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3.4.8.3.1 Residential Development

Under the Legend ‘Mixed Use’ there are 2 sub categories ’M2 – Village Centre’ and ‘M4 – Built up area’. The area from the Chapel Road including the Church to the Community Centre which is designated as a ‘Built up area’ is equally part of the Village Centre as what is currently designated as Village Centre in the Draft Document.

As the Village is quite small at present I see no reason why this part of the Village is not designated ‘M2 – Village Centre ‘.

The growth of the village is being held back by the lack of a suitable wastewater treatment plant. Within the draft document it mentions that “lands can be unlocked and developed when the wastewater infrastructure is upgraded”. Yet, Kerry County Council in there 8 objectives listed for the Village for the period from 2023 to 2029 have no stated objective for the development of such infrastructure. From this it seems as if Kerry County Council Planning Department have no interest in the development of Portmagee Village and are holding back growth within the timeframe of this draft plan.

As a priority provision needs to be made for 3 objectives:

1. The development of suitable wastewater treatment facilities
2. The development of a childrens playground
3. The implementation of a traffic management plan for the Village in the peak summer months and sufficient car parking spaces .