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# CO. LONGFORD GOLF CLUB



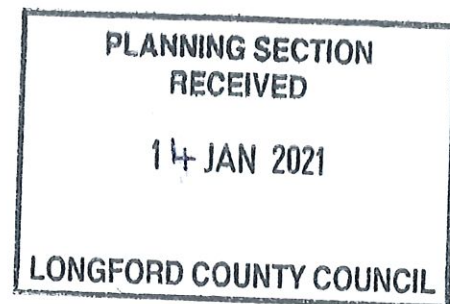
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14 January 2020



**Re: Draft Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027**

Dear Sir,

We wish to make the following submission in relation to the draft Longford County Development Plan 2021-2017 (the "Development Plan") in respect of lands bordering the County Longford golf course in the townlands of Glack, Knockahaw and Farnagh.

#### **Location**

The lands subject of this submission are the lands bordering the County Longford golf course marked blue on the enclosed map and measuring 50 meters (the "Lands").

#### **Purpose for this Submission**

We request that the Lands be rezoned as recreation/open space and no development be carried out on these Lands. We further request that these Lands are not used as open space for any housing development and that the 50-meter cordon commence at the site boundary rather than a house or garden boundary.

The Longford Environs Southern Area Plan which covers the Townlands of Knockahaw, Ferefad, Ballymakeegan and Farnagh has identified land in these townlands as suitable for potential future development. The rezoning of the Lands is essential to protect the boundaries of the County Longford golf course in advance of any development into those areas. The County Longford golf course covers approximately 135 acres and this zoning request will strengthen our position as a core amenity area within the structure of the town environs.

County Longford Golf Club also requests that the golf course, which is already zoned recreation/amenity, be given the same status in the Development Plan as the Camlin and Canal linear parks as amenity areas and that the 50-meter corridor be included in this amenity area status.

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## County Longford Golf Club

County Longford Golf Club was established in 1894 and since its establishment has continuously provided recreational facilities at its current location. In 2002/2003, a major investment was made by the members which culminated in a restructuring and modernisation of the golf course, bringing it up to the standard of many top courses in the country. This development was 100% funded by the members.

In 2019, the County Longford golf course was the winner of the 'Hidden Gem' award from the prestigious Golders Guide to Ireland. Additionally, Fáilte Ireland, through its Ireland's Hidden Heartlands brand, has identified golf as a tourism product that will increase economic activity within the midland's region. Fáilte Ireland is currently supporting a market campaign promoting golfing within the region and County Longford Golf Club is part of this campaign.

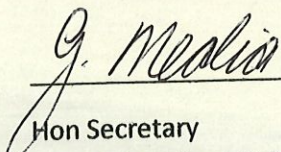
County Longford golf course is the only golf course in the county, and one of the few remaining courses in the country, that sits within the environs of a principal county town. County Longford Golf Club is member owned with ages ranging from eight to eighty years plus, drawn from all parts of the county. Its membership of 690 is broken down as follows:

- men and women over seventy
- men and women
- Student: men and women
- Children: men and women

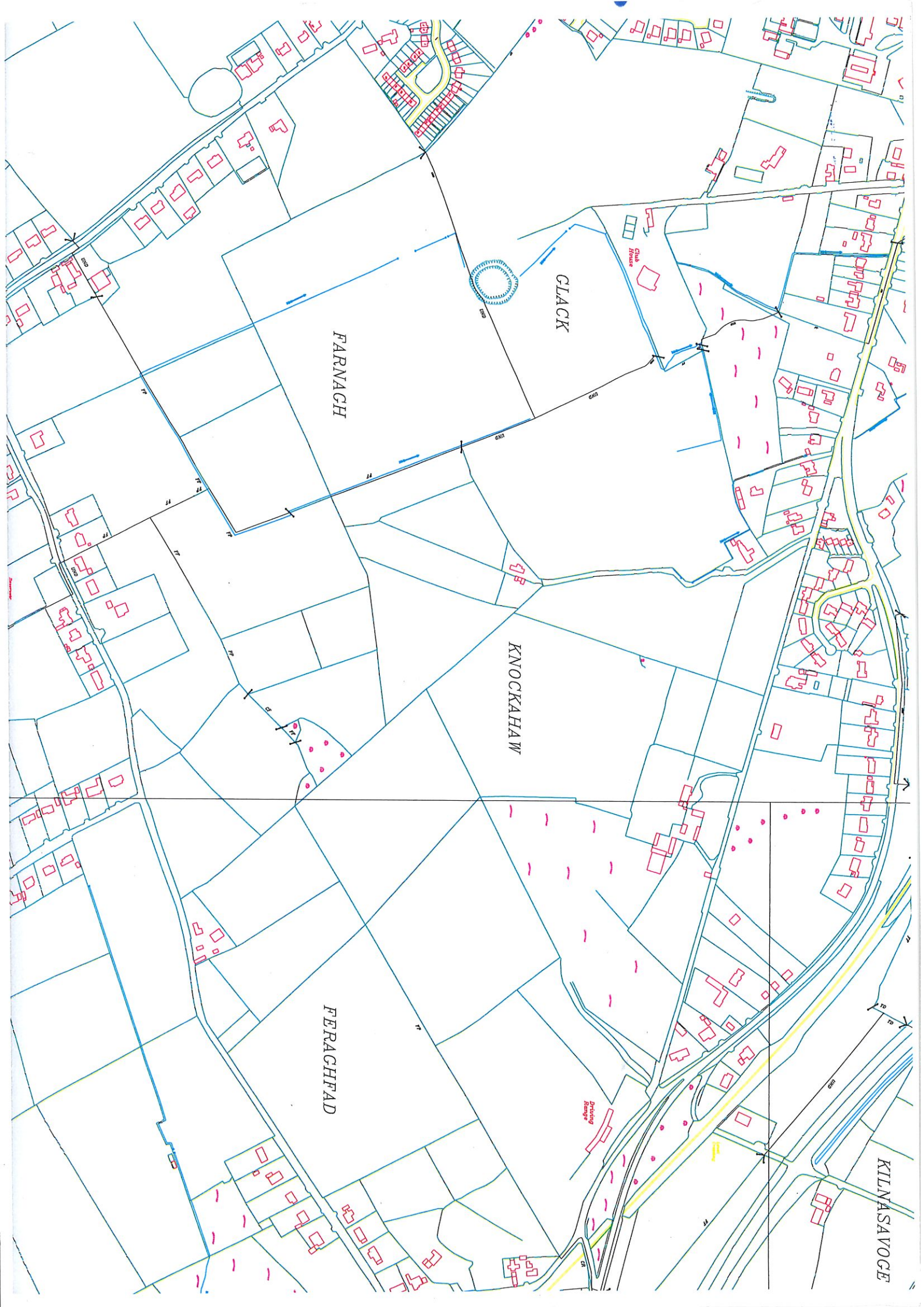
We would point out that the above formed part of the CDP and for some reason was removed at the time of the last revision.

We look forward to the next stages in the preparation of the Development Plan. We would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Hon Secretary  
County Longford Golf Club

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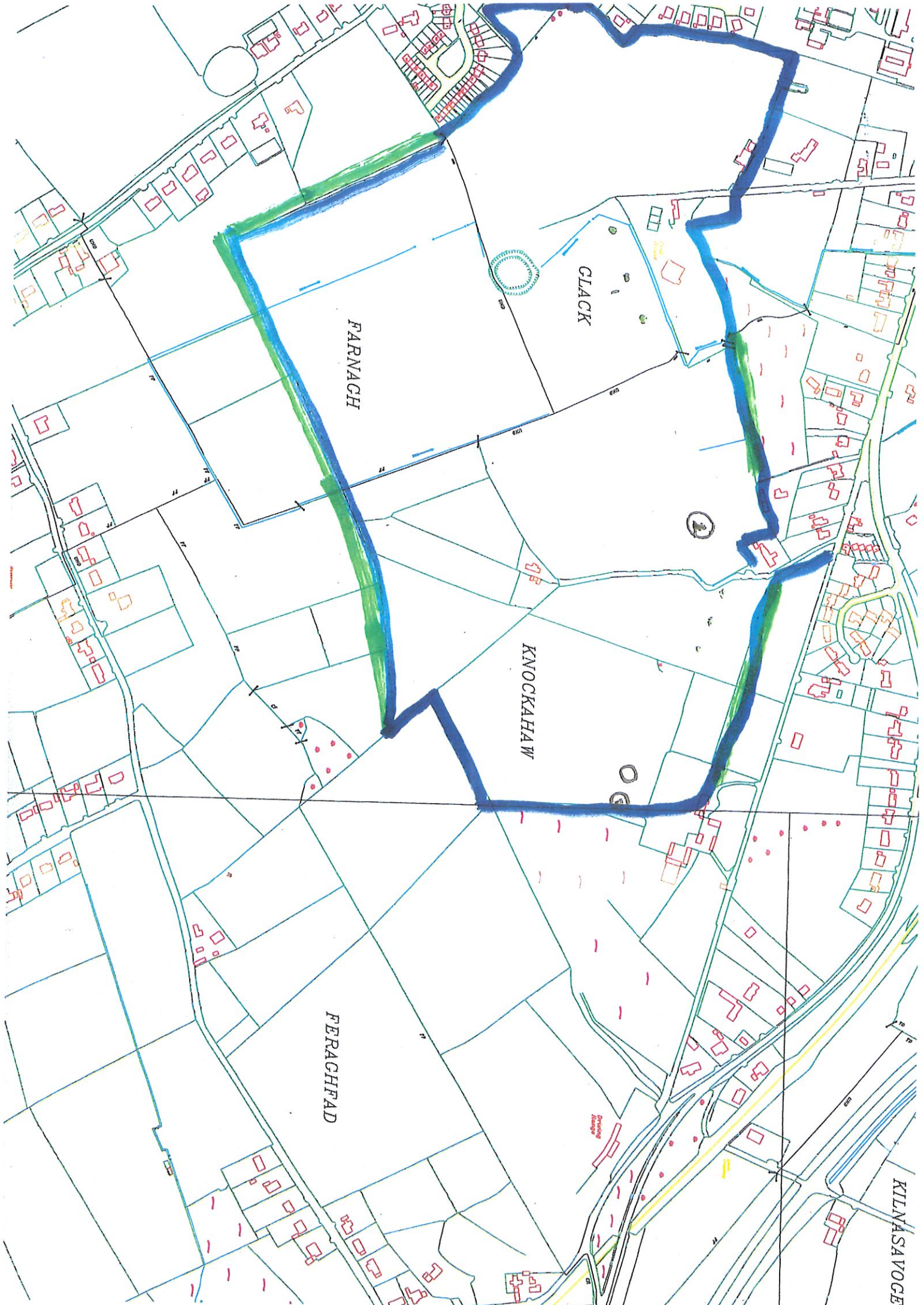
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Club House

Driving Range



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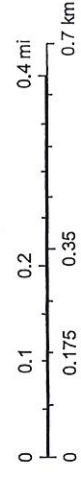
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# ArcGIS Web Map



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Source: Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

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