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Mr. Brendan O'Brien
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Ms. Maria Kelly
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Re: *Proposed Redevelopment of Piltown Garda Station, Co. Kilkenny*

I refer to the proposed redevelopment of Piltown Garda Station, Co. Kilkenny currently being progressed in partnership with An Garda Síochána (AGS), the Office of Public Works (OPW) and Kilkenny County Council (KCC).

Many thanks to KCC for incorporating all earlier requests made by AGS for inclusion in the draft proposals for the redevelopment of Piltown Garda Station and attached residential property.

As discussed during our earlier video conference this afternoon, I can confirm AGS' approval of the attached revised proposals, which KCC has also stated is to include 1 x Official Garda parking space / set down area and 1 x universally accessible car parking space at the front of the building.

Things to Note:

- AGS fully supports KCC's proposals to convert the residential property attached to Piltown Garda Station for use by a Community Group / Remote Working Hub

AGS no longer has an operational requirement for use of the residential side of this property. However, AGS requests to retain possession of the rear yard area to the back

of the Garda Station (as shown on the attached proposals) to maintain an emergency escape route from the building

- AGS is further satisfied that the attached proposals reflect the operational needs of Garda personnel attached to Piltown Garda Station

Design Considerations:

- A security report and ICT/telecoms report will be provided by AGS at a later stage, with some further recommendations for incorporation into the detailed design of the Garda Station side of the building (i.e. security / M&E / Comms requirements)
- It is requested by AGS that the staircase currently in situ on the Garda Station side of the building be removed during this project, to ensure the security and autonomy of Garda operations can be maintained within the building
- The room marked 'kitchenette' on the Garda Station side of the attached proposals will become a multi-functional room (i.e. office/meeting room with kitchenette) but this is a very minor tweak and won't affect the planning submission

An Garda Síochána is happy for Kilkenny County Council to proceed to planning stage for this project, and I would be grateful if KCC can keep Estate Management and the OPW informed of any further developments in this project.

Estate Management looks forward to meeting with all stakeholders again in the near future, to progress the matter further.

Kind regards,


 for **Stephen Byrne**
Head of Estate Management (Acting)

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