



Planning Ref: 2460955

23 January 2025

Planning Section
Kerry County Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: 2460955 - Permission to Construct Eight Single Holiday Units Ancillary to the Main Hotel AT Glanbeg, Caherdaniel, Co. Kerry

Comment

The Heritage Council was established in 1995 as a statutory body under the Heritage Act 1995 with a Council (the Board of the body) appointed by the Minister. The Heritage Council is a prescribed body under the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2010 and S.I. No. 600/2001 of the Planning and Development Regulations, section 28 inter alia, in accordance with its functions under Section 6 of the Heritage Act, 1995. We seek to provide submissions on forward planning, development management and strategic infrastructure developments as they relate to Ireland's heritage, namely built, cultural and natural heritage.

The site appears to intersect and/or is immediately adjacent to the Kenmare River Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The site synopsis provided by the NPWS notes that the Kenmare River SAC contains an exceptional complement of marine and terrestrial habitats. These include *Large Shallow Inlets and Bays*, *Vegetated Sea Cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic Coasts* and *Dry Heath*, as well as several mammalian species including the Common Seal.

Objective KCDP 11-1 of the Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028 seeks to ensure compliance with the requirements of relevant EU and national legislation, including the requirements of the EU Birds and Habitats Directives; while Objective KCDP 11-2 seeks to maintain the nature conservation value and integrity of Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas, Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) and proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs).

There appears to be no ecological information submitted with the application. An Appropriate Assessment screening is required to enable the planning authority to determine whether the development is likely to have impacts on the Kenmare River Special Area of Conservation. This should be provided to ensure compliance with Objectives KCDP 11-1 and KCDP 11-2 of the Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028.

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