

# PROPERTY & AUCTIONS



## Madden family agrees sale of Temple Gate Hotel

ONE of the county's best known hotels has been sold. The Madden family's long association with the hotel industry in Clare comes to an end with the sale of the Temple Gate Hotel in Ennis to Kevin Hotels Ltd.

The landmark, 70-bedroom hotel, bar and restaurant will continue to operate through a seamless transition retaining staff and services at the popular, town centre, four-star facility.

Opened in March 1996 by founder John Madden the hotel's operation has been considered a great success over the years.

"It's a success story of which we are incredibly proud," said Paul. "My father John lived and breathed the hospitality industry in every moment of every day of his working life.

However, now is the time that feels right for us to sell our business and I personally look forward to the new and exciting opportunities ahead."

"Our hope is that under new ownership, the Temple Gate Hotel will begin a bright new chapter in its continuing story," he said.

"The loyal, friendly and committed staff of the Temple Gate is central to the hotel's unique identity. Their professional and kind-hearted service is a favourable comment from guests, tour operators, food and beverage customers, community and sports groups."



Vera and John Madden.  
Photograph by Paul Corry

"We will always be grateful to them and I am confident that our new owners will feel the same," he added.

John Madden developed his managerial expertise in the Lynch-owned West County Hotel before realising a dream to start his own family-run hotel business in 1996 at the site of the Old Convent of Mercy in Ennis.

John and his wife Vera navigated a complex design and interior fit-out with developer Egan O'Connor, mindful of retaining the gothic theme of the original building.

"The decision to open our own hotel in the centre of Ennis was a bold leap of faith for the Madden family," said John.

"Over almost 30 years, the Temple Gate became very successful in spite of the Celtic Tiger crash, economic uncertainties and more recently Covid. These hammer blows could have ended the story, but we survived and thrived in part due to our passion to the dedication and hard work of our team, our loyal customer base and Paul's leadership qualities," he concluded.

The Temple Gate Hotel has been acquired by Kevin Hotels Ltd, a company which comprises two well-known hoteliers in the Midwest. They are Dermot Kavanagh and John Gavin, who are the former directors of Shannon Springs Hotel in Ballyvaughan.

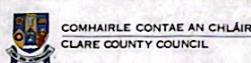
"We are hands-on, experienced hoteliers.

We recognise and value the culture and ethos of the Temple Gate Hotel, which has been nurtured so carefully by the Madden family over the last 30 years."

"The Temple Gate Hotel has deep roots in the Clare community, which we intend to serve to the best of our ability in the years ahead," said the new owners.



Temple Gate Hotel in Ennis.



COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR  
CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

### FÓGRA DE BHUN ALT 175 AGUS ALT 177AE DEN ACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2000, ARNA LEASÚ, AGUS NA RIALACHÁN UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2001, ARNA LEASÚ

### SCÉIM FAOISIMH TUILTE CHILL CHAOI I MBAILTE FEARAINN CHILL CHAOI, CO. AN CHLÁIR

### FÓGRA I DTAOBH IARRATAS PLEANÁLA CHUIG AN MBORD PLEANÁLA AR CHEADÚ

Tugtar fógra leis seo go bhfuil sé de réir an Comhairle Contae an Chláir ceadú a lorg ón mbord Pleanála fógra Alt 175 agus Alt 177AE den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú, chun oibreachára beartaithe a dhéanamh i mbailte fearainn Chill Chaoi, Co. an Chláir.

Tá an thorbairt feabhsúilteach súlmhaimh cosanta dothurbhaithe comhthíortha de na nithe seo a leanas:

- Is é atá sna hobreachára beartaithe ná clárt agus tábháil ag Ostán Bhí Chaoi.
- Bealach oscailte a chur ar mháilair sli i dteaghlach láir na tuilleadh, agus ceannbhalla agus líntear cuaisin mua a shuiteáil fací bhuin an chláir.
- Aire an bhabha teorann láithreach agus tóin agus tóin.
- Clárt agus tóigíl agus bhíle Tithe Soghrainge agus Carbháin Pháirc an Ghainimh.
- An scáileán smionáigí láithreach ag Waterworld Chill Chaoi a athlúthar.
- DNA chunpholl cuasim a thóigí ag Currit Radharc na Cluana.
- Na dünpholl agus na líntear láithreachar ag Thír Chill Chaoi a usáigh.
- Clárt a thóigál a chur ar taobh thiar theas de Pháirc Saoire Cunningham.
- Uisceárlach concreite a shuiteáil feadh allinnú reatha shruth an Tobair.
- Líntear láithreach shruth an Tobair ag Plás an Chorráin a athlúthar.
- An bhabha teorann ó 20 Cúirt Victoria chug 21 Cúirt Victoria a athlúthar.
- Na ballaí láithreacha ag Plás an Chorráin a cheisí agus a athlúthar.
- Clárt agus tóigíl taobh thiar de Bhóthar Charraig an Chabhaltaigh.
- Balla nua cosanta tulite a thóigí leath brúach na láimhe cé a bhruach Victoria chug Plás an Chorráin.
- Bealach oscailte a chur ar mháilair sli i dteaghlach láir na tuilleadh, agus an bealach oscailte láithreach a ionadh isteach.
- Balla teorann Chorráin Victoria a stóigí.
- Clárt agus tóigíl ar taobh thaidh de Chorráin Victoria.
- Clárt agus tóigíl ar an taobh theas de Pháirc Victoria.
- Bealach oscailte a chur ar mháilair sli i dteaghlach láir na tuilleadh, agus bealach láithreach a ionadh isteach.
- Tuilleadh a athghráidíú a iognat ag an taobh thiar de Pháirc Saoire Cunningham.
- Aireáint leis na hobreachára beartaithe tóigí bithíre, athghráidíú bithíre, oibreachára draenála, leagan crann, cur crann, tirdreadh, agus na hobreachára comhdeachága goimhreola uile eile.

Uillimhloch Tuarscail agus Mheánsúacht Tionchar Tímeallachta agus Ráiteas Tionchar Natur mar chuid den iarratas i leith na forbairt beartaithe

Feáidh an Bord Pleanála an iarratas ar forbairt a cheadú fara cionnollacha ná gan chionnollacha ná feadfaidh sé an iarratas ar forbairt a dhíoltú.

Beidh cóip de phileanna agus sonraithe na forbairt beartaithe, den Tuarscail agus Mheánsúacht Tionchar Tímeallachta agus de Tionchar Natur ar fáil lena n-iníochadh sár in aice (ná feadair iad a cheannáint ag thailleadh sárthainne a ioc, ar tällí i nach mbidh síos air ná costas réasúnta a bhaineann leis an t-síos a dhéanamh) le linn uaireanta oscailte poiblí (gan Leathainn Saor Póilí a rinneann) on 03/10/2024 go dtí 15/11/2024 (agus an dáth sin an síos a leanas) agus na láithreacha seo a leanas:

- Offig an Bhoird Pleanála, 64 Sráid Mhaolbhride, Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 V902
- Comhairle Contae an Chláir, Áras Contae an Chláir, Bóthar Nua, Inis, Co. an Chláir, V95 DXP2
- Offig Cathartha Chill Ríos, Halla an Bhuile, Cill Rónáin, Contae an Chláir, V15 XZT0
- Offig Comhairle Inis Óirráin, Bóthar Inse, Inis Óirráin, Contae an Chláir, V95 YX81

Feáidh an forbairt a chomháin agus sonraithe an iarratas, ar an Tionchar Tímeallachta agus Ráiteas Tionchar Natur, ná iad a foildíod, agus an suíomh Créasáin a leanas freisin: [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)

Héadair aighneachtaí ná tuaimileáid leis an bhforbairt meádair:

1. Impreacailt na forbairt beartaithe do phileannála chug agus forbraitheachta is líistíord lena mbialaneann, agus
- II. Ná héifeachtáil is doigh a bhfeidh ag an bhforbairt beartaithe ar an gmeathóid, má dhéanfar i, agus
- III. Ná héifeachtáil suntasach is doigh a bhfeidh ag an bhforbairt beartaithe ar an gmeathóid, má dhéanfar i, agus a dhéanamh i scribhinn, agus i scribhinn amhlain chug an mbord Pleanála ('an Bord'), 64 Sráid Mhaolbhride, Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 V902.

Ní fíor tálle €50 a bheith ag gabháil le haois agnéachtaí/luaraimí (seachas 1 gás comhlaethach forbraitheachta) agus ní fíor iad a bhfeidh faighte ag an mbord Pleanála tráth nach déanálai n 5.00pm an 15/11/23. Ní fíor d'aghneachtaí ná tuimirim an teideal "Scém Faoisimh Tuitte Chill Chaoi" a bhfeidh orthu agus an fhaidis seo a leanas a bheith san áireamh:

1. Ainn an duine, an údarás ná an chomháin atá ag déanamh na haghneachta ná atá ag tabhairt na tuairim, ainn an duine atá ag gníomhú thata cean an duine, an údarás ná an chomháin atá agus an seoilach a cheart aon chomháin agus a bhíonnann leis an iarratas a sheoladh chugue,
2. Áshar na haghneachta ná tuairime, agus
3. Na cùiseanna pleanála a bhíonn leis an aighneach (i.e. cuíns agus argóintí) agus aon mhíreanna gur mhaith leat a chur do chileanna ná do thuireann.

Féadfaidh aon duine balliocht aonairneadh in mbord Pleanála ar an iarratas ar chead a cheistí tri bhithin iarratas a dhéanamh ar athbhreithniú breithinniú iad Ord 8 de Pháiseach na n-riáscláitíreanna (I.R. Uimh. 15 de 1986, arna leasú le I.R. Uimh. 20 de 2011), de réir at 30 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú.

Féadfaidh phairicíl faoin líne aitíathairneachtaí a rochtáil faoin gceannasúil "Fógra leis an Athbhreithniú breithinniú aonairneadh" ag [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) ná siúladh Créasáin na Seirbhísí um Pháiseas do Shaoránach agus an chomháin.

Eisceart an cheisteanána a bhíonn leis an bpríobhas iarratas a chur ar an mbord Pleanála (Teileafón: 01 8588100).

Araí dhátaú at 27 li ú seo de mhí Meán Fómhair 2024.

Alan Farrell, Stiúthóir Seirbhísí.



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### NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 175 AND SECTION 177AE OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, AS AMENDED AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001, AS AMENDED KILKEE FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME IN THE TOWNLANDS OF KILKEE, CO. CLARE NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA FOR APPROVAL

Notice is hereby given that Clare County Council intends to seek approval from An Bord Pleanála under Section 175 and Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000, As Amended to carry out proposed works in the townlands of Kilkee, Co. Clare. The proposed development of flood relief defences consists of the following:

- A new embankment to the south of the Kilkee Bay Hotel.
- A diversion of the open channel to the south of the Kilkee Bay Hotel into the centre of the floodplain and the installation of a new headwall and inlet culvert under the new embankment.
- The increase in height of the existing boundary wall at the Dún an Óir Estate.
- A new embankment at the Sandpark Mobile Home and Caravan Park.
- The replacement of the existing culvert at Kilkee Waterworld.
- The construction of two inlet manholes on an existing culvert at Meadow View Court.
- Upgrades to the existing Atlantic Stream culvert system at Moore Bay, including the installation of non-return valves.
- A new embankment to the west of Cunningham's Holiday Park and the installation of a new headwall and inlet culvert under the new embankment.
- A new reinforced concrete u-channel along the existing Well Stream alignment to the north of Cunningham's Holiday Park.
- The replacement of the existing Well Stream culvert at Crescent Place.
- The resurfacing and reggrading of the Well Road, the junction of Well Road with Marine Parade and the junction of Geraldine Place with Marine Parade.
- New surface water pump stations at Well Road and Carrigaholt Road and associated infrastructure.
- New surface drainage infrastructure at Well Road, Crescent Place, Victoria Park and Carrigaholt Road.
- New surface gate at various locations along the Well Stream and Victoria Stream flood defences.
- The reconstruction of the Victoria County boundary wall along the Victoria Stream.
- Repairs and replacement of the Victoria Stream left bank wall at Crescent Place.
- A new embankment to the west of Carrigaholt Road.
- A new flood defences wall along the left bank of the existing Victoria Stream alignment from Victoria Park to Crescent Place.
- A diversion of the Victoria Stream to the centre of the floodplain to the west of Carrigaholt Road.
- The reconstruction of the Victoria Crescent boundary wall along the Victoria Stream.
- A new embankment to the north of Victoria Crescent.
- A new embankment to the southwest of Cunningham's Holiday Park.
- A diversion of the Western Tributary to the centre of the floodplain to the north of the Cluan na Mara estate and a new outlet culvert under the new embankment.
- The reggrading of lands to the north of the Cluan na Mara estate and to the west of Cunningham's Holiday Park.
- The proposed works include for road reconstruction, road reggrading, drainage works, tree felling, tree planting, landscaping and all associated ancillary works.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared as part of the application in respect of the proposed development.

An Bord Pleanála may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

A copy of the plan and particulars of the proposed development, the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAR) and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will be available for inspection free of charge, (or may be purchased on payment of a specified fee) which from 03/10/2024 to 15/11/2024 (inclusive of both dates), at the following locations:

- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902
- Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 DXP2
- Kilrush Civic Offices, Town Hall, Kilrush, County Clare V15 XZP0
- Enniscorthy Office, Ennis Road, Enniscorthy, County Clare, V95 YX81

The application plans and particulars, the EIAR and NIS may also be viewed at or downloaded from the following website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)

Submissions or observations on the proposed development in relation to:

- I. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned, and
- II. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out, and
- III. The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

may be made in writing only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board"), 64 Marborough Street, Dublin 1 D01 V902.

Any submissions / observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by An Bord Pleanála not later than 5.00 p.m. on 15/11/24. Such submissions or observations should be titled "Kilkee Flood Relief Scheme" and must include the following information:

1. The name of the person, authority or body making the submission or observation, the name of the person, if any, acting on behalf of that person, authority or body, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent;
2. The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
3. The planning grounds of the submission (i.e. reason and arguments), and any items you wish to support your grounds or arguments.

Any person may question the validity of any such decision by An Bord Pleanála made in respect of the application for permission by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to An Bord Pleanála (Telephone: 01 8588100).

Dated this 27th September 2024.

Alan Farrell, Director of Services.

