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Draft Nenagh Local Area Plan 2024-2030

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with regard to the above and to your e-mail dated 29th July 2023 re: Draft Local Area Plans

Having considered information and documentation issued by Tipperary County Council in particular, but not limited, to Nenagh and Environs Local Area Plan 2024 – 2030 The Department would like to make the following submission for inclusion/consideration for the former Nenagh Military Barracks.

Background

- The site is located on Summerhill, at the northern end of the urban core. The site is occupied by the formerly Nenagh Military Barracks, which comprises of approximately 2.9 Acres of land, on which there are a number of listed buildings. The site has historical and cultural importance in reflecting the military history of Nenagh and its impact on local communities, noting the views of your elected members regarding same. The site includes three private dwellings at the northern end and is zoned 'Urban Core'.
- Any development or zoning proposals on the lands will be required to have regard to the social and cultural history of the site, the protected structures, the historic structure on or adjacent to the site. The sensitive nature of the adjacent buildings requires any development to respect these heritage assets and provide high-quality design.



- The Department of Defence recently completed First Registration of the above property with the Property Registration Authority; and the property is now vested in the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, and administered by the Minister for Defence.
- The Department of Defence now intends to proceed with its disposal in line with Government Policy regarding surplus military lands. In that regard, while it is acknowledge that the Council has declined, the Department wishes to explore the possibility of transferring ownership of the site to Tipperary County Council for a nominal sum in view of its central location in Nenagh and historical links with the town.

Officials from the Department of Defence would be available to meet with representatives from Tipperary County Council to discuss this submission further if required.

The Minister for Defence requests an acknowledgement of receipt of this submission and to be kept informed of any further developments on the Nenagh Local Area Plan 2024 - 2023.

Please contact me if you have any queries in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

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