

Galway County Council
Áras an Chontae
Prospect Hill
Galway
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Co. Galway

Galway, July 10th, 2024

Dear Sir / Madam,

I, Patrick Ridge, hereby submit a planning application on my family owned lands at Ernloughmore. It is intended that the dwelling will be a permanent residence for myself, my wife and family members. My wife and I are both native to Galway county, myself being native to Connemara and we have a long established connection to the Roundstone and Ballyconnelly areas. My wife is a General Practitioner and worked for a time in Roundstone and I myself have many relations in the general area.

The disused dwelling and surrounding farmholding have been in my immediate family ownership for almost 30 years. Conscious of the sonic setting of the cottage I sought to preserve its heritage value while respecting its surroundings and to this end I engaged the following consultants:

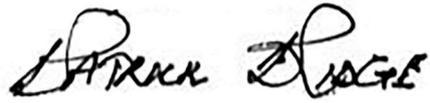
Garvan Hanley, Architect, MRIBA, RIBA, Accredited in Architect Conservation (G2) and Accredited in Sustainable Design and Construction. Garvan has extensive experience in delivering high quality sustainable designs for rural properties. He specialises in realising the value of older properties and sensitively restoring and repurposing them for modern comfortable living.

Enda O'Malley, B.Eng, C.Eng, MIEI, Chartered Consulting Engineer. Enda is native of Ballyconnelly and has an established understand of local ground conditions, the structure of older rural buildings and other factors associated with making planning applications for developments in the area.

Michael Gibbons, who is one of Irelands leading field archaeologists with 30 years' experience, Michael is native to Clifden, where he still resides and has an unquestionable knowledge of local history and archaeology.

I consider that the experience, knowledge and expertise of the assembled team has ensured that our application is robust and allows for the cottage to be regenerated sensitively, with skill and care, so protecting its historic value and the environment.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Ridge". The signature is written in a cursive style with some capital letters.

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Patrick Ridge