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04th September 2025

An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902.

Re: Proposed Development for a Facility Centre for Water based Activities Magherabeg Beach, Castlegregory, in the Townland of Magherabeg, Co. Kerry.

Subject: Response to An Coimisiún Pleanála (previously An Bord Pleanála) Request for Further Information, dated 10th February 2025, Case Number ABP-319843-24.

A Chara,

Please find enclosed the information required in response to the Request for Further Information, dated 10th February 2025, along with:

- a) 2 hard copies of all documents
- b) 1 soft copy (USB) of all documents

Kerry County Council would also like to bring to the attention of the Coimisiún;

- A) Incorporated into the proposed development is an ancillary upgrade to the existing beach access to allow universal access to the beach.
- B) Provision has been made for an apron upon which temporary seasonal toilets can be sited, if required.
- C) Consultations with the Maharees Conservation Association (MCA), a local, proactive conservation group on our proposed development have been undertaken and please find letter of support from MCA.

It is considered that all the matters raised in the Further Information request have been systematically and comprehensively addressed as part of this response.

It is respectfully suggested that the provisions of the Facility Centre for Water based Activities, will make a positive contribution to the area, environmentally and otherwise.

Yours sincerely,

John Ahern



Senior Engineer, Capital Development Unit North, Kerry County Council



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Co Kerry

23.07.2025

Re. Proposed Facility Centre for Water-Based Activities at Magherabeg

To whom it may concern,

I write regarding the proposed facility centre for water-based activities at Magherabeg, Maharees, Co Kerry. I am a member of Maharees Conservation Association (MCA), which is a registered charity, and has been actively engaged in coastal habitat conservation and visitor management in Maharees since 2016.

In principle, MCA supports the proposed facility centre for water-based activities at Magherabeg. The proposal offers opportunities for improved environmental awareness through signage and displays and induction talks. The provision of free toilet facilities, the upgraded wastewater treatment proposals and the enhanced / more controlled beach access aspects are all welcomed.

The MCA has agreed in principle to partner with Kerry County Council (KCC) on the visitor management of the proposed facilities at Magherabeg. In particular, the MCA will widen the scope of its community and public engagement to include users of the proposed facility. In addition, the MCA will continue to monitor visitor behaviour beyond the site boundaries in the wider Maharees area to identify and to address, in conjunction with KCC and other partners, any unforeseen matters arising.

The MCA looks forward to engaging further with KCC and Fáilte Ireland on the sustainable management of visitors to Maharees.

Yours faithfully,

Martha Farrell

Board member and charity trustee of Maharees Conservation Association CLG