

**PLANNING****PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000****(AS AMENDED)****AND****PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)****VARIATION NO. 2 OF THE CORK COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 2014 WAS MADE BY THE COUNCIL ON THE 27TH JANUARY 2020.****DRAFT DIRECTION IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 31 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)****TAKE NOTICE THAT:**

On 6th March 2020, Cork County Council received notification from the Minister for Housing and Urban Development his intention to issue a Direction pursuant to Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The draft Ministerial Direction related to Variation No. 2 of the Cork County Development Plan (Retail Outlet Centres).

The reasons given for the draft Direction are:

- I. Variation No. 2 has not been made in a manner consistent with the recommendations of the Office of the Planning Regulator under section 31AM.
- II. The Cork County Development Plan 2014 as varied by Variation No. 2 purports to identify a preferred location for a retail outlet centre to serve the Cork Metropolitan Area in advance of the preparation of a joint retail strategy as required under the Guidelines on Retail Planning published by the Minister in April 2012 under Section 28 of the Act and is inconsistent with the Guidelines on Spatial Planning and National Roads published by the Minister in January 2012 under Section 28 of the Act, and therefore fails to set out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

A copy of the draft direction may be inspected each working day at the following locations, during normal opening hours from 9am on Thursday 19th March to 4pm on Thursday 2nd April 2020 (both dates inclusive):

1. Planning Department, Cork County Council, County Hall, Cork
2. Planning Department, Cork County Council Offices, Norton House, Skibbereen, Co. Cork
3. Online at [www.corkcocodevplan.com](http://www.corkcocodevplan.com) at all times.

Copies of the draft direction are also available for purchase, enquiries to the Planning Policy Unit; Tel 021 4285900.

**Making a Submission**

Written submissions or observations in respect of the draft direction may be made to the Planning Authority during the stated period and are hereby invited from members of the public, children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children and other interested parties.

These submissions or observations shall be taken into consideration by the Office of the Planning Regulator before it makes a recommendation to the Minister on the matter.

Submission or observations in respect of the draft direction can be made from 9am on Thursday 19th March to 4pm on Thursday 2nd April 2020 Please make your submission by one medium only, either electronic or hard copy;

Submissions may be made in either of the following two ways listed hereunder:

- Make a submission or observation on-line, just log on to our website [www.corkcocodevplan.com](http://www.corkcocodevplan.com) and follow the instructions provided

OR

- Make a formal written submission to the Senior Planner, Planning Policy Unit, Planning and Development Directorate, Cork County Council, Floor 13, County Hall, Cork.

For legal reasons, we cannot accept submissions outside the period from 9am on Thursday 19th March to 4pm on Thursday 2nd April 2020. All such submissions lodged within the above period will be taken into consideration.

Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. via the website or in hard copy. This will avoid the duplication of submission reference numbers and will streamline the process. Where possible, please include your name and address on a separate page to the content of your submission in order to assist Cork County Council in complying with the provisions of the Data Protection Act. Your assistance on these issues is appreciated.

Cork County Council is subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, 2014; the Data Protection Act, 2018 and to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Please be aware that in order to process those submissions that contain certain GDPR Special Categories of data/ Sensitive Personal Data as defined by Article 9 of the GDPR explicit consent to the processing of the special categories of data must be provided by the person to whom the data refers.

It is necessary for the Council to collect some personal information in order to process your submission. Legally we can process this information in the exercise of official authority vested in the Council. The protection of your personal data is a key priority for the Council and your data will be processed in line with our Privacy policy which is available at <https://www.corkcoco.ie/privacy-statement-cork-county-council> or hardcopy from our offices at County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork.

Should you have any questions about our privacy policy or the information we hold about you please contact us by email to [dpo@corkcoco.ie](mailto:dpo@corkcoco.ie) or write to us at Data Protection Officer, Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork.

**DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020**

**MICHAEL W. LYNCH**

**DIRECTOR OF SERVICES (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)**

**DESIGNATED PUBLIC OFFICIAL UNDER**

**REGULATION OF LOBBYING ACT, 2015**

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*For certain processes such as Temporary Road Closures, personal data may need to be transferred to a third party where such third party is the applicant. Accordingly, please indicate if you consent to the transfer of your personal information to the applicant.*