

## **BRE Ireland to advise on sustainable regeneration of Limerick City**

BRE Ireland – a partnership between the Building Research Establishment (BRE), the University of Limerick and Limerick Institute of Technology – has won the tender for 'Client Advisor in Sustainability' for the regeneration of the North and South sides of Limerick.

*'The regeneration in Moyross, Southill and Ballinacurra Weston is not just about building houses but it is about creating communities that the residents will be proud of. The new town and neighbourhoods must be sustainable into the future from a social, economical, environmental and physical perspective. The involvement of BRE Ireland in the projects will help to achieve these objectives. They will also be in a position to advise the Agencies on best practice due to the experience that they have gained in regeneration in other areas.'*

**Claire Feeney, Southside and Northside Regeneration Agencies**

Speaking from his office in the Enterprise Acceleration Centre in Moylish Park, Limerick, BRE Ireland's Director Dr. Colm Cryan:

*'We are absolutely delighted!'*

*'BRE Ireland brings a wealth of knowledge in the field of sustainability, accumulated through decades of research and implementation. We set up the company with a vision to set the standard for sustainability, innovation and enterprise in the Irish construction industry and this win in the Limerick Regeneration Project is a perfect opportunity to demonstrate our capabilities.'*

The Agencies want to make sure that sustainability is included from the beginning, not bolted on as an afterthought. To this end BRE Ireland will:

- β Work with the North and South Side Regeneration Agencies to determine what sustainability issues need to be addressed in the master plans
- β Develop sustainability objectives for the projects
- β Provide a means to co-ordinate and monitor progress towards the objectives
- β Provide supporting advice to the master planning teams through the Agencies to meet the agreed objectives
- β Deliver practical solutions to sustainable issues such as, energy and water consumption, transport, security provisions and waste management.

Cate Lamb, an environmental scientist, who recently relocated to Limerick, has been appointed by BRE Ireland to head up their effort.

*'It is wonderful to see the Agency taking such a forward thinking, holistic view of the regeneration and its impact on people, places and profit,' explains Cate. 'This practical view along with BRE Ireland's involvement will help ensure that the concerns, aspirations and ambitions of the local residents are addressed. It is very exciting to be involved in such a fulfilling and worthy project.'*

Cate will be providing expert and impartial advice to the Agencies who will then be directing the master-planners to ensure that best practices in sustainability are applied.

Media Enquiries: Claire Lalaguna, BRE t: 01923 664 569 / 01903 885 414 / 07973 314 594  
e: [claire@satellitempr.com](mailto:claire@satellitempr.com)

## Notes to the editor:

### **Limerick Regeneration Agencies**

Enquiries to Claire Feeney, Southside Regeneration Agency, Unit 12-14B, LEDP, Roxboro Road, Limerick  
t: 061 221 914 e: [cfeeney@limerickregeneration.ie](mailto:cfeeney@limerickregeneration.ie) [www.limerickregeneration.ie](http://www.limerickregeneration.ie)

The Limerick Regeneration Agencies, Southside and Northside, were established by Ministerial orders S.I.275/276/2007, on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2007. Both Agencies were charged with the task of designing and implementing a comprehensive and integrated Masterplan for the areas of Moyross on the Northside and Southill/Ballinacurra Weston on Southside.

### **BRE Ireland**

BRE Ireland, Enterprise Acceleration Centre, Limerick Institute of Technology, Moylish Park, Limerick Ireland  
[www.breireland.ie](http://www.breireland.ie) t: 061 448 509 e: [pbfs@bre.ie](mailto:pbfs@bre.ie)

Contact: Dr Colm Cryan t: 00353 6144 8509 Mobile: 0035 387 1300152 e: [cryanc@bre.co.uk](mailto:cryanc@bre.co.uk)

As a collaboration between BRE, the University of Limerick and Limerick Institute of Technology, BRE Ireland is an independent, authoritative body, which sets the standard for sustainability, innovation and enterprise within the built environment. BRE Ireland is dedicated to excellence and innovation in the built environment of Ireland.

**BRE Ireland is hosting its first annual conference on Planning and Building for Sustainability on 17 and 18 June at the Limerick Institute of Technology. (Millennium Theatre) email [pbfs@bre.ie](mailto:pbfs@bre.ie)** The aim of the conference is to demonstrate the benefits of factoring sustainability into a project from the planning stage so that benchmarks can be set that guarantee the desired environmental outcomes. With a range of high profile speakers, delegates will learn about the advantages of a holistic approach to sustainability where it's not just low carbon that's considered but the range of other issues that make modern construction such a huge challenge. Both new build and regeneration projects will be covered with up to date case study examples from around the country.

### **BRE and the BRE Trust**

The BRE Trust is a registered charity (no. 1092193) whose objectives are to advance knowledge, innovation and communication in all matters concerning the built environment for public benefit. BRE and BRE Global (formerly BRE Certification) are wholly owned subsidiary companies of the Trust. This ownership structure enables both companies to be held as a national asset on behalf of the construction industry and its clients, independent of specific commercial interests and protects impartiality and objectivity in research and advice. Profits made by the other subsidiary companies are passed to the Trust and used by it to promote its charitable objectives. Members of the Trust are firms, professional bodies, universities and other organisations covering a comprehensive range of interests across the built environment sector. More information on the Trust can be obtained from [www.bretrust.org](http://www.bretrust.org).

### **BRE**

BRE has been *Building a better world* for almost 90 years through cutting edge research, consultancy and testing services. Our unrivalled knowledge in regard to sustainability and innovation is now used across the construction industry and in the corporate world creating better buildings, communities and businesses.

Key areas of work include

- sustainable design
- energy efficiency and renewable energy
- sustainable and innovative housing
- whole-life performance
- water and waste management
- construction quality, process and productivity
- building performance - structures, materials and systems
- building investigations and expert witness

Tel 01923 664000 email [enquiries@bre.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@bre.co.uk) [www.bre.co.uk](http://www.bre.co.uk)

**BRE Global Limited** (incorporating LPCB & BREEAM) is an independent third party approvals body offering certification of fire, security and sustainability products and services to an international market. BRE Global's product testing and approvals are carried out by recognised experts in our world-renowned testing laboratories.

BRE Global Limited is custodian of a number of world leading brands including:

- LPCB for the approval of fire and security products and services, listed in the Red Books
- BREEAM the world's leading environmental assessment method for buildings, sets the standard for best practice in sustainable design and has become the de-facto measure of a building's environmental performance.

BRE Global's mission is to 'Protect People, Property and the Planet' and is a trading subsidiary of the BRE Trust, the registered research and education charity, which owns the BRE Group. For further information please contact: BRE Global, Garston, Watford, WD25 9XX, Tel: 01923 664100, Fax: 01923 664910, Email: [enquiries@breglobal.com](mailto:enquiries@breglobal.com) or visit [www.breglobal.com](http://www.breglobal.com)