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Alice Cross, [REDACTED] makes this submission to Cork City Council [CCiC] in respect of the proposed new City Development Plan for the period 2022-2028 [CiDP].

Full details of land ownership at the Anglers are outlined below in Figure 1.

The lands are defined in the Draft Plan as **Z0 21 City Hinterland**, which can generally be used for agriculture, rural amenity, open spaces, recreational uses, green and blue infrastructure and to protect and enhance biodiversity.

Alice wishes to support the CiDP 2022- 2028 and collaborate with other key stakeholders such as [Failte Ireland, Local Tourism and Hospitality Agencies] in terms of optimising these policy objectives, and promoting development that will continue to promote the attractiveness of Cork as a place to live, work and visit during the lifetime of the new development plan.



Figure 1: Opportunity for Recreational Uses & Blue / Green Infrastructure

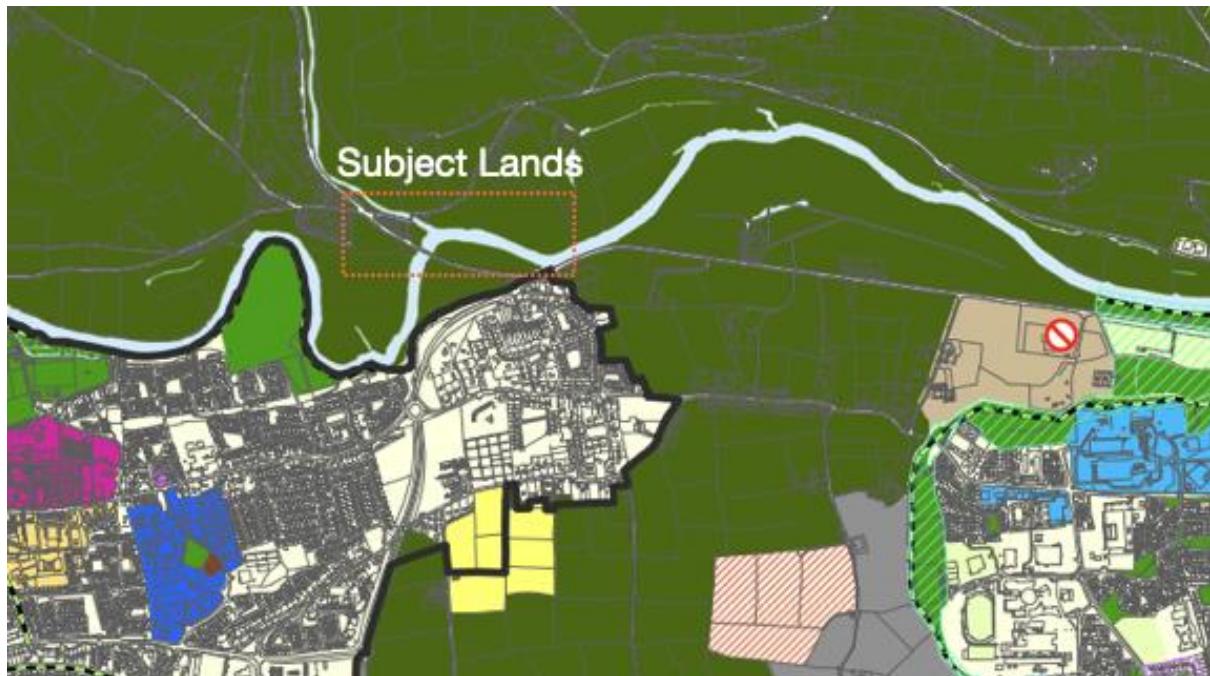


Figure 2: Draft City Development Plan [2022 – 2028] [Map 16]: Zo 21 City Hinterland

PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to request continued support / emphasis in the new development plan for initiatives that promote hospitality, tourism and amenity services and thereby contribute to the open space, sports and recreation development of Cork City and in terms of its attractiveness as a place to live, work, and visit, while supporting economic and employment growth locally [local services – hospitality, catering and support services].

Alice also wishes to clarify, that there is a willingness and ability [strategic business plan] to deliver new amenity and recreational services, at the Anglers, during the lifetime of the new plan.

PRINCIPLES OF SUBMISSION

City Hinterland designation shall play a strong role in terms of linking the open space, sports and recreation amenity facilities of Cork City and County.

For this reason, it is suggested that the objectives of the CiDP would specifically reference the delivery of the type of infrastructure that can support the primary objective of these areas:

- Investments in public transport to reach the open spaces
- Investment in proposed amenity routes to include pedestrian and cycle networks to promote recreational uses
- Blue and green infrastructure to promote the use of the River Lee as an amenity [blue way]
- Facilities that would promote the enjoyment and dwell-time of visitors and recreation users of open space, sports and recreation amenity facilities

On this basis, support in the CiDP is requested under the following headings:

1. Prioritise the linking of infrastructure modes / networks [cycle, walking, river, public and private transport]
2. Specifically refer to the types of amenity facilities / services to support tourism, sports, recreational activities and the use of open spaces

Amenity facilities to support tourism, sports, recreational activities and the use of open spaces and waterways

It is suggested that, lands east of the Anglers could be looked at in the context of tourism, recreation, sports, amenity related uses due to proximity to networks, open spaces and waterways **and that specific reference would be made to some examples types of tourism / recreational uses [similar to the way that wind and turbines, solar farms are referenced as examples of renewable energy development]**

Example of Tourism / Recreational Infrastructure :

- Commercially controlled owner / operator facilities intended for leisure and tourism purposes only, with no permanent residence allowed i.e. camper and motor home grounds, cycle / secure-parking and drop-off facilities to include:
 - a) Controlled access arrangements
 - b) Open space / secure parking areas available on limited time basis to local water, cycle, pedestrian, recreation, tourism related events
 - c) Water
 - d) Electricity
 - e) Rest / Shower Rooms
 - f) Waste Management [general rubbish, water and chemical toilet discharge]
 - g) Internet Services
 - h) CCTV monitoring

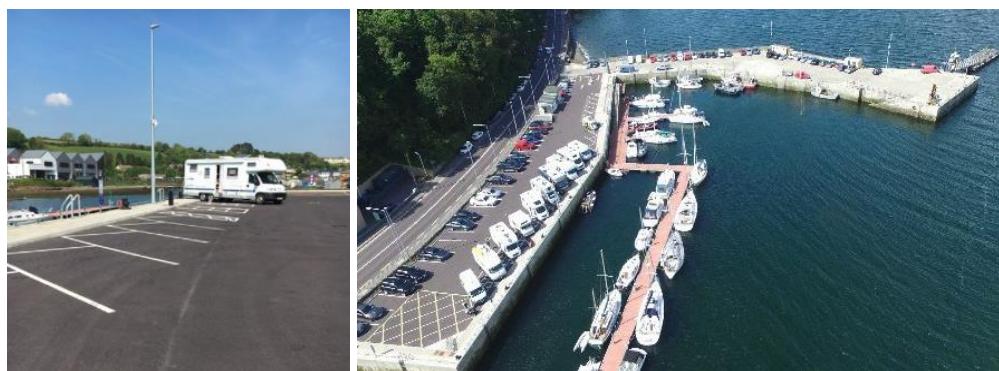


Figure 3: Bantry Camper Grounds and Parking Facilities

CONCLUSION

There is potential for additional investment and employment opportunities at Leemount, Carrigrohanebeg in the context of promoting the City / County for hospitality / tourism / recreation / leisure related activities investment.

Specific reference(s) to the type / example of infrastructure that could be supported in the policies and objectives of the CiDP, would greatly enhance the viability of bringing forward such initiatives during the lifetime of the new plan.

Alice Cross would value an early opportunity for the Planning Policy Unity to visit the Anglers and to directly engage on these matters / opportunities. In this regard we would also seek to collaborate with Failte Ireland in terms of promoting hospitality and tourism in Cork.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future

Yours Faithfully,
Alice Cross