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Location Map



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To whom it may concern,

We recently attended a meeting in Lisdoonvarna about the newly proposed Clare Development plan and spoke with Jennifer Collins about the plans for the future of Carron village. We had some concerns and she advised us to make a submission outlining how we would see the village develop into the future.

In Clare County council's proposal, the village growth area's are on arable farm land and as anyone familiar with this area would know, this is a very scarce commodity in the Burren.

So much so that it is almost unthinkable that anyone in a farming enterprise would be interested in selling any of this kind of land for development.

The VGA areas 1 and 2 and the lower half of 3 is owned by a dairy farmer. This land, I believe will never be used as development land. Agricultural land 1,2 and 5 are also owned by this farmer, whose family has owned it and farmed it for generations. I can't see him breaking from tradition and selling land that is essential for his enterprise.

The Cassidy family has owned and operated a Commercial enterprise in Carron for over 200 years. Originally it was a Public House , hardware and grocery business but with the passing of time it has evolved into a Pub and Restaurant and now employs between 12 and 20 seasonal staff.

Because of the decline in population over the last 2 decades(some of it due to very strict planning policies in the Burren area) it has become unfeasible to continue to open all year round.

Our daughter intends to return from Australia to take over the business this March.

We are excited that the business and family tradition is continuing, but being realistic, we know that housing and development in the area will be key to the success of the business going forward.

Her aim is to develop the business into a wedding and corporate activity venue.

To do this, she is going to need short term accommodation in the area (B&B's and self catering) and unless she can secure this, her plan is not viable.

This of course will provide much needed year-round employment in the area, which will in turn benefit future generations and entice more people to live in the area. and support the local school and community.

There is an area opposite the Pub that we own and although it is designated for agriculture, it is not arable land. In our opinion this is ideal for village expansion as it is not in the SAC area and is accessible and adjacent to two roads. It is not pristine Burren landscape as it was used as a quarry for the last two hundred years.

It is an area of 2.4 hectares so would have plenty room for housing and the sanitary systems needed to service them.

If developed sympathetically we feel it could be a beacon for development in visually vulnerable areas and solve one of the main habitation problems in places like the Carron.

Our own five children are skilled professionals and have all expressed an interest in returning to live in the area if planning could be obtained. They have adapted to blended working since the onset of Covid and would love to live in the area where they born and raise their children in this unique environment.

In summation, the VGA1,2 and the lower half of VGA3 are pastureland owned by a dairy farmer which most likely will never be developed.

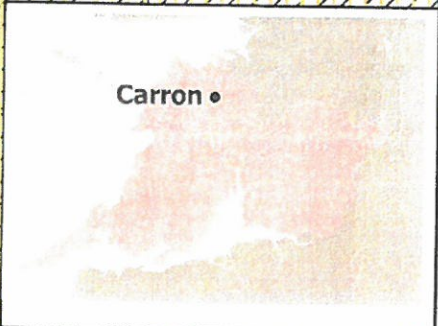
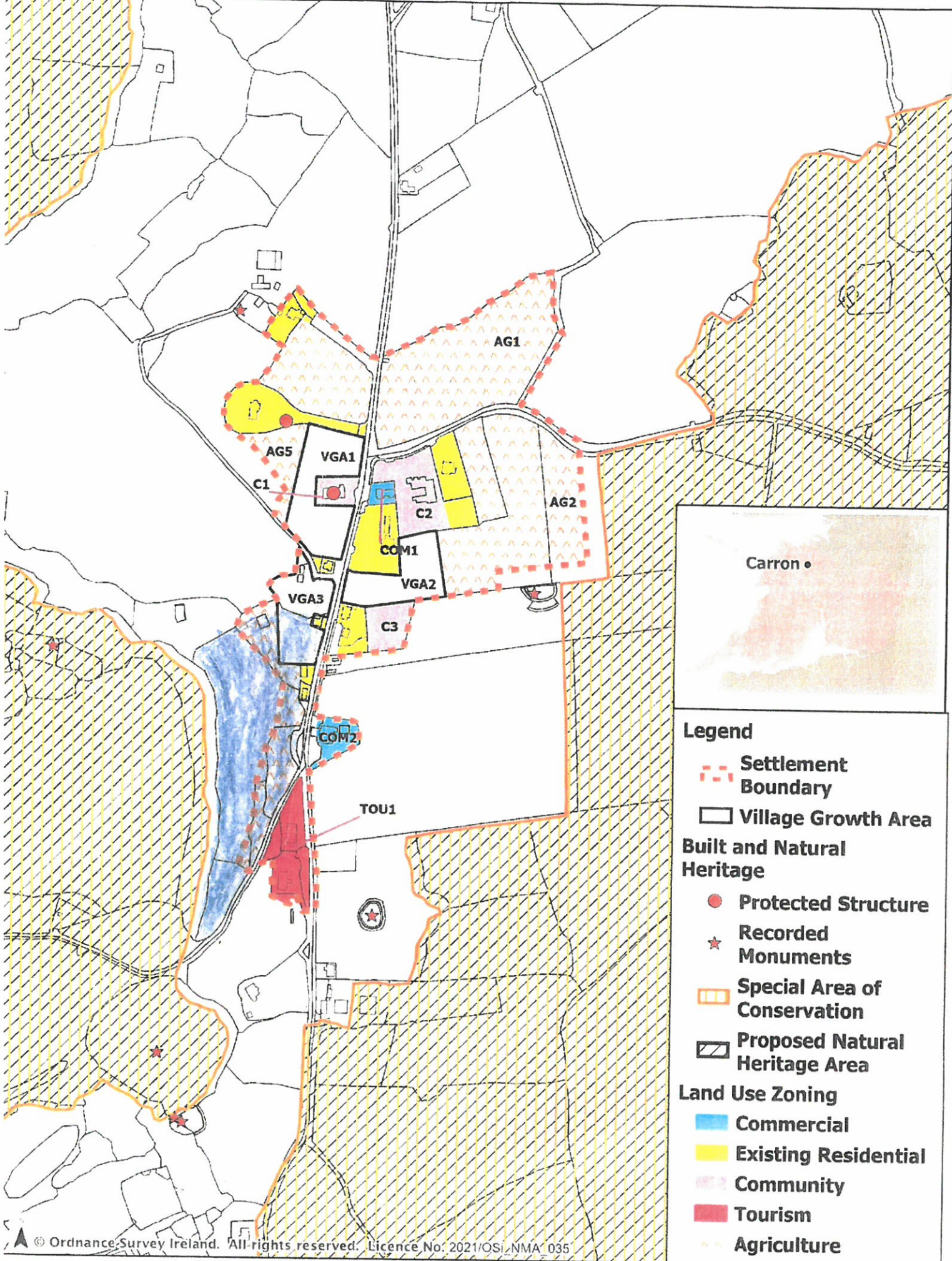
If the area around VGA3 (which you have marked as farmland but is in fact scrub) was extended towards the SAC boundary and designated as a settlement boundary, this in our opinion would definitely have a positive impact in the future of our village and ensure that future generations can continue to live and work in this area.

We have attached a map outlining in blue the proposed area

We would be delighted to meet with anyone to discuss any queries that you may have

Yours Sincerely

Michelle and Robert Cassidy



- Legend**
- Settlement Boundary
 - Village Growth Area
- Built and Natural Heritage**
- Protected Structure
 - Recorded Monuments
 - Special Area of Conservation
 - Proposed Natural Heritage Area
- Land Use Zoning**
- Commercial
 - Existing Residential
 - Community
 - Tourism
 - Agriculture

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Carron - Members' Resolution



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