

Consideration requested for proposal to develop site at Kilnabrack Lower, Glenbeigh 52°03'22.4"N 9°57'10.5"W into small-scale environmentally-sustainable Glamping Site.

Consistent with the expressed need for an increase in accommodation offerings for the camping tourist in rural coastal areas, as outlined in the county development plan, the following proposed glamping site aims to cater for the active, outdoor tourist of which there is currently a shortage of accommodation options according to the Reeks District Phase 2 Plan*

Location

In line with the favoured criteria for the development of glamping sites in Kerry: small-scale, adjacent to existing settlements, in a rural coastal location with good connecting infrastructure and a safe pedestrian link – the proposed development includes the provision of 5 - 7 glamping pods adjacent to the R564. The structures will be designed to have very low visual impact. Additionally, the site will be connected to Glenbeigh village by a new pedestrian footpath currently in the development phase. The site is located 1 minute from blue-flag Rossbeigh beach, directly on the Kerry Way for walkers, and within 1km of the start of the Glenbeigh to Cahersiveen stage of the Kerry Greenway for cyclists. With a nature walk at its doorstep, a forest fairy trail across the road and horse-riding nearby, the glamping pods will also be highly attractive to families.

The Pods

The glamping pods will be a low environmental impact development, requiring minimal ground disturbance works during construction and will be eco friendly units, utilising renewable energy sources for heating & lighting and harvesting of rainwater onsite to partially service water requirements. They will offer a modern, on-trend alternative for active tourists wishing to experience a holiday close to nature. They will cater to individuals, couples, or small families and groups seeking to immerse themselves in the natural environment by going back to basics and reconnecting with nature from a luxurious base. The pods are freestanding and self-contained structures located in an area of spectacular natural beauty, the preservation of which will be of highest importance.