

Kerry hotels clean up at awards

KERRY HOTELS cleaned up at this year's Virgin Media Business Gold Medal Awards with numerous wins across the categories.

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Recognised as the leading independent awards programme for the Irish hospitality industry, the awards are judged by industry experts, and recognise and reward excellence in hospitality and catering operations across Ireland.

The winners of this year's awards were announced on Tuesday at a gala awards ceremony hosted by Anton Savage at The Galmont Hotel & Spa in Galway.

At the ceremony there was top honours for The Europe Hotel & Resort, which was crowned the Supreme Winner at the Business Gold Medal Awards.

There was more accolades for The Europe Hotel & Resort when it also picked up the Gold Award in the Five Star Hotel Casual Dining Experience category.

Meanwhile, in the same category a Silver Award went to The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens.

There was many other honours presented to Kerry operators at the ceremony – first up, the Hotel Casual Dining Experience Gold Award was awarded to O'Donoghue Public House at Killarney Towers Hotel & Leisure Centre.

And the Gold Award for Ireland's Tourist Hotel of the Year went to the Great Southern Killarney while there were numerous Silver Awards for the county as well – an Afternoon Tea Hotel Silver award was won by the Killarney Royal Hotel; The Lake Hotel won a Four Star Resort Silver award with the Parknasilla Resort and Spa picking up a Bronze award in the same category.

The Great Southern in Killarney, meanwhile, picked up a Business & Conference Hotel Silver award while Hotel Breakfast Silver award went to Castlewood House in Dingle and the Park Hotel in Kenmare won a Silver award in the Five Star Fine Dining Hotel Restaurant category.

Rounding off the awards, The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens picked up a Bronze award in the Five Star Hotel category, while Bronze awards also went to The Lake Hotel's Chef Noel Enright in the Chef of the Year category and the Park Hotel in Kenmare in the Front of House Team/Team Member category.

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FOILSIÚ DRÉACHT-LÉARSCÁIL BHLIANTÚIL CÁNACH TALÚN CRIOSAITHE CÓNAITHE PUBLICATION OF RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND TAX ANNUAL DRAFT MAP

Foilsíodh dréacht-léarscáil bhliantúil, a ullmhaíodh de réir Alt 653C, arna leasú ag Alt 653M den Acht Comhdhlúite Cánacha 1997, foilsithe ag Comhairle Contae Chiarraí.

Ullmhaíodh an dréacht-léarscáil bhliantúil chun críocha sainaithe a dhéanamh ar thalamh a chomhlíonann na critéir iomchuí agus atá le bheith faoi réir na cánach talún criosaithe cónaithe.

Ní bheidh réadmhaoiné cónaithe, in ainneoin go bhféadfaí iad a áireamh ar an dréachtléarscáil, innmhúir don cháin talaimh criosaithe cónaithe.

- (a) atá san áireamh i bplean forbartha, de réir alt 10(2)(a) d'Acht, 2000, nó plean ceantair áitiúil, de réir alt 19(2)(a) d'Acht, 2000, atá criosaithe—
 - (i) chun críocha úsáide cónaithe amháin nó go príomha, nó
 - (ii) do mheascán úsáidí, lena n-áirítear úsáid chónaithe,
- (b) ina bhfuil sé réasúnach a mheas go bhféadfaí rochtain a bheith ag an talamh, nó go bhfuil baint aige, le bonnagar agus áiseanna poiblí, lena n-áirítear bóithre agus cosáin, sóilís poiblí, draenáil shéarach bréan, draenáil úisce dromchla agus soláthar úisce, is gá chun áiteanna cónaithe a fhorbairt agus a bhfuil acmhainn seirbhíse dóthanach ar fáil d'fhorbairt den sórt sin, agus
- (c) ina bhfuil sé réasúnach a mheas nach ndéantar difear dó, ó thaobh a riocht físiúil, le nithe ar bhealach leordhóthanach chun soláthar áiteanna cónaithe a chos, lena n-áirítear éilíú nó

láithreach fothrach seandálaíochta nó stairiúla is eol, ach nach talamh é—

- (i) lena ndéantar tagairt dó i mír (a)(i) agus, ag féachaint d'fhorbairt amháin (de réir bhri Acht, 2000) nach forbairt nár údaraiodh i (de réir bhri Acht, 2000), atá in úsáid mar áitribh, ina bhfuil trádáil nó gairm á seoladh, atá faoi dhleiteanas rátaí tráchtála, a bhfuil sé réasúnach a mheas go bhfuiltear á úsáid chun seirbhíse a soláthar do chónaithe ceantair chónaithe cónagaracha,
- (ii) lena ndéantar tagairt dó i mír (a)(ii), mura bhfuil sé réasúnach a mheas go bhfuil an talamh neamhshealbaithe nó diomhaoin,
- (iii) nach mbeadh a bhforbairt de réir na nithe seo a leanas—
 - (i) i gcás ina ndéantar an talamh a chriosú i bplean forbartha, an bonn céimnithe ar dá réir a bheidh forbairt talún le tarlú faoin bplean, mar a shonraítear sa chroisáitéis atá ar áireamh sa plean sin de réir alt 10(2A) (d) d'Acht 2000,
 - (ii) i gcás ina ndéantar an talamh a chriosú i bplean limistéir áitiúil, an cuspóir, i gcomhréir le cuspóirí agus croisáitéis an plean forbartha don limistéar a n-ullmhaítear an plean limistéir áitiúil ina leith, talamh a fhorbairt ar bhonn céimnithe, a áirítear sa plean limistéir áitiúil de réir alt 19 (2) d'Acht 2000, ar an dáta a mbeidh comhlíonadh na gcritéir san alt seo á measú,
 - (iii) ina bhfuil sé réasúnach a mheas go bhfuil sé riachtanach, nó go bhfuil sé lárnach, le haghaidh áitithe ag—
 - (i) bonnagar agus saoráidí sóisialta, pobail nó rialtais, lena n-áirítear bonnagar agus saoráidí úsáidtear chun críocha riaracháin poiblí nó chun oideachas nó cúram sláinte a sholáthar,
 - (ii) saoráidí agus bonnagar iompair,
 - (iii) bonnagar agus saoráidí fuinnimh,
 - (iv) bonnagar agus saoráidí teileachumarsáide,
 - (v) bonnagar agus saoráidí úisce agus fuilúisce,
 - (vi) bainistíocht dramhaíola agus bonnagar diúscartha, nó
 - (vii) bonnagar fáilíochta, lena n-áirítear saoráidí spóirt agus clóis súgartha,
- (iv) atá faoi réir sonraí reachtúla a d'fhéadfaí cos a chur ar fhorbairt, nó (v) ar a bhfuil an tobhach ar láithreáin thréigthe iníochta de réir an Acht um Láithreáin Thréigthe, 1990,
- (v) ar a bhfuil an tobhach ar láithreáin thréigthe iníochta de réir an Acht um Láithreáin Thréigthe 1990

Tá na moltaí agus na heisiaimh atá beartaíte ar an dréacht-léarscáil bhliantúil faoi réir aighneachtaí a fhaightear. Ba cheart d'úinéirí talún a thacaíonn le heisiaimh a gcuid talún aighneacht a dhéanamh chun tacú leis an eisiaimh sin.

Féadfaí aighneachtaí maidir leis an dréachtléarscáil a chuir faoi bhraid Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí i scríbhinn tráth nach déanán ná an 1 Aibreán 2024, maidir le—
(i) láithreáin ar leith a áireamh sa léarscáil deiridh nó a eisiaimh ón léarscáil deiridh, nó
(ii) an dáta a rinne an láithreán na critéir ábhartha a shásamh ar dtús.

Beidh an dréachtléarscáil ar taispeánt ar líne ag <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/>, i ngach leabharlann poiblí i gChiarraí i rith uaireanta oscailte na leabharlann faoi seach, agus ag na suíomhanna seo a leanas i rith gnáthuaireanta oifige chun **1 Aibreán 2024**:

Trá Lí	Comhairle Contae Chiarraí, Áras an Chontae, Ráth Teas, Trá Lí
Cill Airne	Halla an Bhaile, Cill Airne
Lios Tuathail	Oifig Cheantar Bardasach Lios Tuathail, Áras an Phiarasaigh, Sráid Shéarlais, Lios Tuathail

Is féidir aighneachtaí a dhéanamh trí aon cheann de na bealaí seo a leanas:

- Ar Líne Trínár dTairseach Comhairliúcháin Phoiblí:** <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/> **NÓ**
- Seol i scríbhinn chuig:** RZLT, An tAonad Pleanála Beartas, Comhairle Contae Chiarraí, Ráth Teas, Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí, V92H7VT.

Ní ghlacfar le haigneachtaí trí r-phost.

Ba cheart go n-áireofaí in aighneachtaí ainm agus seoladh, cúiseanna le tailte a áireamh nó a eisiaimh, mar aon le léarscáil ar scála 1:1,000 (ceantar tuaithe) nó 1:2,500 (ceantar tuaithe) nuair atá aighneacht á déanamh ag úinéir talaimh, lena sainaitheant go soiléir an ceantar de thalamh na abhar don aighneacht.

Maidir le haon aighneachtaí i scríbhinn den chineál sin a gheofar faoin 1 Aibreán 2024, seachas eilimintí den sórt sin d'aighneacht a fhéadfaidh a bheith ina sonraí pearsanta, foilseofar iad ar <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/> tráth nach déanán ná an 11 Aibreán 2024.

I gcás go bhfuil talamh atá sainaitheant ar an dréachtléarscáil cuimsithe i bplean forbartha nó i bplean ceantair áitiúil de réir alt 10(2)(a) nó 19(2)(a) d'Acht, 2000, criosaithe—

- (i) chun críocha úsáide cónaithe amháin nó go príomha, nó
 - (ii) do mheascán úsáidí, lena n-áirítear úsáid chónaithe,
- Féadfaidh duine, ar an 31 Bealtaine 2024 nó roimhe sin, i gcás ina sainaitheant talamh ar an dréachtléarscáil faoi réir na cánach talún criosaithe cónaithe, féadfaidh duine, i leith talún ar leis an duine sin é, aighneacht a dhéanamh chuig an údarás áitiúil ag iarraidh go n-athrófar criosú na talún sin. Ba cheart go n-áireodh aon aighneacht den sórt sin fianaise ar úinéireacht, cúiseanna mionsonraithe le haon iarratas ar athchriosú, chomh maith le léarscáil ar scála 1:1,000 (uirbeach) nó 1:2,500 (tuaithe) ag sainaitheant an piosa talún ábhartha go soiléir.

Maidir le haon iarrataí athchriosaithe i scríbhinn den sórt sin a gheofar faoin 31 Bealtaine 2024 seachas eilimintí d'aighneacht a d'fhéadfaidh a bheith ina sonraí pearsanta, foilseofar iad ar <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/> tráth nach déanán ná an 10 Meitheamh 2024.

Déanfaidh Comhairle Contae Chiarraí gach iarratas athchriosaithe a mheas ag féachaint do pheanáil chuí agus d'fhorbairt inbhuanaithe an cheantair.

An annual draft map, prepared in accordance with Section 653C, as modified by Section 653M of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, has been published by Kerry County Council.

The annual draft map has been prepared for the purposes of identifying land that satisfies the relevant criteria and is to be subject to the residential zoned land tax.

Residential properties, notwithstanding that they may be included on the annual draft map, shall not be chargeable to the residential zoned land tax.

- Land which satisfies the relevant criteria is a reference to land that—
- (a) is included in a development plan, in accordance with section 10(2) (a) of the Act of 2000, or local area plan, in accordance with section 19(2)(a) of the Act of 2000, zoned—
 - (i) solely or primarily for residential use, or
 - (ii) for a mixture of uses, including residential use,
 - (b) it is reasonable to consider may have access, or be connected, to public infrastructure and facilities, including roads and footpaths, public lighting, foul sewer drainage, surface water drainage and water supply, necessary for dwellings to be developed and with sufficient service capacity available for such development, and
 - (c) it is reasonable to consider is not affected, in terms of its physical condition, by matters to a sufficient extent to preclude the provision of dwellings, including contamination or the presence of known archaeological or historic remains,

but which is not land—

- (i) that is referred to in paragraph (a)(i) and, having regard only to development (within the meaning of the Act of 2000) which is not unauthorised development (within the meaning of the Act of 2000), is in use as premises, in which a trade or profession is being carried on, that is liable to commercial rates, that it is reasonable to consider is being used to provides services to residents of adjacent residential areas,
- (ii) that is referred to in paragraph (a)(ii), unless it is reasonable to consider that the land is vacant or idle,
 - (iia) the development of which would not conform with—
 - (i) in a case in which the land is zoned in a development plan, the phased basis in accordance with which development of land is to take place under the plan, as detailed in the core strategy included in that plan in accordance with section 10(2A)(d) of the Act of 2000, or
 - (ii) in a case in which the land is zoned in a local area plan, the objective, consistent with the objectives and core strategy of the development plan for the area in respect of which the local area plan is prepared, of development of land on a phased basis, included in the local area plan in accordance with section 19(2) of the Act of 2000, on the date on which satisfaction of the criteria in this section is being assessed,
 - (iib) that it is reasonable to consider is required for, or is integral to, occupation by—
 - (i) social, community or governmental infrastructure and facilities, including infrastructure and facilities used for the purposes of public administration or the provision of education or healthcare,
 - (ii) transport facilities and infrastructure,
 - (iii) telecommunication infrastructure and facilities,
 - (iv) water and wastewater infrastructure and facilities,
 - (v) waste management and disposal infrastructure, or
 - (vi) recreational infrastructure, including sports facilities and playgrounds,
- (iii) that is subject to a statutory designation that may preclude development, or
- (iv) on which the derelict sites levy is payable in accordance with the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

The proposed inclusions and proposed exclusions on the annual draft map are subject to submissions received. Any landowners who supports the exclusion of their land should make a submission in support of such exclusion.

Submissions on the annual draft map may be made in writing to Kerry County Council not later than 1 April 2024, regarding—

- (i) either the inclusion in or exclusion from the final map of specific sites, or
- (ii) the date on which a site first satisfied the relevant criteria.

The draft map will be on display online at <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/>, in all Kerry public libraries during the respective library opening hours applicable, as well as at the following locations during normal office hours until **1 April 2024**:

Tralee	Kerry County Council, County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee
Killarney	Town Hall, Killarney
Listowel	Listowel Municipal District Office, Áras an Phiarasaigh, Charles Street, Listowel

Submissions may be made in one of the following ways:

- Online Via our Public Consultation Portal:** <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/> **OR**
- In writing to:** RZLT, Planning Policy Unit, Kerry County Council, Rathass, Tralee, Co. Kerry, V92H7VT.

Email submissions will not be accepted.

Submissions should include a name and address, reasons for inclusion or exclusion of lands, along with a map of scale 1:1,000 (urban area) or 1:2,500 (rural area) where the submission is made by a landowner, clearly identifying the area of land subject of the submission.

Any such written submissions received by 1 April 2024 other than such elements of a submission which may constitute personal data, shall be published on <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/> not later than 11 April 2024.

Where land is identified on the annual draft map as being subject to the residential zoned land tax and where the land identified on the draft map is included in a development plan or local area plan in accordance with section 10(2)(a) or 19(2)(a) of the Act of 2000 zoned—

- (i) solely or primarily for residential use, or
 - (ii) for a mixture of uses, including residential use,
- a person may on or before 31 May 2024, in respect of aforementioned land that such a person owns, make a submission to Kerry County Council requesting a variation of the zoning of that land. Any such submission should include evidence of ownership, detailed reasons for any rezoning request, along with a map to a scale of 1:1,000 (urban) or 1:2,500 (rural) clearly identifying the relevant plot of land.

Any such written rezoning requests received by 31 May 2024 other than such elements of a submission which may constitute personal data, shall be published on <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/> not later than 10 June 2024.

All rezoning requests made will be considered by Kerry County Council having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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