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Mr Damien Ginty,
Senior Planner,
Planning Policy Unit,
Kerry County Council,
Rathass,
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V92H7BT.

RE: KERRY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – 2022 TO 2028

Dear Mr Ginty,

We, the undersigned residents of Ross Road, wish to make an observation on the Kerry County Development plan.

As stated on page 23 of the Kerry County Development plan – 2022 TO 2028 Issues Paper, "Killarney occupies a very significant place in Irish tourism. It has evolved from its historical association as one of Ireland's original tourism destination, to become an internationally recognised tourism hub. Killarney's location in Killarney National Park which was awarded UNESCO Biosphere Reserve is significantly important and the growth of the town must be managed to ensure that tourism development does not compromise the future of this national park reserve."

Taking this into consideration we feel that the council should amend the zoning matrix G4 – Active Open Space, where glamping is "open to consideration" to "Not normally permitted"

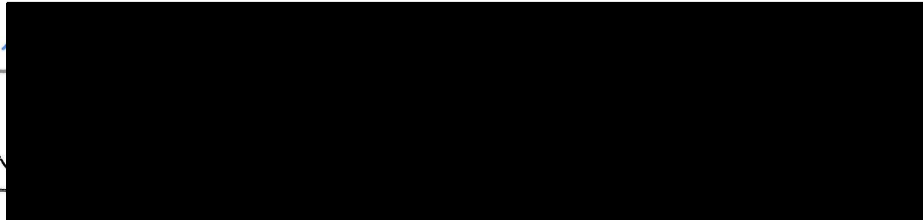
The lands at Killarney Racecourse, zoned G4, as per attached outlined map are located within 250m of an environmentally sensitive area of the Killarney National Park which is a Special Area of Conservation and a Special Protection Area. Glamping would have an adverse affect with all night lighting, noise pollution, partying etc. on the park which is of high ecological value because of the quality, diversity, and extensiveness of many of its habitats and the wide variety of species that they accommodate, some of which are rare. The park was designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 1981 as stated in the Issues Paper.

We trust that this observation will be taken into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Patricia Mergin



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