to Mr Oliver O'Loughlin, Director of Service Home and Community, on behalf of the above residents. I wish to advise on the items raised as follows using the headings in your email.

#### **1. The proposals were presented to residents without the inclusion of any recommendations from the National Crime Prevention Office (NCPO).**

The Office of Regeneration (OoR) is actively engaged with the Gardai, both locally and with the National Crime Prevention Unit (NCPU) based at Harcourt Terrace, Dublin. Staff from the OoR visited the Southside Regeneration areas with local Gardai and a Sergeant in the NCPU on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to review safety and security issues. Design drawings were also issued to this unit for comment. This is part of a multi-disciplinary approach to deterring criminal behaviour through environmental design. The plans presented at the recent public information meetings were informed by this collaborative process. The OoR is continuing to engage with the NCPU. To illustrate this point, a presentation to senior OoR and Limerick City Council staff and residents of Southside Regeneration areas by the NCPU took place on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013. This ongoing process will influence further development and iterations of the Framework Plans for all four Regeneration Areas.

#### **2. The proposed roads through the site where Clarina Park once stood would facilitate joyriding and as this area has been designated for medium-long term development (10**



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years away) the proposed roads should only form part of the overall development of the area when those plans have been finalised and agreed. They have similar concerns for the proposed road that would link Beechgrove Ave and Crecora Avenue.

The proposed street through Clarina Park will only take place as part of an integrated scheme where this street has frontage development of houses on each side; a roadway without housing is not envisaged as it would not have adequate passive surveillance.

Beechgrove Avenue in its current configuration is a cul-de-sac. This type of arrangement has caused difficulty in Regeneration areas and other locations in the city. A central principle of the Regeneration project is to improve connections and permeability. The proposed connection of Beechgrove Avenue to Crecora Avenue is part of this process. This route provides an alternative access route to the adjacent service. The church is currently accessed via two flights of external steps at the end of Beechgrove Avenue. The proposed route will provide an alternative option without the requirement to use the stepped approach.

### **3. No. 27 Clarina Avenue should be refurbished rather than knocked.**

This property has been identified for retention and refurbishment. This process will occur in due course and in line with the refurbishment plans for the area.

I trust the above is satisfactory. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mr Seamus Hanrahan,  
Project Manager,  
Office of Regeneration.**