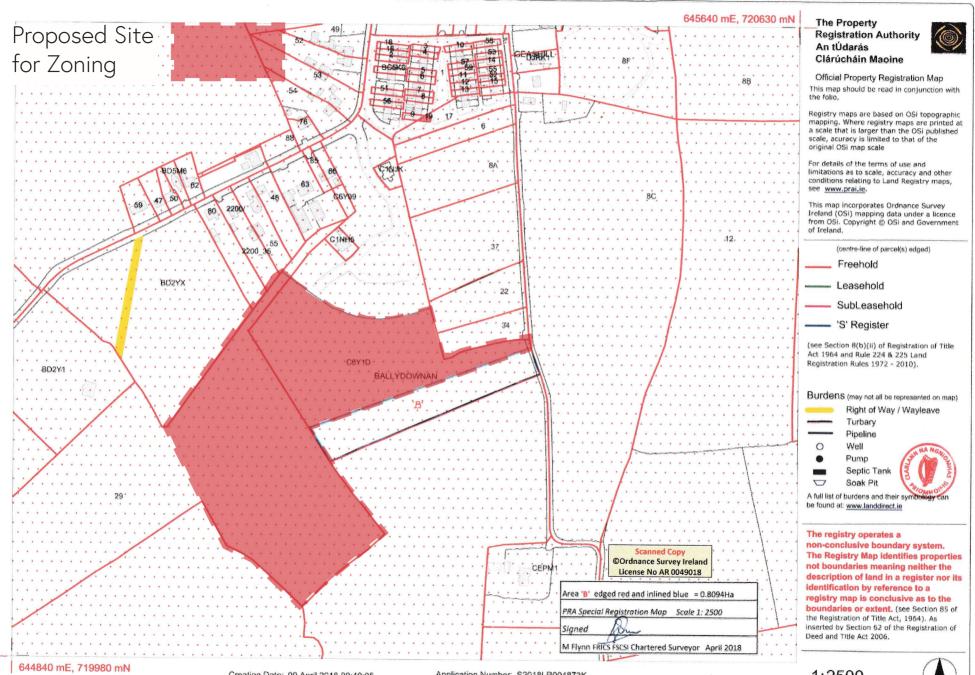
Dear Sirs, We wish to make a submission to the Offaly County Development Plan 2021 - 2027. Our client named above, is the owner of lands situated immediately adjacent to the residential zoned land, Árd Ríadha, at the northwest boundaries, Geashill. See attached map.

The purpose of this submission is to promote the inclusion of these lands into the village boundary of Geashill under the zoning 'new residential'. Please see below reasons for its inclusion: National Planning Framework The zoning of the proposed site compliments a number of the National Strategic Outcomes contained in the National Planning Framework, published in February 2018. Compact Growth The land in question is in a strategic location close to the village centre of Geashill promoting compact growth around the village and the zones public open space to the south of the site. Strengthened Rural Economies and Communities The increased zoning for residential lands in Geashill has the potential to sustainably increase the population of the village. Providing a range of accommodation locally allows families to both upsize and downsize within their communities. Sustainable Mobility Providing more centrally located residential sites increases the viability of public transport routes from the village and helps our transition away for car-centric development.

The document also projects a need for 550,000 new homes by 2040. By zoning the lands around existing village centres this growth can be achieved in a sustainable way. The accessibility of the lands, their location close to the village centre, and existing and proposed residential communities makes them ideally suited to a 'proposed residential' zoning objective. We trust the above information is of assistance to the council in relation to the draft Development Plan and that the identified lands are included within the future Development boundary of Geashill for the purpose of residential development.



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