

Appendix 2.2



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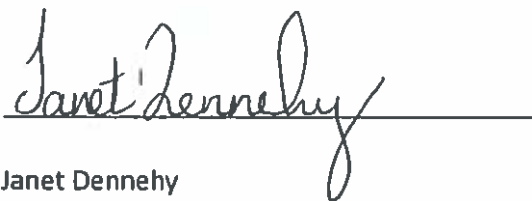
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A Chara,

My name is Janet Dennehy and I am the Acting Co-ordinator of Cork City Childcare. I am writing this letter in relation to the proposed development located in Lahardane, Ballyvolane, Co. Cork. From the scale of this development it is clear that it will generate a significant demand for childcare in the area. There is already limited childcare provision available in the surrounding area. The initial proposal of an 81-place childcare service was revised and will now accommodate over 100 children to meet the need for childcare in the area. This increase was suggested by Cork City Childcare due to the large waiting lists identified by the annual Pobal Sector Profile. This type of service will meet the projected childcare needs in this area and surrounding area.

Families have a number of options when considering how their childcare needs are addressed. These include centre based provision, childminders, nannies, au pairs or informal care arrangements with family members. A very popular option is centre based provision with 185,580 children nationally availing of childcare schemes in 2017/2018. The significant changes that are taking place within the Early Years sector have led to an increase in demand for centre based childcare provision as it allows parents to access subsidies to make childcare more affordable. It is vital that children can access high quality childcare provision locally. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



Janet Dennehy

Acting Co-ordinator