

To: Each Member of Westmeath County Council

18<sup>st</sup> January, 2017

**RE: Proposed disposal of circa 0.454 acres of additional land adjacent to Site No.2 at Macetown, Cloghan, Mullingar, Co Westmeath to Alan Bardon, of Macetown, Cloughan, Mullingar.**

Dear Member,

At the January 2015 meeting of Westmeath County Council, held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 it was agreed to approve the disposal of land, Site No.2 at Macetown, Cloghan, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath comprising circa 1.1 acres to Alan Bardon Macetown, Cloughan, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

This sale was subject to planning permission which was subsequently granted and the sale was concluded.

During the excavation of the foundations in August 2016, it was discovered that the ground conditions in the proposed location for the dwelling house were unfavourable for the construction of a foundation and there is now a requirement to move the house 15 meters from its current location. This relocation is derived solely from unfavourable ground conditions and not from any optical considerations.

Consequently, additional land is required from the Council in order to achieve the relocation. The total area of additional land required is circa 0.454 acres.

It is proposed to dispose of this land to Alan Bardon at the agricultural rate for land of €8,000 per acre. This equates to €3,632.

I am satisfied with this offer taking into account the following:

- The current value of agricultural land.
- The sale is subject to Planning Permission;

I recommend acceptance of this offer and your approval of the Section 183 necessary to give effect to the proposed disposal of the land.

Yours sincerely,



**Martin Murray**  
Deputy Chief Executive