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RE: HPLG-MOBO-00447-2020

Dear Ms. Walsh,

I wish to refer to your correspondence from August 2020 regarding the resolution passed by the members of Kilkenny County Council at their July Meeting requesting that the official name of the Council be changed to Kilkenny City and County Council. The delay in responding is regretted.

Schedule 5 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Part 2 Section 12(6)(2) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, provides for the official names of counties and of Local Authorities in both the Irish and English Languages. The local authority for Kilkenny is named as Kilkenny County Council in this Schedule; in order to change the Schedule a legislative amendment would be required and, while no amending legislation in this context is proposed at present the matter will be kept under review.

In the meantime, it would be appreciated if the Council could submit material to the Department in support of the Resolution in order to assist with detailed consideration of the matter. Material could be sent directly to Cian Ó Lionáin at [cian.olionain@housing.gov.ie](mailto:cian.olionain@housing.gov.ie)

Yours sincerely,

**Niamh Redmond,**  
**Private Secretary.**