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1. The historical fact that the County of Kerry had a long existence before the completion of its amalgamation with the County of Desmond (the area south of the Maine) in 1606 (Butler, *Gleanings from Irish history*, 13-14 n. 17) seems to be ignored in constant references to 'North Kerry'.
2. There does not seem to be any reference in the Plan to Ballynagare Glebe, the importance of which was emphasised by Paul MacCotter in his outstanding 'essay in reconstruction', 'The see-lands of the Diocese of Ardfert', in *Peritia* 14 (2000) 161-206, at pp. 184-5:

So interesting is Ballynagare Glebe that a few words must here be said about it. This is described as 'the glebe near Lixnaw' in the mortgage of 1780. The first Ordnance Survey map shows this as a circular area of glebe with a univallate circular enclosure, called Clooncruff Fort, at its centre. It is certain, given the continued possession by the church of this land for over a millennium, that what we have here is an ancient Irish ecclesiastical enclosure, comprising the entire circular glebe, once an island surrounded by bog, which has since been drained. Note that one of the older meanings of the Irish term *cluain* is that of an Insular monastic enclosure. The history of ownership of this land is such as to render definite the recent tentative statement that this was 'a possible ecclesiastical enclosure'.⁷⁹ This site should be prioritised for archaeological investigation. Contrary to the usual pattern in these matters, a rectory of Disertodrillac belonged to the abbey of Rattoo, apparently from very early in its history.⁸⁰

[79. Toal, *North Kerry archaeological survey* [1995], 208.]

[80. CPR xiii (i) 183.]

3. The emphasis on tourism as a principal criterion for the assessment of the visual impact of developments suggests that local sensibilities are simply to be overridden, and indeed that locals in some areas of the county will only be on a par with visitors if they become tourists themselves in more favoured areas.

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