**Submission from Skellig Development Committee (SKD) regarding Draft County Development Plan**

Moira, a chara,

I refer to above submission (copy enclosed) and would like to support the points being made by the local community development committee in Ballinskelligs in relation to the current scarcity of housing in **Uíbh Rathach (UR)**, which is curtailing economic & social development in the area as a result.

As stated in this submission, significant public and community investment is currently being made to take measurable, realistic steps in an effort to revitalise the socio - economic economy in Gaeltacht UR.

This includes the good work being done by the community committee itself on the ground on practical projects in the community, by the Iveragh Task Force in attracting families to live in the area, by Kerry County Council who are improving transport infrastructure, tourism and recreation in the area and of course supporting the work of the Task Force as well as U na G who are supporting businesses in the area.

We are as a development organisation looking forward to the completion of gteic being completed in Dungegan and the economic and demographic vitality it will create in the area.

However, it is clear that there is and will be major restraints put on the potential of these development works if employees & their families don’t have options of realistic housing at reasonable prices for them in the area. We completely & eagerly support the advice/recommendations of (SKD) in this submission prepared by them.

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