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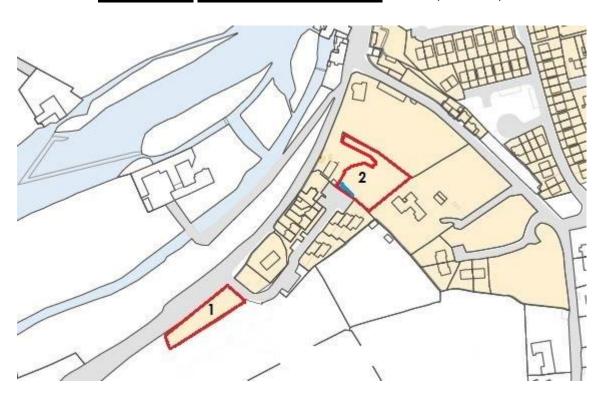
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Re: Residential Zoned Land Tax

Sites: Friars Hill, Thomastown, Co Kilkenny

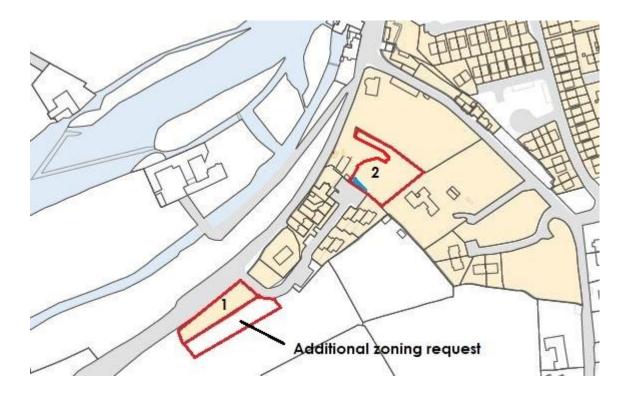
Dear Sir/ madam,

This submission is being made on behalf of the owner of the lands referred to in this submission, County Kilkenny.



Parcel 1 can only be accessed off Friars Hill and, to do that, would not leave sufficient space to develop housing. In addition, gaining access to the land from Friars Hill would involve traversing landscaped open space land outside my client's control.

An alternative would be an increase in the residential zoning to the rear to allow rear access to be incorporated into the zoning, thereby permitting the potential for a terrace of roadside houses, subject to access over the landscaped open space.



Parcel 2 can be accessed off Friars Hill, however, the precise areas of land acquired by Kilkenny County Council from my client under the Taking In Charge process are the subject of ongoing clarification. As matters stand, Kilkenny County Council has in its folio (ref:KK86), a strip of land which should have been excluded and which prevents my client gaining access to his property (coloured blue on the map above).

The bulk of the land within area 2 was land within the curtilage of a cottage at the west corner of the parcel. This cottage has since been sold. While my client has retained access over the original driveway off the R448, this access is totally unsuitable to serve new housing.

Until the ownership issue is resolved, Parcel 2 is land-locked and cannot be developed.

It is requested that both Parcels 1 and 2 be removed from the RZLT map or that the residential zoning for site 1 is increased and site 2 removed.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Thomson

