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To: Kerry County Council

Re: Kerry County Development Plan 2022 – 2028

On behalf of Valentia Island Lighthouse, one of the main Visitor Attractions on Valentia Island and the Skellig Coast, I would like highlight a few items that should be prioritized in the Kerry County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as follows:

1. We are fully supporting the UNESCO accreditation application for Valentia Island Transatlantic Cable Building as an Industrial World Heritage Site. I believe this would have a major positive impact on tourism on Valentia Island.
2. Development of proper roads infrastructure on Valentia Island in particular and on the Skellig Coast in general. The access road to Valentia Island Lighthouse (one of the main visitor attractions in the area with some 20 thousand visitors per annum) is very unsafe and in imminent danger of being washed off or partly destroyed by coastal erosion. Also, development of tourism information point (as mentioned in the draft Development Plan) are very important for the development of tourism in the area.
3. We feel that the local authorities should encourage business initiatives on Valentia Island and support planning for further development of business-like restaurants, food, café's, attractions and activities.
4. Housing plans should be put in place in remote areas like Valentia Island to encourage the retention of existing population on the island and re-population. Points 1 to 3 above would generate employment and it is very important that accommodation is readily available in the area.

Many thanks!

Signature,

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