

## Annual Report of the Office of the Planning Regulator for 2020 in accordance with Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 requires the publication of a report each year relating to the number of protected disclosures made in the preceding year and also for the publication of information with regard to any actions taken in response to protected disclosures made.

The OPR was established on 3 April 2019 in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This annual report covers the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. There were no protected disclosures made to the OPR in 2020.

The OPR has put in place procedures for the making of protected disclosures in line with the Protected Disclosures Act. These procedures set out in detail the process by which a worker of the OPR can make a protected disclosure, what will happen when a disclosure is made and what the OPR will do to protect the discloser. The process supports the OPR's commitment to fostering a working environment where employees feel comfortable in raising concerns relating to potential wrongdoing within the OPR and to provide the necessary supports for those that raise genuine concerns. This working environment reflects the OPR's core values, especially those of integrity, professionalism, openness and transparency.

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