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Kilkenny County Council.
John St., Kilkenny

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Re: Submission for Inclusion in Thomastown Local Area Plan 2019 – 2025.

I, Thomas Prendergast owner of 23 acres of land at Stampspark and Jerpoint West, Thomastown, wish to have these said lands zoned from agricultural to residential use.

I submit that the benefits to Thomastown and its residents and future are as follows:

- Redress the housing shortage, soaring rents and the need for student accommodation.
- To enhance and further strengthen the business centre of Thomastown following funding from the 'Town and Village Renewal Scheme'. My site is ideally located to improve and increase business activity in the town centre. Thus keeping it alive for generations to come
- These lands are adjacent to relatively new housing estates, Ardmillan and The Greens. Both of which are further from town centre of Thomastown, on this same road.
- I confirm that there is 3phase Electric power and piped Internet on the site.
- Piped way-leave for floodwater from this land is already in existence.
- These lands will not interfere with the proposed New Ross bypass.
- These lands will not interfere with the proposed flood relief scheme for Thomastown. There are NO flooding issues with these lands.
- There is in existence a continuous footpath all the way to the town centre.
- The site entrance is adjacent to Thomastown railway station (Kilkenny 12mins. Waterford 19mins. Dublin 130mins). Under 'Irelands's Smart Travel Plan' for 2020, these lands must surely be considered suitable for zoning.
- Children's outdoor play area, Library and Community Centre are on the approach road. Furthermore, I understand that the old SuperValue premises is to be converted into an indoor children's recreation area.
- Mount Juliet (Hotel, Golf Course, Leisure Centre, Fishing and Pony Trekking) is situated less than a kilometre, up the road.

I would invite you and your representatives to come and view the site I propose and see for yourselves the benefits for Thomastown, its residents and environs. Furthermore, should you have any queries I can be contacted on mobile 086 8530372 or land line 056 7724783.
I look forward to your favourable reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Ballydonnell,
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Map attached.