



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAÍ
KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

19th August, 2014.

Please quote my Ref: BR/July 14/NOM 10/06A on all correspondence

All Each Local Authority.

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At a recent meeting of the members of Kerry County Council the following resolution was adopted:

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Environment to ensure the recent decision on Planning Ref 13/493 does not become a precedent that prevents the development of future playgrounds near residential properties"

They were advised that the Planning application by Castlegregory Community Council for permission for development of a playground at Main Street, Tailor's Row, Forge Road, Castlegregory was granted permission by Kerry County Council on 30th December 2013 (Planning Reference No. 13/493). This grant of permission was subsequently appealed to An Bord Pleanála who issued a refusal decision (Reference PL 08.242939) on 28th May last.

In their refusal decision, the Board point to the following factors as reasons for their decision:

- Demolition of a pair of semi-detached houses in the centre of Castlegregory would result in a loss of vernacular urban fabric.
- Not satisfied that an alternative and reasonably central site is not available to serve the proposed development.
- Would seriously injure the amenities of neighbouring houses by virtue of noise general disturbance, overlooking and diminution of privacy.
- Site unsuitable in terms of passive surveillance.

Members expressed concern that this decision would become a precedent that would impact on the development of future playgrounds near residential properties and requested that I refer this matter to the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government for consideration and that the



resolution be forwarded to all other Local Authorities to ask for the support of the members.

Please consider this resolution and let me have your response at your convenience. Your reply can be emailed to gobrien@kerrycoco.ie.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Gerard O'Brien', written over a horizontal line.

**Gerard O'Brien,
Meetings Administrator**

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