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**Submission to Kenmare Municipal District Draft Local Area Plan 2024-2029,  
re; Emergency Lifeboat Service at Knightstown Marina**

On behalf of the RNLI, I wish to make the following submission in relation to the Draft Kenmare District Local Area Plan.

The RNLI, request that the local authority take into consideration a proposal by the RNLI to allow provision for a new mooring for our lifeboat within the current Knightstown Marina area (see Figure 1 below). The provision of this mooring would be in addition to the retention of our existing mooring which is located outside of the existing marina to the north of Knightstown (see Figure 2 below).

Should the lifeboat be moored inside the marina it shall provide a greater level of safety for boarding the lifeboat by the lifeboat crew compared to the current mooring location outside of the marina which is very exposed. This in turn will increase the level of opportunity for the lifeboat to launch in adverse weather conditions, which will ultimately result in an improved provision of the emergency lifeboat service, which will benefit and support further marine tourism and fishery development in the Knightstown and Valentia areas in addition to the wider Co. Kerry area in line with the objectives of sections 3.4.7.6 and 3.4.7.6.1 of the Draft Local Area Plan.

Furthermore, should Kerry County Council develop the marina area further in the future, we respectfully request that the RNLI are engaged as a stakeholder with an interest in the development.

Sincerely,  
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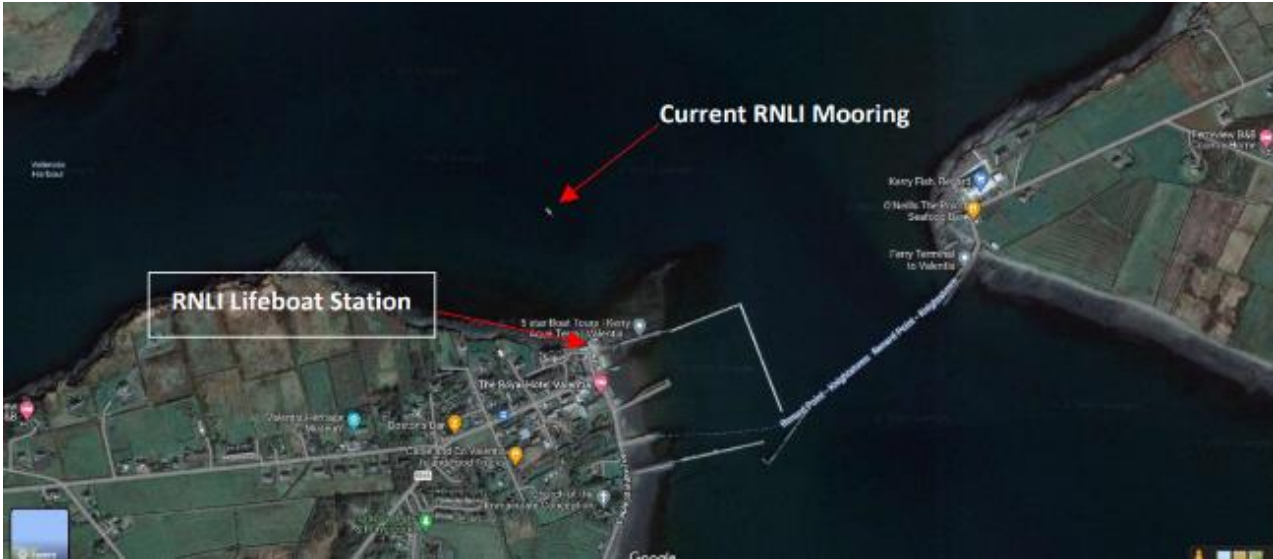


Figure 1- Current RNLI Mooring



Figure 2- Approximate location of the proposed RNLI mooring within the marina