

Clare County Council,
New Road,
Ennis,
Co. Clare.



Date: 4 March 2025.

Our Ref.:

Your Ref.:

REGISTERED POST.

Re/ Our Clients: [REDACTED]
Proposed Residential Zoned land near Feakle Village.

Dear Sirs,

We write on behalf of the above-named to have this plot excluded from the residential zoned area.

The grounds for same are as follows:

1. Access to the property would be from the village of Feakle Road in the direction of Magherabaun. There is a severe bend on the road at the precise position in front of the plot. Ignoring zoning land, if our clients were to apply for Planning Permission for a house on that site they would be refused on the grounds that it would be dangerous to exit that plot on to the public road due to the severe bend and lack of sightedness.
2. Secondly, the plot in question has drainage pipes crossing it which serves neighbouring properties [REDACTED] and any development on this plot would affect these drainage pipes and be objected to by the neighbours.
3. Thirdly, these lands are being actively farmed and have been for years *ad infinitum*. Our clients refer to the Statement by the then Taoiseach Simon Harris speaking after the Budget in 2024 to the effect that he has listened to the legitimate concerns of farmers, such as our clients, who face their land being taxed despite it being used for agricultural purposes and going on to say "that so long as he was Taoiseach, no active farmer will pay Residential Zoned Tax – simple as".

The Residential Zoned Tax with respect is meant to catch and make available for housing lands that are lying idle and not being farmed, and only properly so - i.e. properly lying idle should be made available for housing but not meant to be an attack on farming land.

