

Laois County Development Plan Review
Forward Planning Team
Laois County Council
Aras an Chontae
JFL Avenue
Portlaoise
Co. Laois

28th February 2020

Re: Laois County Development Plan 2021 - 2027
Proposed Community Centre and Associated Amenities at Carrig Glas, Stradbally, Co Laois

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to formally submit our intention to progress the development of a Community Centre facility at Stradbally, Co Laois. The intended location is a site owned by Laois County Council, known as Carrig Glas.

We have been in continuing discussions with Laois County Council, and in particular the Housing & Urban Regeneration Department, in relation to sharing the site for housing and a community facility. As the Laois County Council owned site will provide a portion of the area required, but not all, we are also in discussions regarding privately owned neighbouring land which would be used to provide grass playing pitches and other outdoor amenities.

Significant community engagement and a feasibility study has taken place to assess the full needs and requirements of the community. At present, we are finalising the compilation of this detail in order to submit a formal plan, which will follow in due course.

In general, we aim to include, but not be limited to, the following facilities and amenities:

- Community Centre, which will include:
 - Sports/Meeting Hall.
 - Small Meeting Rooms.
 - Gymnasium.
 - Dressing/Changing Rooms.
 - Carparking.
 - Biodiversity Garden, Green Area.
 - GAA Playing Pitch.
 - Soccer Playing Pitch.
 - Multi Use Games Area


The site is adjacent to the existing playground facility and also Stradbally GAA Club, so the full development will deliver multiple harmonies between recreational, community and sporting facilities for the area.

This process was initially born out of consultations by Stradbally Community Development Association, and we have now formed a separate legal entity to specifically carry out the development of the Community Centre project. Stradbally Community Development Association will also be providing a submission in relation to the initial consultations.

We trust you will give this your fullest support and consideration, and we will follow up with more detailed plans as we progress through our development process.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Kinsella', written over a horizontal line.

David Kinsella
Director
Stradbally Community Centre Ltd