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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find enclosed a copy of my letter of objection to Kerry County Council regarding the building of a proposed Recycling Centre in my locality. I am enclosing a copy of a video which clearly shows the severity of my flooding problem. Please excuse my rather colourful language but as you can imagine the stress levels were rather high during the production of this video!

On page 39 of the Planning Application there is a reference to a high water table and the possible contamination of surface and ground water from the foul water treatment on site. As these waters will ultimately enter the two tributaries of the Gweestin River draining the site, I would respectfully point out that this will pose a very serious health hazard for me and my young family, as one has been blocked and diverted into a land drain which is not capable of taking the extra water and ultimately overflows and floods my land and garden. It is stressful enough having to live with the threat of flooding without the threat of that water now being contaminated.

As you can imagine I am very concerned for the health and safety of my family should Planning Permission be granted for this facility. On this basis I am objecting to the application as it will have catastrophic consequences for me and my family should it be built on this proposed site in Caherdean Ballyhar.

I would be most grateful if you could return the video once you have viewed it and I am enclosing as SAE for this purpose.

Yours sincerely



Mary O'Connor

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Mr. McMahon
Planning Department
Kerry County Council
Rathass
Tralee
Co Kerry

Ref. Planning Application Number 08-2415

Dear Mr McMahon

I wish to object to the above Planning Application and enclose a cheque for €20 as per your terms. I am objecting on the grounds that my house is already in serious danger of flooding (please refer to the video I sent with my objection to Valerie Marshall's Planning Application number 054317) and any further construction, particularly in the Caherdean area will further exacerbate my flooding problems.

My main concern is that all the surface waters coming from this, or indeed any other development, will be entering a main stream that has been dammed and diverted into a land drain that was clearly never designed to take such an enormous amount of water. This land drain runs at the front of our land and enters the Gweestin River at Gweestin Bridge in Ballyhar. Please refer to the map enclosed. I have marked the blockage on the map and you can clearly see where the stream should be flowing but instead it enters the land drain and frequently overflows and floods my land. Any further water entering this stream, should it remain running on its present course, would have catastrophic consequences for my home. Needless to say should Kerry County Council grant permission for this development I will hold it directly responsible should my home flood as a result.


I would also like to point out that the 'Flood Eye' of the Gweestin bridge is not functioning due to a blockage and this reduces the amount of water that can enter the river. This compounds the problem as the water is unable to drain away quickly and my land has to hold the flood until the two main arches of the bridge can take it. Incidentally, not really a planning issue but this blockage must be putting unnecessary strain on the other two arches and thus weakening what can only be described as a very old bridge.

You might mention it to the relevant department so they can take the appropriate action to ensure the bridge does not collapse and thus prevent the possible loss of life.

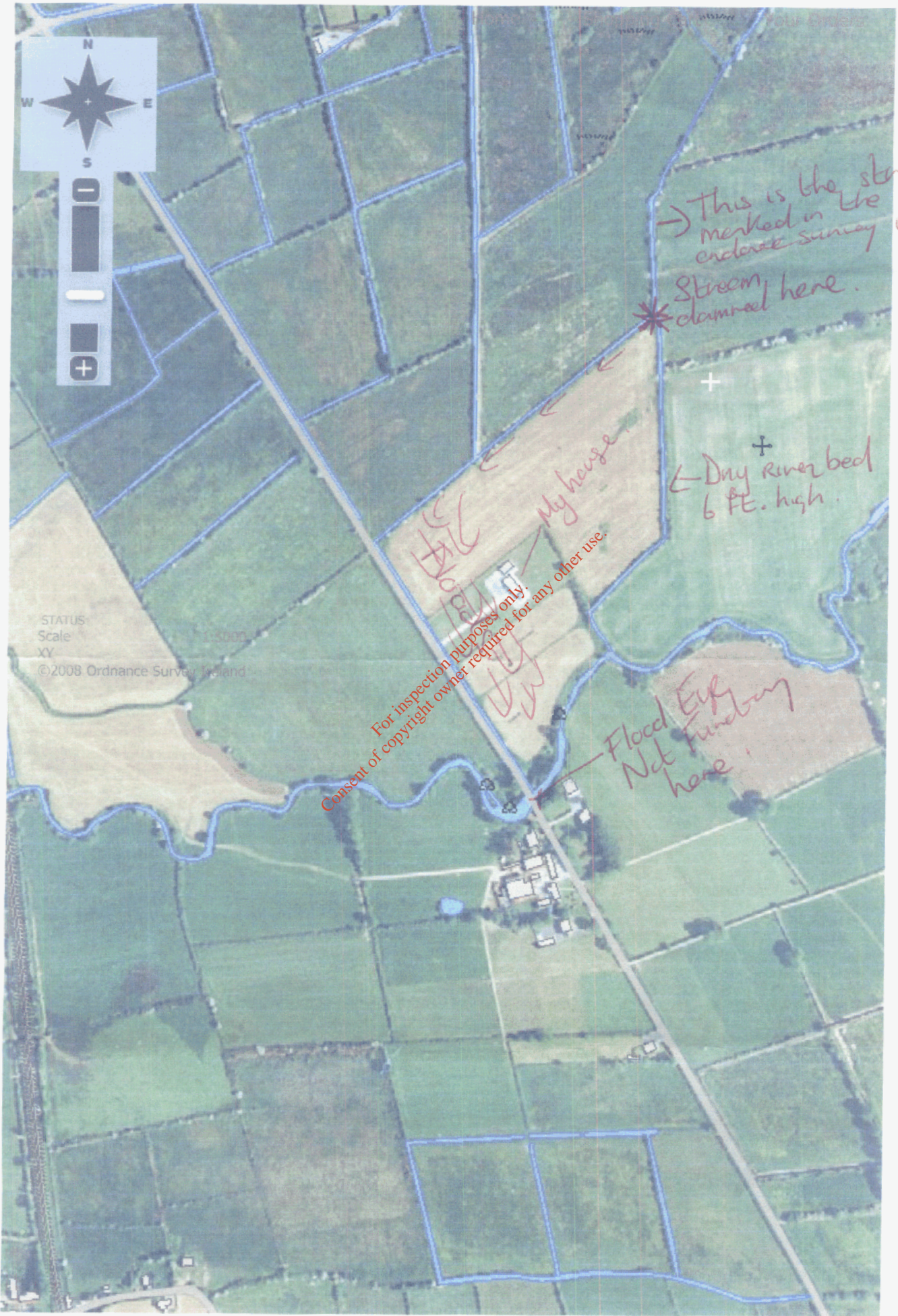
I have already discussed my intention to object to this development with Ms Patricia O'Connor (S.W.R.F.B.) as she is aware of my flooding problems.

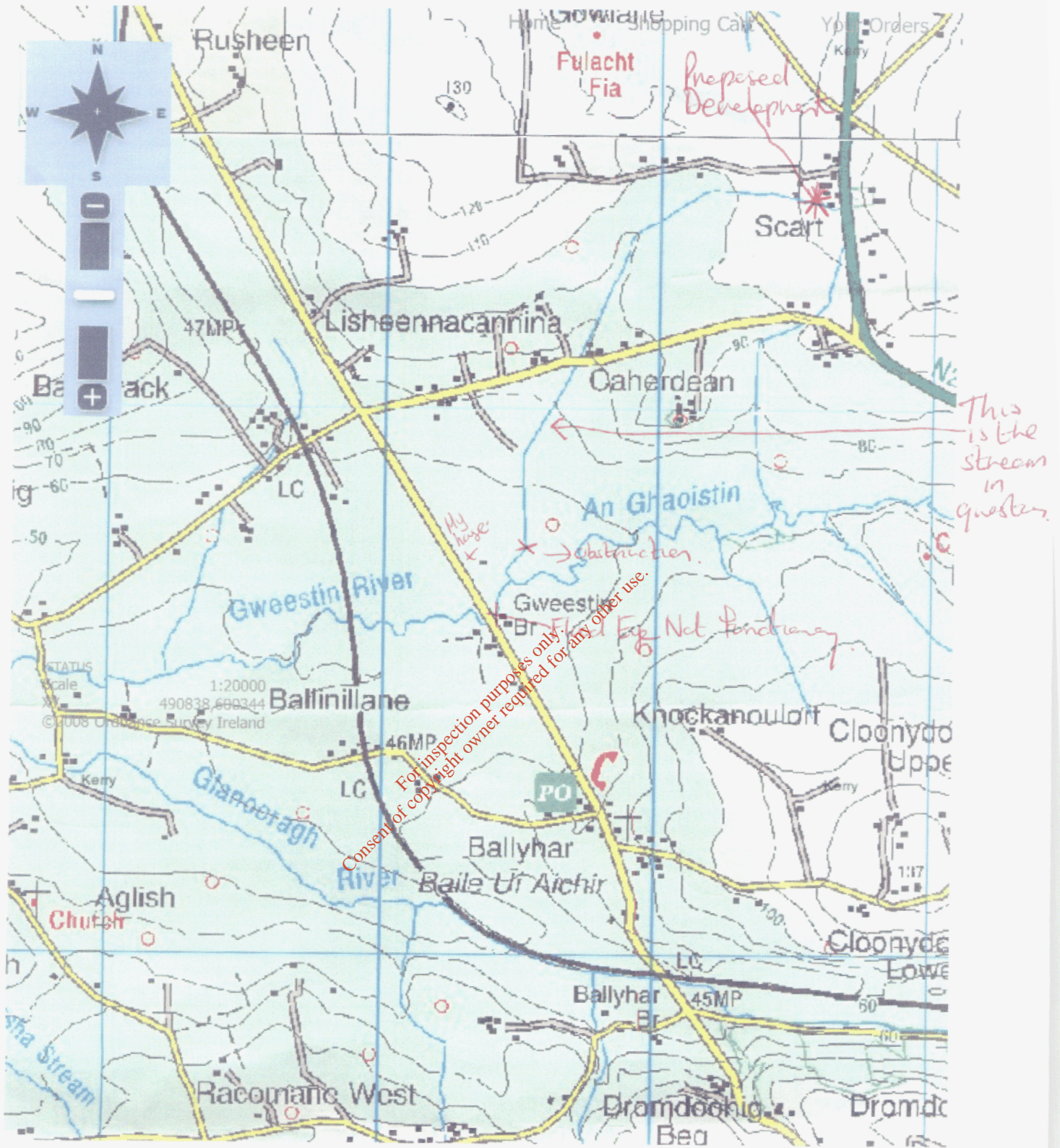
Therefore for the above reasons I strongly object to the proposed development of a Recycling Centre at Caherdean.

Yours Sincerely


Mary O'Connor

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Authority of the application
Ref: 08-2415
KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
We, Kerry Central Recycling Facility Ltd., are applying to Kerry County Council for planning permission to construct (a) a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) building, (b) an office building, (c) a Public Recycling Centre, (d) an internal access road and associated site works in the townland of Scart/Caherdear Killarney, County Kerry. The planning application will be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement (E.I.S.). A Waste Licence Application will be submitted to the EPA in respect of the proposed development. The planning application and E.I.S. may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority at County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee, during its public opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee of €20 within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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A video was received by Ms Mary O' Connor as part of her submission in relation to Kerry Central Recycling Facility Limited, Scart/Caherdean, Killarney.

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