



“Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan 2023-2029”,
Administrative Officer,
Planning Department,
Kerry County Council
County Buildings
Rathass,
Tralee,
Co. Kerry

2nd October 2023

Re: Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan 2023-2029

Submission from the **Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland** under
Section 20 (Consultation and adoption of local area plans)
the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Office of Public Works (OPW) is a central Government Office operating under the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform with particular responsibility for Flood Risk and Estate Management, including Heritage. This submission outlines observations from the Property Maintenance division of the OPW on the pre-draft consultation stage of the local area plan making process for the Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan 2023-2029.

The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland are listed as a prescribed authority for the purposes of Section 20 (Consultation and adoption of local area plans) of the Planning and Development Act 2001 (as amended).

2.0 SUBMISSION OVERVIEW

The pre-draft consultation stage of the local area plan making process for the Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan 2023-2029 has been reviewed.

The following list of buildings / properties are within the Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan boundary. We have noted the existing land use zoning and other relevant details along with recommendations;



- **Met Eireann site (P9320)** - It would appear that the Met Eireann site in the bray townland of Valentia Island has been included in Area 02 as a heritage and culturally sensitive area as per pages 30 and 31 of the draft plan. - *No comments.*
- **Caherciveen Legal Aid Board (B8175)** – There are two ‘Opportunity sites’ on either side of the Caherciveen Legal Aid Board which KCC are hoping will be developed as part of a proposed waterfront development emphasis in the town. – *The Caherciveen Legal Aid Board is a Security conscious property and site and therefore we may need to make submissions on any proposed development on either of these two sites.*
- **Kenmare GS (B2099)** - is designated as a protected structure and is located in an ACA as per the plan. Kenmare DSP (which is a leased building) is also within the ACA. Kenmare DSP is also located in Flood Zone A as per the plan - *No comment.*
- **Killorglin GS (B2207)** is still denoted as a protected structure and is within an ACA. *Discussion required with the KCC Conservation Officer regarding the designation.*
- **Sneem GS (B4954)** is denoted as a protected structure but it is not with the Sneem ACA. *No comment.*
- **Waterville GS (B3886) and Iveragh Coastguard (B8368)** are not denoted as protected structures and they are not located in an ACA. There are however a number of protected structures and an ACA immediately adjacent to our site. *Discussion required with the KCC Conservation Officer.*
- **Former Garda Station in Dun Geagain near Ballinskelligs (B200)** has been zoned ‘Community Facilities’ as per the land use zoning map on page 178. *This is an OPW owned property. It is only leased currently to a Community Group. It may again revert to state use in the future. Therefore the proposed zoning needs to be discussed.*
- **Kilgarvan former national school (B2152)** has been designated as a protected structure. *OPW believes that this is a new designation. Discussion required with the KCC Conservation Officer.*
- **The former National School and Garda Station (B2290) site** in Knightstown has been designated as a protected structure. *OPW believes that this is a new designation. Discussion required with the KCC Conservation Officer.*



- The derelict L shaped row of terraced former cottages (**B2288**) in Knightstown have been designated as protected structures. *OPW believes that this is a new designation. Discussion required with the KCC Conservation Officer.*

3.0 CONCLUSION

The OPW would welcome the opportunity to liaise further with Kerry County Council on the content of this submission for the **Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan 2023-2029**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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