

**Variation No. 1
to the
Kerry County Development Plan
2015 - 2021**



Adopted 16th November 2015

First Variation to the Kerry County Development Plan 2015 – 2021
Adopted on 16th November 2015
By the Members of Kerry County Council

Reason for Variation

It was considered that Objective RS-8 which applied to Rural Areas Under Strong Urban Influence was too restrictive. It was considered that the Council's policy on Vacant and Incomplete Dwellings in Rural Areas, contained in Section 3.3.6 of the Kerry County Development Plan 2015 – 2021, is adequate to cover same.

Therefore it was decided to omit Objective RS-8 in its entirety.

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Changes made to the Kerry County Development Plan 2015 – 2021

Omit Objective RS-8 in its entirety. The text below is omitted:

Objective RS-8 *'Give priority to the completion of unfinished dwellings and the occupation of vacant units in preference to new residential development for persons who are an intrinsic part of the rural community in which they are proposed, subject to compliance with normal planning criteria and environmental protection considerations.'*

Habitats Directive Assessment (HDA)

A Stage 1 Habitats Directive Assessment of the Variation No. 1 to the Kerry County Development Plan 2015 – 2021 was undertaken and it identified no significant effects on Natura 2000 sites arising from the adoption and implementation of the variation. In accordance with Section 177U of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and on the basis of the objective information provided in the HDA report it is concluded that the Variation No. 1 to the Kerry County Development Plan 2015 - 2021, both individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, will not have a significant effect on a European site (Natura 2000 Site), and as such, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment/Natura Impact Report is not required.

Further to the adoption of the Variation no. 1 to the Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021 on 16th November 2015 by the Members of Kerry County Council a Findings of No Significant Effects report was completed.

Notice issued to the Environmental Authorities of the Planning Authority's determination in this matter.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

The Variation No. 1 to the Kerry County Development Plan 2015 – 2021 was screened under SEA Directive 2001/42/EC to ascertain if the variation would have a significant effect on the environment and require an SEA. Further to Article 13k of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, it was concluded that the variation would not cause significant effects on the environment and a SEA was not required.

Pursuant to Article 13K of the Regulations, notice issued to the Environmental Authorities of the Planning Authority's determination in this matter