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Glentennassig

Glentennassig Woods Development Group Planning Proposal

“Securing tourism for Kerry’s future...”

2014 - 2020

Development summary

It is proposed that Glentenassig Woods be developed into an adventure recreation amenity park for the use of the range of communities and peoples of Kerry and beyond. It is envisioned that this project would become the flagship recreation amenity for the southwest of Ireland.

Initial plans will include:

- Extended parking facilities for 500+ vehicles including buses. Preliminary ground works may be undertaken to develop the disused railway system for future use;
- 30km+ of smooth (tarmacadam etc.) walkways – 5 looped walks;
- 50km+ of rough (stone, wood, etc.) walkways – 10 looped walks;
- Specific mountain bike and quad tracks – 50km;
- Signage along walkways for route finding, natural, cultural and heritage sites of interest. Some commercial signage may also be included. Rubbish collection points would be included;
- Visitors centre with toilets, café, tourist information and shop;
- A petting farm;
- Spaces will also be available for local adventure/recreation providers as a work base.

Other implications will include:

- Road improvements from Tralee including road widening and extra signage;
- Fast-tracked planning for an amount of off-site development e.g. camping and caravan park improvements, B&B's etc;
- Shuttle bus services from Tralee and Killarney (to include Farranfore airport).

These works and improvements, will, once approved, be completed within 2 to 3 years and will necessitate closure of the woods and access points for a minimum of 18 months of this timeframe. A festival will be organised as an opening celebration which it is hoped will become a yearly event.

An open evening has been organised for interested parties to learn more about this exciting development that will see Kerry well placed as a shining light of recreation and adventure in both Ireland and Europe well into the 21st century.

We look forward to seeing you there and hope to engage your continued support with this project.

Yours,

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Tasks:

i) Split into 4 groups:

- Resort developers;
- Local community;
- Environmental activists.

A public hearing will take place in 20 minutes time where each group must put forward their case (either for or against – the group must decide). The fourth group local government (county council) including county planner and councillors/TD's will decide on the projects future after all sides have been heard.

Resort or wilderness...?

Some starting points:

- List 5+ benefits of such a development taking place.
- List 5+ benefits of leaving the area as it is.
- Rank each benefit in order of importance to you personally, the economy and to the local environment.