



Friday, November 24th 2023, Castletroy Park Hotel, Limerick. 08:30am start

8.30am: Registration & Networking with Breakfast, Tea & Coffee.

9.00am: WELCOME ADDRESSES

- **Joanne Treacy**, Head of Services, CIF Southern Region
- **Tom O'Connor**, Chairman, CIF, Mid West Branch

FIRST SESSION: HOUSING & PLANNING IN THE MID WEST REGION

9:20am: Analysis of the Mid West Housing Market

- **Gordon & Lisa Kearney**, Rooney Auctioneers

9.40am: PANEL DISCUSSION

Planning & Development in the Mid West Region

- **Nuala O'Connell**, Senior Planner, Limerick City & County Council
- **Conor O'Connell**, Director of Housing & Planning, CIF
- **Patrick Keogh**, Director of Pat Keogh Construction Ltd
- **Gordon Kearney**, Director of Rooney Auctioneers.
- **Damien Quigley**, Business Development Manager, HBFi

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10:20am to 10:45am Tea & Coffee Break.

SECOND SESSION: UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND OUTPUT IN THE MID WEST REGION

10:45am The Development of Shannon Foynes Port

- **John Carlton**, Engineering & Port Services Manager, Shannon Foynes Port

11:00am Update on the Mid West Major Road Projects

- **Nigel O'Neill**, Director of Capital Programme, Transport Infrastructure Ireland

11:15am Update on Limerick 2030's Strategic Sites that will act as key drivers of economic growth for Limerick.

- **Enda Power**, Senior Project Programme Manager, Limerick 2030

11:30am Panel Discussion on the Development of the Mid West Region

- **Anne Haugh**, Director of Social Development, Clare County Council
- **John Carlton**, Engineering & Port Services Manager, Shannon Foynes Port
- **Nigel O'Neill**, Director of Capital Programme, Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- **Enda Power**, Senior Project Programme Manager, Limerick 2030

12:05am: CIF Closing Remarks

- **Hubert Fitzpatrick**, CIF Director General

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SPEAKER PROFILES:



Lisa Kearney MIPAV REV MMCEPI Director & Head of Residential & New Homes Sales, Rooney Auctioneers

A Company Director and the head of Rooney's Residential and New Homes Sales department, Lisa has significant experience in Limerick's residential market and in the Muster area having been in the business for 27 years. Lisa has successfully negotiated the sale of a number of high profile residential properties and new home developments in the greater Limerick region over the years and is also on the valuation panels of all major lending institutions. Lisa is a member of the Institute of Professional Auctioneers & Valuers as well having an honours degree in Counselling & Psychotherapy, a diploma in Property Law and a certificate in Marketing from the Marketing Institute.



Gordon Kearney, MSCSI MRICS Managing Director, Rooney Auctioneers

Rooney Auctioneers was established over 50 years ago and is one of the Mid-West's leading estate agents and property consultants.

Gordon, a Chartered Surveyor and a RICS Registered Valuer has 30 years' experience in the property industry.

He is a member of the Society of Chartered Surveyors (SCSI) and the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). Gordon is also a Registered Valuer with the RICS

He is a past chairman of the Munster IAVI Council (Irish Auctioneers & Valuers Institute) and is also a past President of Limerick Chamber of Commerce.

Specialising in all aspects of commercial property Gordon has been involved in the sale of numerous land banks; hotels; pubs; offices; retail units & industrial units in the greater Mid-West region.

Gordon provides valuation services to all main lending institutions and various local authorities and state bodies. He has also previously acted as a valuation reviewer for NAMA (National Asset Management Agency).



Conor O'Connell, Director of Housing & Planning, Construction Industry Federation of Ireland (CIF)

Conor O'Connell, Director of Housing & Planning joined the CIF in 2001 and is an experienced advocate for the sector. Conor has worked extensively on housing supply policy issues for several years including drafting Local Authority Development Plan submissions, stakeholder engagement with elected officials and public officials, drafting reports on Apartment Viability, media engagement at a local and national level, representing the industry at Oireachtas Committee Hearings, writing op-eds for national publications on housing supply and managing a regional Branch network of members.

More recently Conor leads up the provision of services to members of the Irish Home Builders Association nationally. The Irish Home Builders Association is the representative body for the builders of residential homes throughout Ireland. The members of the IHBA build almost 90% of Ireland's new homes and include small family owned enterprises to the largest PLC's operating in the sector. The organisations national reach and representative reach gives it a unique perspective on how to solve Ireland's housing supply problem and Conor is a strong advocate for a more streamlined regulatory process to ensure that the private sector can deliver the much needed homes for people living and working in Ireland.

Conor holds qualifications in Real Estate Economics and Finance as well as Law, Business and HR.



Patrick Keogh, Director of Keogh Homes Ltd.

Patrick Keogh is the Managing director of Keogh Homes and Pat Keogh construction Ltd, which are leading companies in the development and construction sector providing housing for the public and private market.

Patrick has over 20 years experience in the family business which was established in 1987, undertaking numerous projects across the Mid west including residential, commercial, Healthcare, educational, heritage and recreational.



John Carlton - Engineering & Port Services Manager at Shannon Foynes Port Company (SFPC).

SFPC are a commercial semi-state company who manage and regulate all commercial maritime traffic on the Shannon Estuary in addition to owning and operating several port facilities on the estuary. John holds a degree in Marine/Plant engineering from CIT and a Business degree from UL. He is responsible for all engineering and operational aspects of the port business and is the project manager for the delivery of SFPC's ambitious capital investment program.

SFPC has recently completed its largest capital investment program delivering 120m of new quay, 2 hectares of reclaimed foreshore and the development of 6 hectares of new port lands at Foynes Port. SFPC has ambitious plans to develop Irelands largest and deepest port facility at Foynes island delivering 800m+ of deepwater quays (circa -18m CD) supported by circa 30 hectares of heavy load capacity quay side work areas.



Tom O'Connor, CIF Mid West Branch Chairman

Tom O'Connor is joint Managing Director of Conack, a leading building and civil engineering contractor based in the Midwest.

Founded in 2008, with two jeeps and a trailer, Tom and Joint MD Kieran Cusack have built Conack into a tier 1 contractor with nationwide operations.

From head office in Limerick, Tom and his team support Conack's regional offices and associated sites around Ireland. Tom promotes a round table approach to contracting, driving a solutions led, collaborative environment.

Tom with his business partner Kieran Cusack won the Established category of EY's Entrepreneur of the Year 2022.



Hubert Fitzpatrick, Director General of the Construction Industry Federation.

Hubert previously held the positions of Director General Designate, Chief Operations Officer and Director of Housing, Planning and Development Services with the Construction Industry Federation. As Director General, Hubert has overall responsibility for the CIF in delivering its mission on behalf of members, representing the industry, liaising with government agencies and stakeholders, and management of the CIF's business activities for its members across its wide range of construction sectors. Prior to joining the CIF, Hubert worked in consultancy with a major law firm and with a number of local authorities up to senior management level.



Nigel O'Neill, Director Capital Programme Management, Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Nigel O'Neill is Director of Capital Programme Management for Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). Nigel is a Chartered Engineer and member of the Institution of Engineers of Ireland. Nigel has 30 years' experience in the private and public sectors including civil engineering design, project management, public procurement, strategic transport planning, Public Private Partnerships (PPP), tolling operations and light railway operations. TII's capital programme portfolio encompasses light railways and metro, national roads, and greenways



Head of Southern Region Services, Construction Industry Federation (CIF)

An experienced Construction Industry professional, Joanne joined the CIF in 2022. With in excess of 15 years' industry knowledge, Joanne holds qualifications in HR, leadership, health and safety and HSQE auditing. Having worked as a HR Manager for a large construction and engineering company spanning Ireland and the UK, her skills include policy development and implementation, employee and industrial relations, organisational change, craft and professional apprenticeship training, and CPD.

Joanne brings her expertise, experience and knowledge to CIF members servicing the Southern Region. She is responsible for providing advice and support to the CIF members within the Southern Region, maximising engagement with stakeholders and ensuring member interests are represented on regional committees, state agencies and local authorities.



Damien Quigley – Business Development Manager, HBFi

Damien joined HBFi in 2023. Damien is a big 4 qualified accountant having led KBC Commercial Banking as Area Manager in North Munster. Damien's most recent experience is in a Relationship Management role in Banking. Damien has 10+ years-experience in both Banking and Finance. Damien is a Qualified Financial Advisor and holds a QQI in Mediation. Damien's role in HBFi will be to engage with builders, developers, customers, advisors and other stakeholders in the Munster area.



Enda Power, Senior Project Programme Manager, Limerick 2030.

Enda has twenty years management experience across a range of large scale engineering and real-estate projects, in both the UK and Ireland. He holds an honours degree in Construction Management, and is an MBA graduate of Smurfit Business School. He acquired in-depth knowledge of Procurement, Construction Strategy and Stakeholder Management, working on capital works projects in various sectors including Commercial, Healthcare, Energy, Utilities and Infrastructure.

As Programme Manager, Enda is responsible for the delivery of Limerick Twenty Thirty's portfolio of developments.

Enda has previous experience working in real estate development and civil engineering with Arup and Ervia.

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Anne Haugh, Director of Social Development, Clare County Council

Accomplished Senior Director with over thirty years experience in local government administration. Anne has held critical roles in shaping corporate strategy and delivering change within a framework of good governance across a number of local authorities in the Mid West Region. Experienced in leading large multidisciplinary teams and extensive stakeholder engagement to deliver corporate objectives. Professional qualification in Governance and a graduate of Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executive Programme.



Nuala O'Connell, Senior Planner, Limerick City & County Council

Nuala is a Senior Planner and Head of the Development Management and Placemaking Department in Limerick City and County Council. In this role, Nuala leads a multi-disciplinary team in the design and delivery of a range of strategic urban regeneration projects in Limerick City and oversees the decision making and assessment of planning applications across the city and county.

Over a 20 year career, she has worked in a number of local authorities including Tipperary and Galway County Councils and has extensive experience in statutory plan-making and working with public and private partners on land activation, economic development and climate action projects. She holds a BA(Mod) in Natural Sciences from Trinity College Dublin and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from Heriot Watt University Edinburgh.