

Draft Litter Management Plan 2021-2023



Chief Executive's Report Kilkenny County Council May 2021

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1. Introduction

This report addresses the submissions received during the 4-week public consultation period, from the 8th of March to the 5th of April 2021, in relation to the Draft Litter Management Plan 2021-2023.

The purpose of the report is to:

- (a) Report on the written submissions/observations received in relation to the Draft Litter Management Plan during the public consultation period.
- (b) Set out the Chief Executive's response to the issues raised in the submissions/observations and;
- (c) Make recommendations to the Elected Members on the matters arising from the consultation process.

1.1 Details of Public Consultation Phase

The draft Litter Management Plan was placed on the consult.kilkenny.ie consultation website. A hard copy was on public display at:

- Environment Section, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny

Due to the restrictions in place in response to the Covid pandemic, hard copies of the draft plan were posted out on request from the Environment Section as a 5km travel limit was in force for the public during the consultation phase.

Submissions could be made from the 8th of March to 5pm on 5th of April 2021 by:

- Email to environment@kilkennycoco.ie
- Online at consult.kilkenny.ie
- Written submissions to the Environment Section, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.

In line with the procedure set out in the Litter Pollution Act (as Amended) a public notice was published in the Kilkenny People (Published Date;10th March 2021) and the public consultation phase of the Plan was advertised over three consecutive days on KCLR96FM (Date 8th/9th/10th of March 2021).

The Litter Pollution Act (as Amended) it requires the Local Authority to "consult with such voluntary and representative bodies as the local authority deems appropriate".

The following bodies were contacted directly and furnished an electronic copy of the Draft Plan with the details of the online submission portal; consult.kilkenny.ie

- Kilkenny Branch of An Taisce
- Members of the Tidy Towns Forum
- Nore Vision

- PPN Kilkenny
- Chamber of Commerce
- An Garda Local Representatives

The Environmental Awareness Officer presented the draft Litter Management Plan to the Council's SPC 4 for Environment Protection, Climate Action and Energy at their meeting held in March. In addition, the Environmental Awareness Officer presented at each Municipal District Meeting in March to brief the elected members on the Draft Plan and issues pertaining to their local areas were discussed generating many suggestions which are also outlined in this report.

2. Submissions Received

In total, 6 submissions were received by Kilkenny County Council to the Draft Litter Management Plan 2021-2023 as set out below:

Ref	Name
KK-CS4-DLMP-1	Lorcan Scott
KK-CS4-DLMP-4	Keep Kilkenny Beautiful
KK-CS4-DLMP-5	Lucy Glendinning
KK-CS4-DLMP-6	John Connolly
KK-CS4-DLMP-2	Ballyragget Development Association (i)
KK-CS4-DLMP-3	Ballyragget Development Association (ii)

2.1 Submission Summary and CEO Response and Recommendations

The Chief Executive of the Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who took the time to make a submission. The submissions received and the Chief Executive's responses are summarised below:

Ref No.	Name
KK-CS4-DLMP-1	Lorcan Scott
Submission Summary:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extend the opening hours of Dunmore Waste and Recycling Centre, as current weekend opening hours too restrictive, suggests opening on Saturday and Sundays and increase the recycling charge by €1 to compensate. 	
Chief Executive's Response & Recommendations	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The operations of Dunmore Waste and Recycling Centre, including opening hours and rates charged, is outside the scope of the Litter Management Plan. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. The submission will be forwarded to the Environment Section for consideration. 	

Ref No.	Name
KK-CS4-DLMP-4	Keep Kilkenny Beautiful
Submission Summary:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bin requests for two locations in city environs. 2. Acknowledge role of different organisations that assist to keep the river Nore litter free. 3. Tidy Towns Forum query. 4. Return and Deposit Scheme for plastic bottles and drink cans. 5. Request for dog fouling enforcement officers. 6. Request to explore DNA technology for dog licencing. 7. Unauthorised Temporary Signage of Estate Agents. 8. Placement of specialised bins to encourage recycling. 	

9. Suggested Zero Waste Recycling Challenge.
10. Request RMCEI plan to be made available on the Councils website.
11. KKCoco to prioritise zero waste initiatives to abate litter.
12. KKCoco to restrict take away licences to reduce roadside litter.
13. KKCoco to support zero waste households as large bins provided by waste management companies not encouraging zero waste and makes disposal expensive.
14. KKCoco to support community composting projects.

Chief Executive's Response & Recommendation

1. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. Request forwarded to City Engineer for consideration.
2. Noted and Section 5.4 of the Plan amended to include the following acknowledgement "Litter picks completed by organisations like Trail Kilkenny, Kilkenny Aqua Canoe Club, The Dragon Boat Club, Nore Vision and Walking Clubs are fully supported by Kilkenny County Council.
3. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. Query will be addressed directly by the Environmental Awareness Officer (EAO).
4. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
5. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. The submission will be forwarded to Environment Section for consideration as part of the annual budget process.
6. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. The submission will be forwarded to Environment Section for consideration and Kilkenny County Council will await outcomes from Leitrim County Council on their pilot DNA scheme recently launched.
7. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. The issue will be addressed separately in another policy document currently being drafted.
8. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. The EAO will follow up scheme with Waterford Local Authority.
9. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission as it is outside the scope of Litter Management.
10. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. The request will be forwarded to Environment Section to ensure that most current RMCEI plan is made available on the Council's website www.kilkennycoco.ie.
11. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
12. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
13. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission as it is outside the scope of Litter Management.
14. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission as it is outside the scope of Litter Management

Ref No.	Name
KK-CS4-DLMP-5	Lucy Glendinning
<p>Submission Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request local and national government to introduce levies, deposit schemes. 2. Make the annual progress report of the Plan made available to the public. 3. Education on litter required, incorporating the full life cycle of packaging. 4. Plastic advertising signage unnecessary. 5. The inclusion of farm rubbish to be mentioned in the plan. 6. Business responsibilities towards litter and their effort to reduce packaging. 7. Query regarding the source of the National Litter Monitoring System. 8. Query numbers in the Enforcement team and questions the length of time (21 days) allowed for clean-up of reported illegal dumping. 9. Query on the lack of CCTV in Newpark Fen, Kilkenny City. 10. Query if the business community can undertake surveys to quantify waste. 11. Request a public awareness campaign on the life cycle of bulky goods which are accepted for "amnesty days". 12. Requesting details of on-going operations relating to the Waste Bye laws. 13. Improve recycling facility in Dunmore. 14. Request for Community Composting Schemes. 15. Request all schools participate in the Green Schools Programme. 16. Better segregation and more emphasis be placed on this practice when completing litter picks. 17. Decrease litter enforcement signage and increase enforcement officers on patrol. 18. Query on the provision of dog poo bags, as they are a source of litter themselves due to improper disposal. 19. Street cleaning query, cycle lanes should be litter picked to ensure cyclist safety. 20. Request for segregated street litter bins to collect recyclables. 21. Query on the student litter picking scheme. 22. Request to take a zero-waste approach to all festivals. 23. Request to install water refill facilities in amenity areas to decrease waste. 24. Support requested for community composting. 25. Dunmore Facility praised and request clear signage on site, to aid better recycling. 26. Place greater emphasis of producer responsibility. 27. Request more emphasis on waste prevention initiatives. 28. Request KKCoco to be more responsible towards the environment. 29. Increase green school budget allocation and expand the scheme. 30. Request to reword title 8 to include the 4 R's. 31. Request more detail on the RMCEI Plan. 	
<p>Chief Executive's Response & Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission as it is outside the scope of Litter Management Plan. 2. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. 	

3. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
4. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. The Council's Temporary Signage Policy is currently under review and will be dealt with separately.
5. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
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10. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission as it is outside the scope of the Litter Management Plan.
11. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. outside the scope of the Litter Management Plan.
12. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. referred to the Director of Services to publicise waste enforcement operations to keep the community informed
13. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
14. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. outside the scope of the Litter Management Plan
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18. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
19. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. The observation has been forwarded to the Area Engineers for their consideration.
20. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
21. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
22. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
23. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
24. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission as it is outside the scope of the Litter Management Plan.

25. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. The submission will be forwarded to Environment Section for consideration.
26. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
27. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
28. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission.
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30. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission as it is outside the scope of the Litter Management Plan.
31. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. The request will be forwarded to Environment Section to ensure that most current RMCEI plan is made available on the Council's website www.kilkennycoco.ie.

Ref No.	Name
KK-CS4-DLMP-2	Ballyragget Development Association (i)
<p>Submission Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cameras required on the approach roads to Ballyragget to deter illegal dumping 2. Commends Council worker who is assigned to Ballyragget, their contribution is greatly appreciated 3. The termination of pre-paid refuse and recycling bags by local waste management company is inconvenient to many in Ballyragget, wheelie bins are more expensive and too big for small households generating small volumes of waste 	
<p>Chief Executive's Response & Recommendation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. The request will be forwarded to Environment Section for consideration. 2. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. 3. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission as this matter is dealt with by the Council's Waste Management Bye Laws. 	

Ref No.	Name
KK-CS4-DLMP-3	Ballyragget Development Association (ii)
Submission Summary: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submission relates to dog fouling. 2. Signage and stickers not effective to stop behaviour. 3. Greater enforcement required to deter irresponsible dog owners. 4. Greater number of bins and bag dispensers required in Ballyragget to assist dog walkers. 	
Chief Executive's Response & Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. 2. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. 3. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. 4. It is not deemed necessary to make any material change to the Plan on foot of this submission. 	

Ref No.	Name
KK-CS4-DLMP-6	John Connolly
Submission Summary: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request Kilkenny CoCo and its contractors to litter pick newly exposed litter which is brought to the surface when water drainage channels adjacent to the road are cleared 	
Chief Executive's Response & Recommendation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted and Section 8, under heading "Kilkenny County Council's Street Cleaning & Litter Prevention Programme" amended to include the following new objective <i>"Kilkenny County Council and its contractors where feasible are to litter pick after dredging roadside ditches, before grass cutting and after general construction works to ensure the area is litter free post works"</i> 	

2.2 Observations from Municipal District Meetings

The following are a list of suggestions and observations made by the elected members through discussions with the Environmental Awareness Officer who was present at each Municipal District Meeting during the month of March. One additional objective was added to the Plan under Section 8 as there was a general consensus that the Council needs to be more proactive to advertise their waste management services and work with the waste management companies to ensure the public are aware of the waste services available to them locally and the associated cost.

Issue/Suggestion
Acknowledgement and thanks to the Environment Section's dedication to providing an efficient service.

Environment Department, under-resourced, needs more personnel
Litter of Concern:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadside Scattered Litter • Dog Fouling • Illegal Dumping • Covid PPE Gear
Track product bar codes back to shop and link with customer via e-payment.
Name and Shame Policy Required for litter offenders.
Can office admin review CCTV footage to allow the two enforcement officers to be out on patrol more.
Promotion of Prosecutions, no. of fines issued in media to deter offenders regularly.
More CCTV at bottle banks.
Leniency required for those leaving recyclables at bottle banks when banks are full.
Request an individual report for their MD area every 6 months on no. of illegal dumping complaints, no. of fines issued, no. of clean ups completed.
Bins and Dog bag dispenser query.
More man power to provide more street services (bins and bag dispensers).
Continue education element with primary and secondary schools.
Start multiple county litter picking events throughout the annual calendar, to highlight the issue of scattered litter.
Acknowledgement of litter picker volunteers/ tidy towns active in their local areas.
Promote Council Waste Services More
Promote all permitted/licenced waste management collectors operating in Kilkenny regularly.
Waste Prevention - a mindset change required.
More visible litter patrols.
Should be made an offense to walk a dog without a bag.
Take back the waste collection service from private industry.

2.2 Matters Arising

A limited number of changes are recommended to the Draft Litter Management Plan in line with the submissions and observations made by the general public and elected members. The following are the proposed amendments:

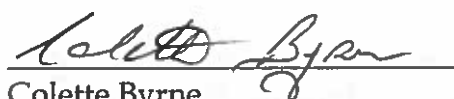
- Amended Section 5.4 to include the following acknowledgement *"Litter picks completed by organisations like Trail Kilkenny, Kilkenny Aqua Canoe Club, The Dragon Boat Club, Nore Vision and Walking Clubs are fully supported by Kilkenny County Council."*
- Amended Section 8 under heading *"Kilkenny County Council's Street Cleaning & Litter Prevention Programme"* amended the table to include the following new objective: *"Kilkenny County Council and its contractors, where feasible, are to litter pick after dredging roadside ditches, after general construction works and before grass cutting to ensure the area is litter free post works."*
- Amended Section 8 under heading *"Kilkenny County Council's Street Cleaning & Litter Prevention Programme"* amended the table to include the following new objective: *"Kilkenny County Council will actively promote its range of waste services available throughout the county and work with the waste management industry operating within the county to ensure the public are aware what waste and recycling services are available in their local area."*

3. Summary of Recommendations of the Chief Executive

In total 6 submissions were received on the Draft Litter Management Plan and are addressed in this report. The report also summarises feedback and suggestions received from the Municipal District Meetings which were attended by the Council's Environmental Awareness Officer.

This report has summarised and responded to all submissions received and where appropriate recommendations for alterations to the published draft Litter Management Plan are proposed.

I recommend that the material alterations outlined in the report are accepted and that the elected members adopt the amended Litter Management Plan 2021-2023.



Colette Byrne,
Chief Executive