

The CIF Midland Branch is pleased to make the following submission to Offaly County Council regarding the preparation of its Development Plan 2021 - 2027. At this stage of the development plan preparation process submissions must relate to strategic issues. In this regard the primary issue for the CIF and its members is the availability of adequate infrastructure to ensure the county is in a position to meet the objectives set out for it under the National Planning Framework. The county must also ensure that its development plan supports the needs of the county and its citizens by making sure there is always an adequate supply of zoned and serviced land available to the market for development throughout the period of the plan. In order to ensure that the future needs of the county are met, and that it develops in a sustainable and orderly manner, the new development plan needs to offer certainty, it needs to be unambiguous and definitive in its objectives and timescales. We are available to meet with you, your colleagues and the members of the council to discuss our submission in more detail and to answer any questions you may have.