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To: each member of the Municipal District of Waterford

Chief Executive's Report

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON PART VIII
PLANNING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THREE
BANNER POLES AND NEW RAILINGS AT BISHOP'S PALACE WATERFORD, A
PROTECTED STRUCTURE

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Chief Executive's Report forms part of the statutory process as required by Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

The Chief Executive's Report summarises and details the outcomes of the public consultation on the Part VIII Planning Procedure relating Proposed Construction of Three Banner Poles and new railings at Bishop's Palace Waterford, a Protected Structure and contains the following:

- A description of the nature and extent of the proposed development including a plan of the proposed development and map of the area to which it relates (Section 1 and Appendix A).
- An evaluation of whether or not the proposed development is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area (Section 1.3).
- The screening determination on why Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required (Section 1.4).
- A list of the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations (Table 2.1).
- A summary of the issues raised and the response of the Chief Executive (Table 2.2 and Table 2.3) and;
- A recommendation as to whether or not the proposed development should proceed with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report or should not proceed with, as the case may be (Section 3).

1.1 Description of the Proposed Works - Consultation

The notice of the Part VIII planning procedure for Proposed Construction of Three Banner Poles and new railings at Bishop's Palace Waterford, a Protected Structure was advertised in Munster Express, a local newspaper, on Tuesday 23rd March 2021 and made available to view on the Council's website www.waterfordcouncil.ie from Wednesday 24th March 2021 to Tuesday 20th April 2021

Notice was also given to prescribed bodies in accordance with Article 81 of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Prior to the publication of the notice, public consultation involved:

- Briefing the Elected Members of Waterford City and County Council
- Meetings with stakeholders directly affected.

1.2 Summary of the Proposed Development

The nature and extent of the proposed works, as described in the notice is as follows:

Waterford City & County Council proposed to install up to three stainless steel banner poles measuring approx 6 metres high with graphic panels on each side. The proposed location is at the North West side of the building near the outdoor cafe area along the railing line.

These will be of a similar design to the existing banner pole on the opposite side of Bishop's Palace. New glass railings are also proposed around the public realm space.

Refer to **Appendix A** of this Report which includes a plan of the proposed development and appropriate map of the area.

1.3 Planning Policy

A review of national, regional and local planning policy documents has been undertaken. The key policy documents relating to the proposed development are discussed in the sections below.

1.3.1 Evaluation of the Planning Policy

Having regard to the provisions of national, regional and the current Waterford City Development, this evaluation has found that the proposed project supports and is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the proposed development project relates, for the following reasons:

1. The proposed project broadly supports the policies and objectives of the Waterford City Development Plan 2013 – 2019 and in particular will enhance the vibrancy and vitality of the City Centre which is a key objective of the Development Plan.

1.4 Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Determination

Waterford City and County Council has carried out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report in accordance with requirements of Section 120(1B)(b)(i) and has determined that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment. Accordingly, it has determined that an EIA is not required in respect of this proposed development. The EIA report and recommendation of the screening were made available with the Part VIII planning application for the duration of the consultation period.

2. SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED & RESPONSE

No submissions were received.

Table 2.2 Summary of Prescribed Bodes Submissions, the Chief Executive's Response, and Recommendations

Submission No. / Ref	Name	Summary of Submission	Chief Executive Response & Recommendation
1	Conservation Officer, Waterford City & County Council.	<p>The proposed flagpoles will be similar to those in situ to the west. The proposed glass balustrade will provide an improved view of the Bishops Palace.. The works to facilitate the glass balustrades will not impact on the historic fabric. The works to provide the flagpoles will not physically impact on the Bishops Palace. Therefore will be no physical impact on the protected structure.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Conclusion</p> <p>It is considered that the proposed works will not physically impact on the Protected Structure and the proposed glass balustrade will improve the visual appreciation of this Protected Structure which is of National Importance.</p>

3. RECOMMENDATION

Having regard to the provisions of national, regional and local policy (the current Waterford City Development Plan 2013-2019 and the NQ SDZ Planning Scheme (2018) and PLUTS) as described above, this evaluation has found that the proposed project supports and is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates.

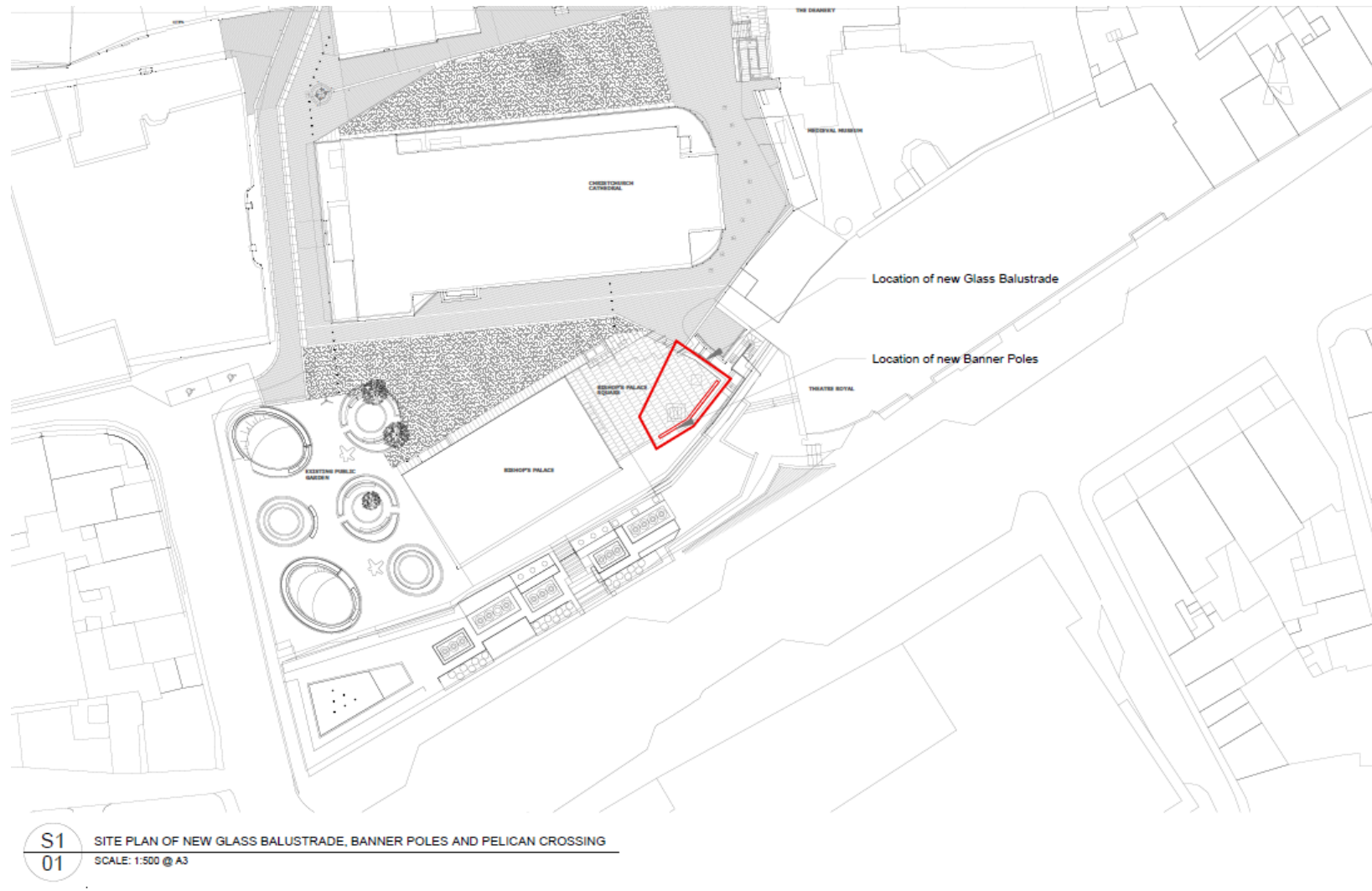
It is recommended that the proposed development should proceed.

4. NEXT STEPS

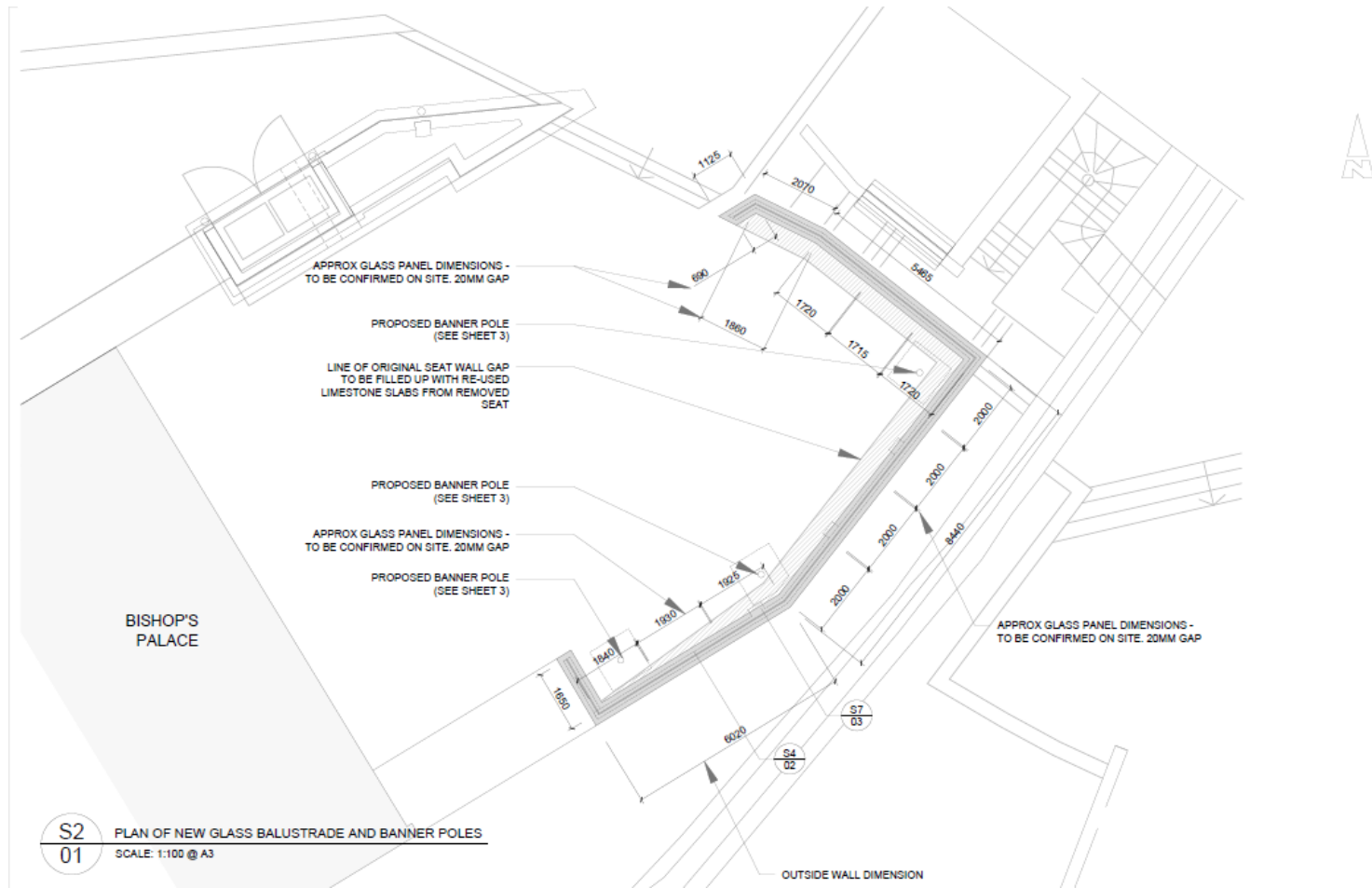
The members of a local authority shall, within 6 weeks of the receipt of this Report consider the proposed development and the contents of this Chief Executive's Report.

Following the consideration of this Chief Executive's Report, the proposed development may be carried out as recommended in the manager's report, unless the local authority, by resolution, decides to vary or modify the development, otherwise than as recommended in this Report, or decides not to proceed with the development.

For a resolution to have effect as per above, the resolution has to be passed not later than 6 weeks after the receipt of this Report, and in the case of a resolution not to proceed with a proposed development, it shall state the reasons for such resolution.



APPENDIX A - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND MAP OF AREA



APPENDIX B - PROPOSED PLAN OF AREA.

