

The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
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Submission in relation to Kilbarry SHD Ref: 313994

Sir/Madam,

I refer to development proposal Kilbarry Strategic Housing Development reference number: **313994**

The flood risk assessment (Barry & Partners) for the the proposal recommends (Section 5.2) fencing along the site boundary adjacent to the river *'to prevent access to the watercourse'*. The Glenamought is a busy nature corridor with badgers, otters, foxes and stoat moving along the river. Their movement between river and adjoining bank must not be restricted in any way. Fencing can also contribute to flooding if it becomes blocked with matted vegetation during a flood event to the extent that it impedes the flow of water, cutting off the river from its natural flood plain.

The developers propose to dispose of surface water from this large housing project (via attenuation tanks) into the Glenamought Stream which runs along the Northern boundary of the site. The Services Infrastructure Report accompanying the proposal quotes a figure of 26.2l/s.

There is no mention (at all) in the Kilbarry SHD Flood Risk Assessment of the proposed River Bride (Blackpool) Flood/Drainage Scheme. The scheme is still very much a live project, despite having been the subject of a recent judicial review. According to the scheme website *'the Department of Public Expenditure has agreed to consent to an order reverting the evaluation of the Blackpool Flood Relief Scheme back to an advanced stage of further public consultation.'*

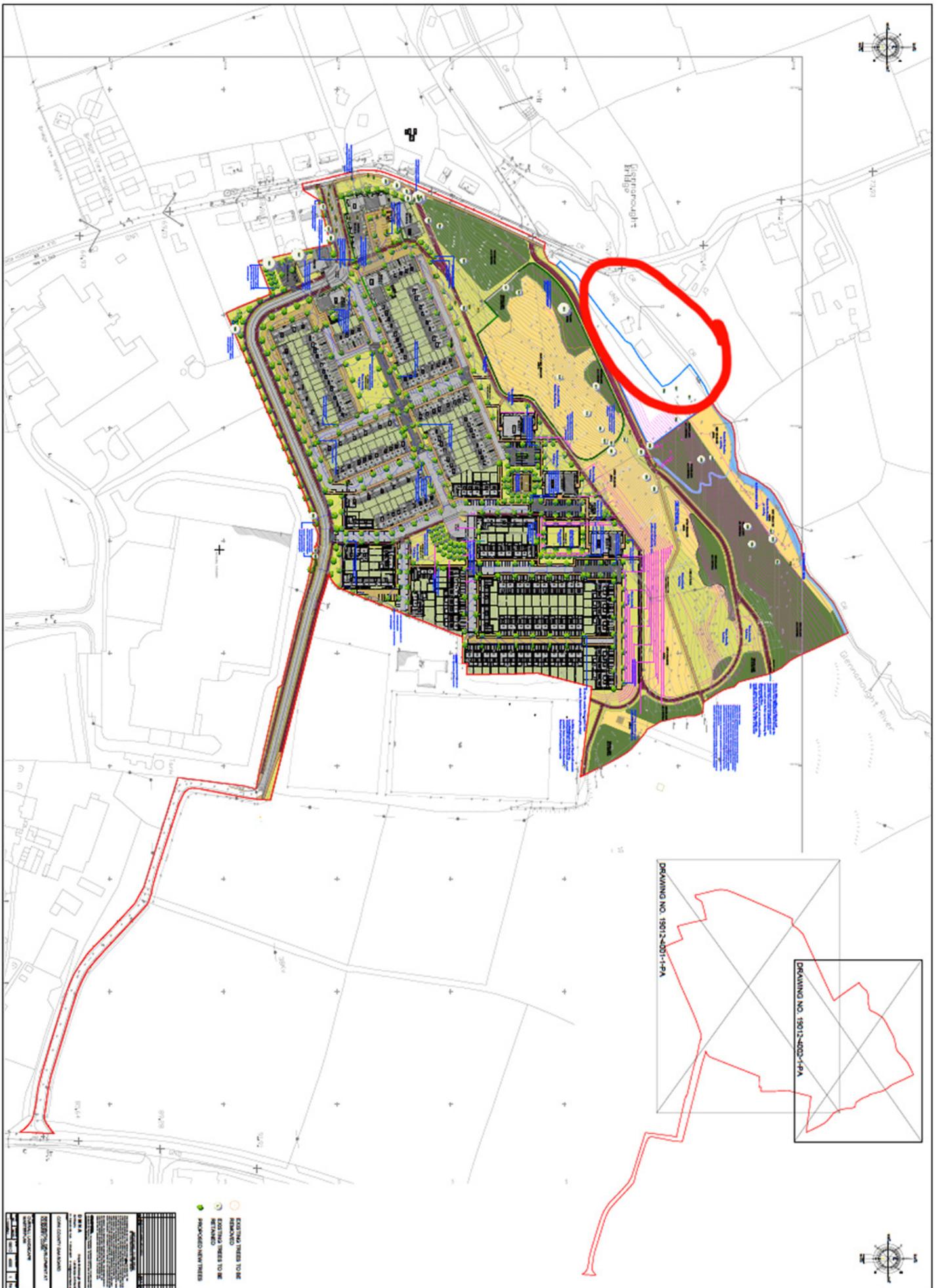
Flood defence walls and embankments are proposed immediately downstream of the proposed Kilbarry SHD, less than 100m from the site boundary (see area circled in red in attached screenshots from Blackpool FRS drawings and Kilbarry SHD layout masterplan). Two bridges are also proposed for replacement as part of the Blackpool flood/drainage scheme approximately 1km downstream of the proposed Kilbarry SHD - these areas experienced serious flooding on the 28th June 2012 from the Glenamought Stream (incorrectly referred to as the Bride River in the flood risk assessment)

One must question the thoroughness of a flood risk assessment that fails to include the presence of a major proposed flood scheme in such close proximity to the development.

There is a need for housing but not at the expense of those living and working downstream of this proposed development who have experienced flooding on five occasions in the last twenty years due largely in part to poor planning and drainage practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to this proposed development.

Regards
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