

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE DRAFT REGIONAL SPATIAL AND ECONOMIC STRATEGY FOR THE SOUTHERN REGION

Planning and Development Acts 2000-2018 Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

The Southern Regional Assembly is one of three Regional Assemblies in Ireland, established under Local Government Act 2014, forming Regional Governance in Ireland. The Southern Region is comprised of nine counties (10 Local Authorities with Cork City Council and Cork County Council), Carlow, Clare, Cork, Kerry, Kilkenny, Limerick, Tipperary, Waterford, and Wexford.

Notice is hereby given that the Southern Regional Assembly has prepared a draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the whole of the Southern Region for the period 2019-2031, as required under the section 24(4) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2018.

The RSES will provide a long-term regional level strategic planning and economic framework, in support of the implementation of the National Planning Framework, for the future physical, economic and social development for the Southern Region. The following reports have been prepared in tandem with preparation of the draft RSES:-

- An Environmental Report has been prepared in accordance with the SEA Directive 2001/42/EC and Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended) (S.I. No. 436/2004);
- A Natura Impact Report to inform the Appropriate Assessment process has been prepared in accordance with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and the Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2018 (as amended);
- A Regional Flood Risk Appraisal Report.

These documents are now placed on public display from Tuesday 18th December 2018 to Friday 08th March 2019 and can be found at the following locations:

- www.southernassembly.ie;
- Southern Regional Assembly, Assembly House, O'Connell Street, Waterford X91F8PC during normal office hours;
- The planning counter in all 10 constituent local authorities of the Southern Regional Assembly, please check locally with your council regarding opening hours.

Submissions or observations on the draft strategy or associated environmental reports can be made between Tuesday 18th December 2018 and on or before 5.00pm on Friday 08th March 2019 via:

- Online: www.southernassembly.ie
- Email: rses@southernassembly.ie
- Mail: RSES Submissions, Southern Regional Assembly, Assembly House, O'Connell Street, Waterford X91F8PC

The draft RSES is a consultation document and The Southern Regional Assembly will consider all submissions made in writing within the stated time period before adopting the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. Please note that submissions may be published on our website and subject to Freedom of Information.

Receipt of submissions will be acknowledged however it will not be possible to issue individual responses.

We have a strong vision for the region and look forward to building on that vision with your help.

David Kelly
Director