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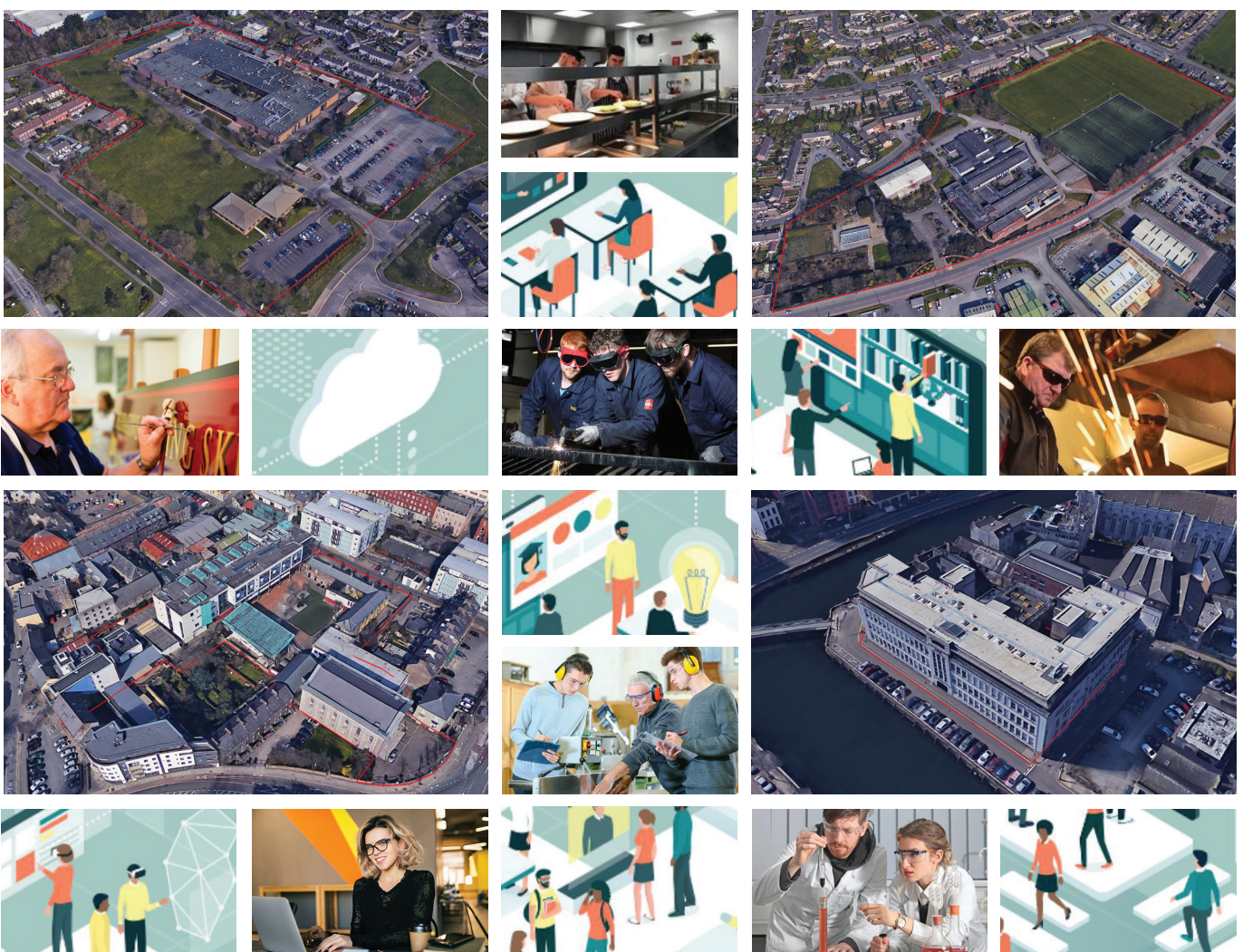
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

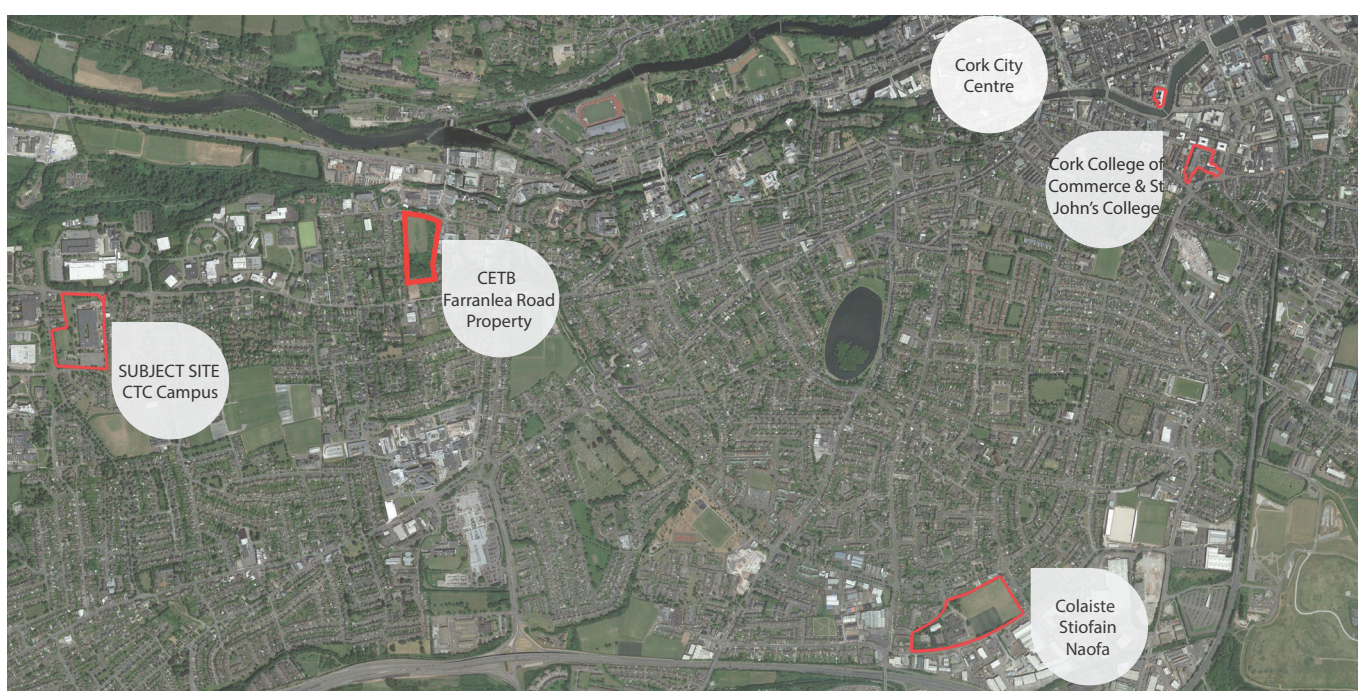
1.1 Executive Summary

This is a submission to the Draft Cork City Development Plan public consultation with regard to the Cork Education & Training Board's intentions for consolidation and expansion of their well established network of Further Education and Training Facilities in Cork City. This submission is to be read in conjunction with two site specific submissions by the CETB in relation to their property at Farranlea Road and the Cork Training Centre, Roass Avenue and Model Farm Road.

It has been prepared by Scott Tallon Walker Architects, on behalf of the Cork Education & Training Board (CETB) in response to public notices inviting submissions from third parties and interested parties on the Cork City Development Plan review in accordance with the relevant sections of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

The purpose of the submission is to seek Cork City Council's support in the Development Plan for:

- Sustainable 'deep energy retrofit solutions' to existing CETB estate's building stock
- Ensuring explicit support in the Development Plan to improve density and height at the CETB's city centre facilities, particularly at St John's College.
- Ensuring planning policy in the Development Plan supports and improves public transport links from the north-side of Cork City to CETB Further Education centres at Cork Training Centre, Cork College of Commerce, St John's College and Colaiste Stiofain Naofa (CSN).
- Environmentally sustainable flood mitigation measures to protect the CETB's City Centre properties.



1.2 Submission Context

The CETB was established under the Education and Training Boards Act, 2013 and is responsible and accountable for the proper direction and control of its functions in the Cork City and Cork County Councils' local authority areas. CETB plans, provides, supports and co-ordinates education, training and youth services in Cork which are recognised internationally as a model of excellence.

CETB's target clients are learners in our schools, colleges, training centres and community settings, applicants under the various learner support schemes administered directly by CETB, Youth Service Providers, Community Education and Training Groups, Voluntary Community Organisations and Communities throughout the City and County.

CETB welcomes the City development plan and the consideration given to the future development and redevelopment of educational facilities across the City. The development plan should also take account of the future needs of the education sector to develop fully property estates and that of the sector through education patrons and the Department of Education.

Forecasted increasing demographics indicate that the educational sector particularly in the post second level will require increased physical infrastructure to cater for this need, for example Apprenticeships and Adult Further Education.

The CETB has engaged Scott Tallon Walker Architects to carry out site assessments on various sites and properties in its ownership to establish the potential and suitability for future expansion of their provision of Further Education and Training (FET) services. This study has identified potential for development and expansion at the CETB's greenfield site in Farranlea Road and at the Cork Training Centre at Rossa Avenue and Model Farm road, and separate site specific submissions to the Draft Development Plan are being made in relation to those sites.

The CETB also wishes to make some general submissions to the Draft Development Plan with regard to supporting their objectives of consolidation, re-development and future expansion their FET services in Cork. These general submissions are highlighted in this Report.

1.3 Subject Site Owner - The CETB

The Cork Education and Training Board (CETB), established in 2013, is the statutory provider of Further Education and Training (FET) in Cork. It delivers education and training programmes through its FET services to over 24,000 learners, both full-time and part-time. FET programmes are delivered in a range of centres, some are CETB owned, others leased, with additional delivery occurring in premises provided by community and other agencies in order to meet local need. The main full-time programmes delivered by CETB are:

- Apprenticeships
- Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) programmes.

Apprenticeship programmes are delivered by Cork Training Centre at Rossa Avenue in Cork City, with PLC courses being delivered by the following standalone colleges:

- Cork College of Commerce (Morrison Island, Cork City)
- St John College (Sawmill Street, Cork City)
- Colaiste Stiofain Naofa (Tramore Road, Cork City)
- Mallow College of Further Education
- Kinsale College Further Education

The first national FET strategy for 2014-2019 set out a number of strategic aims and objectives for the emergent integrated Further Education and Training sector nationally, and this ambition is further expanded and supported by the objectives for the next FET strategy for 2020-2024. The ambition of both strategies is to develop a world class sector, that offers learners, employers and communities a range of quality, appropriate education and training programmes that:

- prepare them for entry into the world of work
- support and develop those in employment to enhance their skills and competencies
- prepare them to progress to further studies.

Associated with these ambitions and strategic aims, are two main supporting/enabling mechanisms:

- Removal/reduction of duplication of provision
- Development of high-quality appropriate education and training facilities



1.4 Submission Request

The purpose of the submission is to seek Cork City Council's support in the Development Plan for:

- Sustainable 'deep energy retrofit solutions' to existing CETB estate's building stock incorporating PV, panels, higher performance external envelope treatments and new technologies, particularly those measures which by nature of their location, extent, position on buildings etc., may require Planning Permission.
- Ensuring explicit support in the Development Plan to improve density and height at the CETB's city centre facilities, particularly at St John's College. In a Suburban / Urban split, City Centre developments such as St John's, must seek sustainable development and expansion through careful and sympathetic increases in height and density while achieving improved quality of amenity in the surrounding city context.
- Ensuring planning policy in the Development Plan supports and improves public transport links from the north-side of Cork City to CETB Further Education centres at Cork Training Centre, Cork College of Commerce, St John's College and Colaiste Stiofan Naofa (CSN).
- Environmentally sustainable flood mitigation measures to protect the CETB's City Centre properties.

3.0 Conclusion and Recommendation

The CETB welcomes this timely opportunity to make a submission to the Draft Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028.

In consideration of the CETB's objectives and ambitious aspirations for increased provision of Further Education and Training at the Cork Training Centre and in response to the current and evolving national policies in support of increased provision of apprenticeship, further education and training courses they wish to request that:

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- Ensuring planning policy in the Development Plan commits to support and improve public transport links from the north-side of Cork City to CETB Further Education centres at Cork Training Centre, Cork College of Commerce, St John's College and Colaiste Stiofan Naofa (CSN).
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