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Dear John

On behalf of Limerick City & County Council I wish to apply to the World Health Organisation for membership to your Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities.

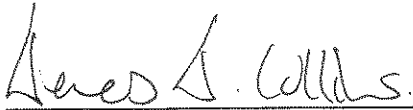
Under the auspices of Ireland's National Age Friendly Programme, I can confirm that Age Friendly Limerick has been working towards becoming Age Friendly for the past 5 years and has achieved the following objectives in order to establish our county as Age Friendly:

- An multi sectoral Age Friendly Alliance has been established, chaired by the local authority Chief Executive, comprising the most senior decision makers from the key public, private and not-for-profit agencies responsible for service provision to and key decision making for older people including Local Authority, Health Service Executive, An Garda Síochána, Academia, Business Community and the Community & Voluntary sector.
- We have carried out a comprehensive, county-wide consultation process with older people to listen to the issues that really matter to them and the things they would like to see change in their county, making it a better place in which to grow old. Methods used have included round table sessions, focus groups, questionnaires, one to ones and desktop research.
- Following this extensive consultation with older people, service providers and others, we have developed our Age Friendly City and County Strategy. This document contains specific commitments by agencies, service providers and older people's organisations to implement agreed changes. It reflects the priorities expressed by older people in the consultation process and the co-designed solutions that alliance members and other key stakeholders have committed to.
- With these solid foundations for the programme now in place, we have held a public launch, letting the people of Limerick City & County know that we are committed to delivering on the

strategy and making our city and county a sustainable place that will be futureproofed for the increased ageing population that we anticipate.

I trust that this application is in order and look forward to hearing from you in the near future with confirmation of our membership.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James S. Collins", written over a horizontal line.

Councillor James Collins
Mayor of the City & County of Limerick