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Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly

Attn: Mr. Jim Conway, Director

Dear Mr. Conway,

Please find attached the RIAI submission on the proposed **Draft for the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midland Region Public Consultation**.

The RIAI would like to be involved in the ongoing consultation process with the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly on the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and requests that the RIAI be included as a stakeholder in any further forum set up to progress and advise on input into these Regional Strategies.

Best Regards

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Re: RIAI Submission to the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly on the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The RIAI again welcomes the opportunity to consider and provide a submission for the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy which we feel should have strong ambition and set targets for a number of key objectives, on the above mentioned topic.

The RIAI is fully aware that the primary focus of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RESES) is in the preparation, implementation and integration of Local Economic and Community Plans (LECPs), management of EU Operational Programmes, EU project participation, implementation of national economic policy and working with the National Oversight and Audit Commission.

We note that most of the comments and recommendations made by the RIAI in the initial submission on the Issues Paper on the 22nd February 2018, have been taken in to account in the draft consultation document. This submission focusses on amplifying previous comments which do not appear to have been considered in your current draft.

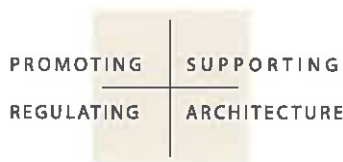
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We hope that this meets with your approval and we look forward to further opportunities later in the process, should the opportunity arise, to express our views and make additional submissions.

If there are any queries, or clarification required concerning our submission, please contact the undersigned, or Joe Miller RIAI Practice Director, directly.

Yours sincerely

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EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

A RIAI Submission on the proposed draft for the Eastern & Midland Region's Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy

Date: 22 January 2019

The RIAI welcomes the opportunity to make this submission on the proposed draft of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the whole of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly for the period 2019-2031. The RIAI shares strong ambitions for the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies and supports the overall consultation process as a vital element in the proper consideration of the challenges ahead and their appropriate resolution.

We note the duration period 2019- 2031 above, but we recommend a longer time period of 100 years which formed part of our submission of the 22nd February 2019.

The RIAI has previously played an active role in the consultation process for the National Planning Framework 2040 and through its written and verbal submissions advocated strongly for sustainable development to be delivered via management of economic growth and thoughtfully considered principles leading to quality-built environment and the infrastructural framework required to support that environment.

The primary focus of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RESEs) is in proposing a strategic plan which should identify regional assets, opportunities and pressures and should provide the appropriate policy responses in the form of Regional Policy Objectives. It should also provide for the preparation, implementation and integration of Local Economic and Community Plans (LECPs), management of EU Operational Programmes, EU project participation, implementation of national economic policy and working with the National Oversight and Audit Commission.

The RIAI in the 22nd February submission recommended:

The RIAI in the original submission to the EMRA some proposals for consideration within the Issues Papers which were felt to be important elements for inclusion in the RESEs and which related to the appointment of the appropriate personnel to each Regional Assembly administration such as a Regional Assembly Architect who could provide the Assembly with the critical analytical skills to ensure that all built environment proposals which receive funding under the National Development Plan deliver value for money and sustainable long term investments that will greatly enhance the environments within our cities, towns, villages and rural areas.

The RIAI also proposed that each Local Authority should have an Architect's Department and designated Municipal Architects to help deliver the needs of towns and communities. Through having a role in all major infrastructural planning decisions, the Municipal Architect, in close collaboration with the Regional Architect, could drive high quality Urban Design within Local Area Plans for existing urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods.

The RIAI ask that these proposals involving the implementations of the appointment of a Regional Architect and the strengthening of Local Authority architects' departments be seriously reconsidered.

Conclusion by the RIAI.

A well-built environment requires thoughtful investigation of many factors prior to producing the final plan. Through the appointment of a Regional Architect and the strengthening of Local Authority Architects' Departments, the Eastern and Midland Assembly will enable architects the latitude and scope to create buildings and places that are greater than the sum of their parts, thereby making a significant contribution to the future richness of the region and the overall richness of Ireland's built heritage. A well designed built heritage drives economic activity and raises Ireland's status on international 'Quality of Life' indices, thereby attracting direct foreign investment.

Future Consultation.

The RIAI would like to be involved in the ongoing consultation process with the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly on the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and request that the RIAI be included as a stakeholder in any further for a set up to progress and advise on input into these Regional Strategies

Concluded: RIAI - 22.01 2019 - P.A.