



Planning Section,
Planning and Transport,
South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24

04 August 2026

Re: Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 2 to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the above. The Department of Education and Youth wishes to make the following submission to the Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 2 to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028. The department has considered the material alterations and has observed the following.

Proposed Material Alteration 2.1

The department notes the proposed amendment to include the following text – “ensure adequate educational capacity for sites adjacent to Adamstown are catered for, in consultation with the Department of Education and Youth.”

Proposed Material Alteration 4.1

The department notes the proposed amendment to include the following text – “ensure adequate educational capacity for sites adjacent to Adamstown are catered for, in consultation with the Department of Education and Youth.”

Proposed Material Alteration 16.1

The department notes the proposed amendment for Liffey Valley MRC to include CS7 SLO14: that development on these lands shall have regard to the requirements of the Department of Education and Youth any planning application on this site shall be accompanied by evidence that sufficient primary and secondary school capacity is available in the wider area to serve existing and proposed development.

Proposed Material Alteration 29.1

The department notes the proposed amendment to change the amount of zoned land, number of new dwellings and new homes in the Variation.

Proposed Material Alteration 49.1

The department notes the proposed amendment to Table 11 Core Strategy Table to amend the number of Total Potential Units for several settlements. There is a significant reduction in the number of Total Potential Units for Lucan, Adamstown and Palmerstown from 7,061 units in the Variation to 5,401 units in the Material Alterations.



In the department's submission to the Variation in March 2026, it stated *"A population of this magnitude could see a potential future requirement for at least two additional primary schools in the area and a potential future requirement for a post primary school in the Lucan, Adamstown, Palmerstown area would need to be considered"* The department notes that the proposed amendment to the Variation does not result in a change to the submission and there is still a potential future requirement for at least two additional primary schools in the area and a potential future requirement for a post primary school in the area would need to be considered.

There is an increase in the number of Total Potential Units for Newcastle from 516 units in the Variation to 733 units in the Material Alterations. In the Department's submission to the Variation in March 2026, it stated *"These projected figures could see an increase in primary school place demand, which potentially could be met by the possible expansion of the existing facilities, if required. In the context of post primary provision, the projected growth figures could see a significant increase in post primary school place demand, which potentially could be accommodated within existing post primary schools and current capital projects."* The department notes that the proposed amendment to the Variation does not result in a change to the submission.

The department acknowledges the crucial importance of the ongoing work of the Council in ensuring sufficient and appropriate land is zoned for educational needs. The department wishes to thank South Dublin County Council for the consideration given to the department's submission to the Variation. We look forward to continuing to work with you and welcome further and continuing engagement with the Council in relation to school provision in the county.

If you have any queries in respect of the above, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,


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