

J J and Deirdre Power



19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Re: A submission to the proposed County Development Plan.**

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Every year, for the last 20 years, 60 children in 6<sup>th</sup> class finish their Primary education in Caragh school.

For the last two years that number is 80 children and it is rising.

The children who left school 20 years ago are now adults in their early 30's, ready to find a place of their own and settle down.

And every year, from now on, another 20 or 30 local people will be looking to do the same.

Currently, the only houses for sale in Caragh cost in excess of €500,000.

In the most recent development, all the houses, except one, have been bought by people with no connection to Caragh.

The only requirement they had to meet was to have access to over a half a million euro.

The last piece of land zoned for housing in Caragh, was zoned without the owners seeking zoning.

Five years later, it remains undeveloped.

The younger people of Caragh have been priced out of their own village.

We have a field of over eight acres which faces the main road, the R409 and which is inside the 50 kilometre village speed limit.

It lies between the railway and the Community Centre and the Raheens GAA Pitches.

It is served by a footpath along the R409 and a footpath on the road to the Community Centre and Raheens GAA pitches.

When the footpath was being built, we donated a piece of our field to enable pedestrians to cross the road safely.

Regularly, we are asked by local people to sell them a site.

We would like to help our neighbours but we think that a series of half acre sites might not be the best use of the land.

Controlled development would seem to be a better answer.

With this in mind, we would like to apply for have our field zoned for new residential.

I have enclosed a map with our propert outlined in red.

If you need any more information you can contact me at [redacted] or at [redacted]

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Handwritten signature of J J Power in blue ink.

J J Power



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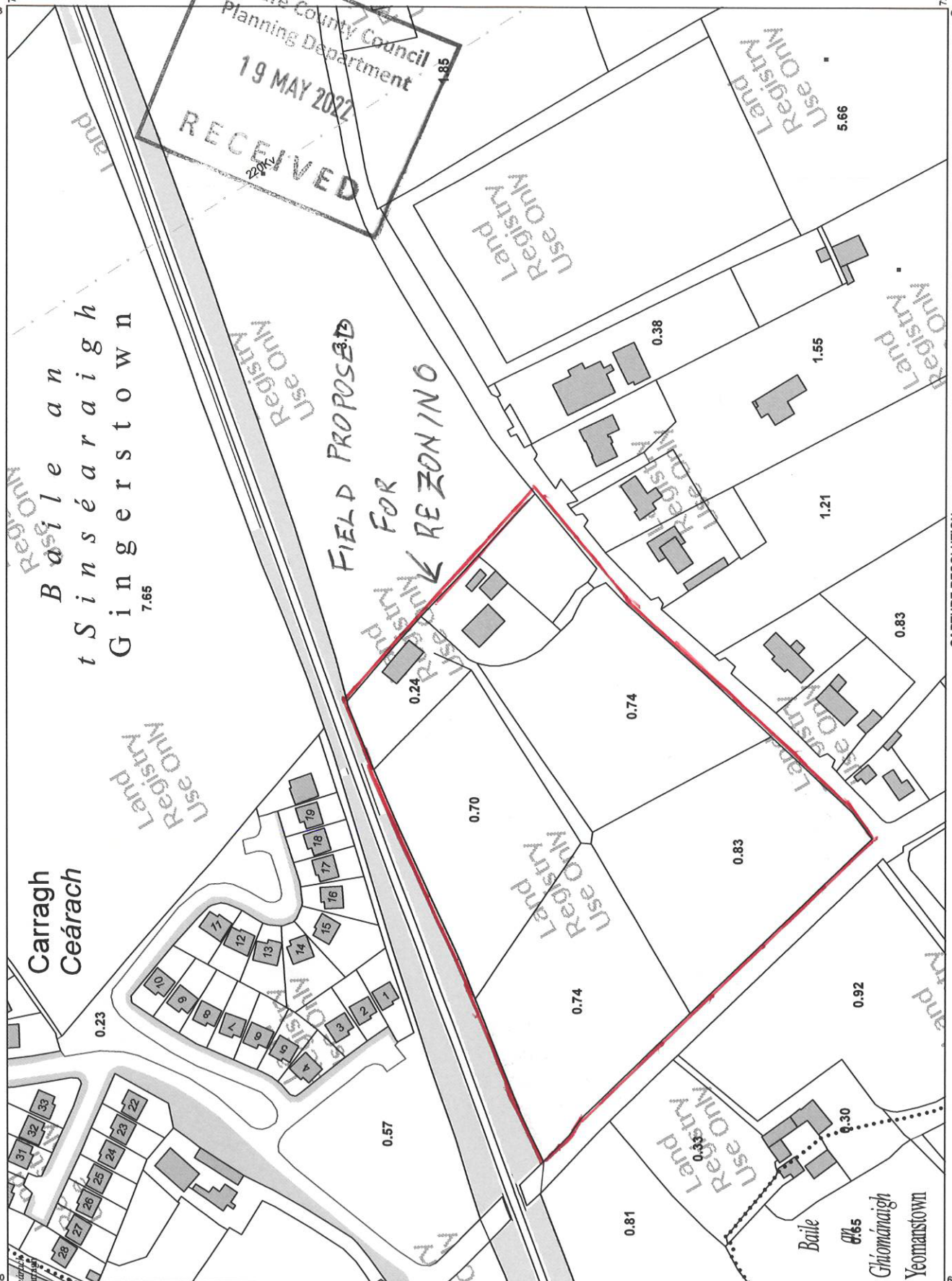
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