



Mr Eoghan Ryan,
Director of Services,
Planning and Strategic Development,
Kildare County Council.
Aras Chill Dara,
Naas,
Co. Kildare.

27th January 2022

The Historic Towns Grant Scheme 2022

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I write in connection with the Historic Towns Grants Scheme 2022 and Kildare County Councils application for the revitalisation of Naas's Historic Potato Market. I wish to support this application for Naas.

This funding will be essential in resurrecting an area and building of historical importance to Naas and the wider region. Should this application be successful, it will enable Kildare County Council to develop this site into a modern town centre market, and the possibilities for the space to be used for outdoor entertainment and other civic and cultural initiatives.

In March 2020, County Kildare Chamber, Chambers Ireland and ICC Ireland announced that we had signed up to a new charter supporting the UN Sustainability Goals (SDGs). One of these goals, which we have worked to advocate for is the Sustainable Cities and Communities Goal.

Kildare Chamber strives to lead and work with our stakeholders to develop the idea of sustainable towns and economically vibrant communities in the County. We believe that cities and towns need more housing, transport and social infrastructure, including recreational amenities such as this one.

Kildare Chamber are hugely supportive of this application. An amenity such as this will open up the town of Naas, will reinvigorate the area as a central location and would be of enormous benefit.

Yours faithfully,

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