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via email: brendan.mcgrath@galwaycity.ie

RE: LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN

Dear Brendan,

I am writing to you in respect of the requirement to develop the new Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) for your Local Authority area. The LECP is a critical strategy in that it will be setting out the objectives and actions to promote and support economic and community development in your area.

The LECP enables both policy alignment and prioritisation of resources, locally and regionally. On this basis, the Northern and Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) has prepared an “LECP Briefing Note” (attached) for your area, that identifies some of the up-to-date County and Local Authority socio-economic and environmental indicators that are available and which will help inform the objectives and actions of the LECP. The document also suggests areas of consideration within the LECP, that reflect the regional dimensions of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (‘RSES’) – thus enabling a consistency with the RSES and enabling it to be implemented locally.

Furthermore, considering the importance of using up-to-date socio-economic and environmental indicators in advocating for our region, I wish to advise that the three Regional Assemblies of Ireland – in partnership with the All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) and Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSI) – are to launch a “Regional Development Monitor” in Q4 2022. The purpose of the “Regional Development Monitor” will be to use a series of up-to-date socio-economic and environmental indicators to monitor the

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implementation of the three Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSES) on an ongoing basis. The “Regional Development Monitor” will be an online data platform that will be publicly available, updated regularly and linked to the websites of each of the three Regional Assemblies of Ireland. The vast majority of the indicators presented in this LECP Briefing Note will be – on an ongoing basis – available via the “Regional Development Monitor”. I will be in contact in due course with details of the launch of the Regional Development Monitor.

I hope that the attached briefing note is of assistance to the development of the LECP for your area, as this represents a key opportunity to think locally and deliver regionally. Should you have any queries in respect of the above then do not hesitate to revert to me.

Yours Sincerely,



David Minton
Director