



**Draft Kerry County Development Plan 2022 – 2028**

Reply from Heat and Business Energy Efficiency Division:

Please see below obs from Heat & Business Energy on the above plan. These relate particularly to the promotion and development of district heating as a technology that can contribute to reduction of Greenhouse Gas emissions.

‘The local authority’s objective (KCP 12-5) to facilitate use of waste heat from data centres in district heating schemes in the context of sustainable development of data centres is noted. Objective 12-28: to promote and facilitate the installation of district heating schemes powered by renewable fuel sources that are produced in a sustainable manner, is also noted, in the context of use of bioenergy. However, the draft County Development Plan does not appear to contain the local authority’s position in relation to development of district heating schemes as a standalone technology that can contribute to reduction of Greenhouse Gas emissions. The local authority is requested to make provision for analysis of areas of high heat demand in the county in order to inform its position on development of district heating systems.’