

**Proposed deletion from the  
Record of Protected Structures  
maintained by  
Limerick City and County Council  
pursuant to the provisions of  
Part IV [Architectural Heritage]  
of the  
Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)**

**15<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**

**RPS no. 442, Thatched House, Gortnascarry, Cappamore, Limerick**



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**Limerick City**  
& County Council

## **Introduction:**

The provisions set out in Part IV of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) may be used to remove structures from the Record of Protected Structures (R.P.S.) where the planning authority is of the view that their protection is no longer warranted.

Having regard to the above provisions Limerick City and County Council now proposes to delete a building from the Record of Protected Structures. This report addresses the issues in respect of this structure.

A distinct legal process must be followed. This includes the issuing of a Public Notice and the serving of Notices on the owner and the prescribed bodies. A minimum of six weeks must be given to allow submissions or observations to be made. Any member of the public, or an agent acting for them, may make such a contribution- this reflects the fact that the stakeholders in the county's built heritage are many and should be afforded the opportunity to comment whenever changes are contemplated.

The prescribed bodies are:

- The Minister for Housing, Local Government, and Heritage (it should be noted the proposed deletion to the Record of Protected Structures is not on foot of a Ministerial Recommendation in respect of this building);
- An Taisce;
- The Heritage Council;
- Failte Ireland.

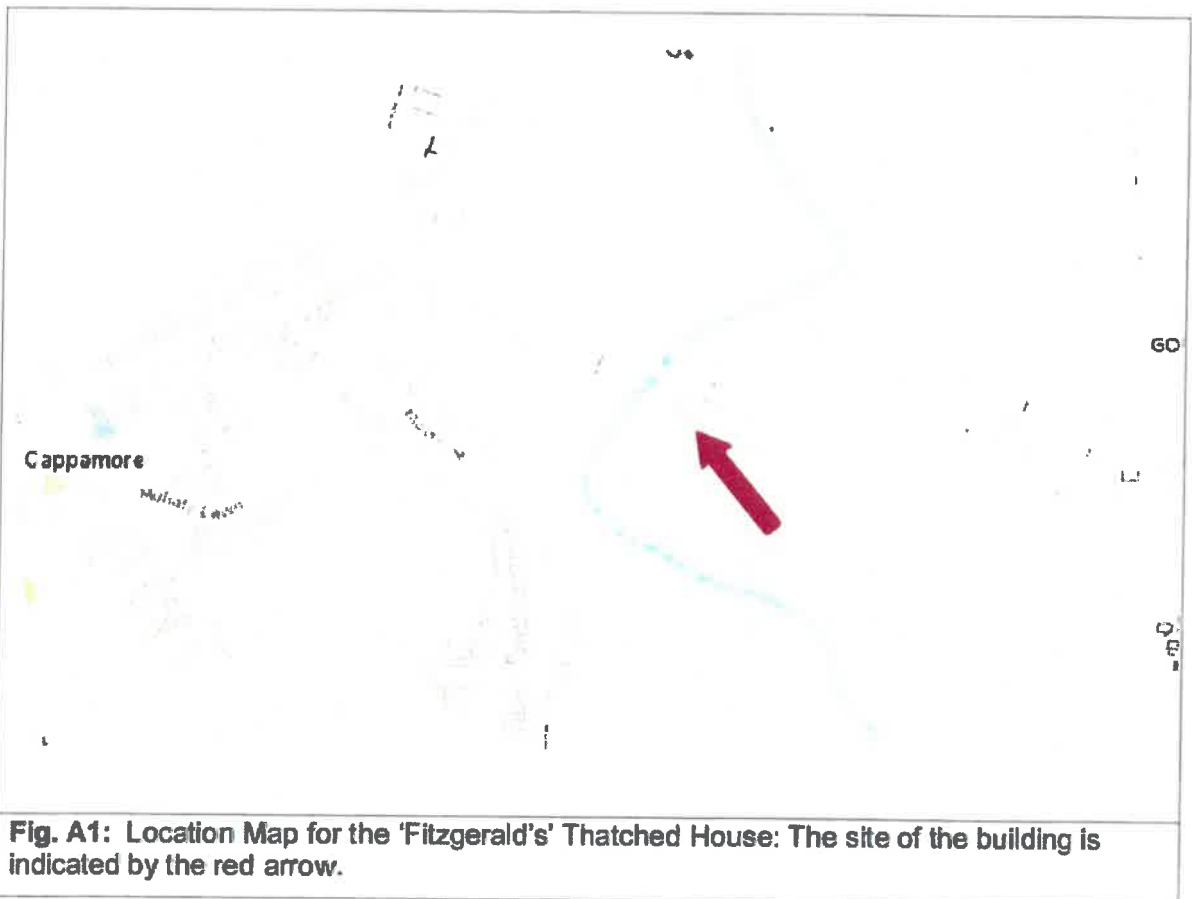
Submissions or observations made by owners, occupiers, the prescribed bodies, the Minister and members of the public, must be taken into consideration before the final decision is made. Following the completion of the public consultation period the file on the individual building is considered by the elected Members of the relevant Municipal District and, as such decisions on additions or deletions are a Reserved Function. This decision must be reached by Monday, January 22, 2024.

The statutory public display took place from September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, through to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023. No submissions or observations were received.

**Details of Structure to be deleted:** 'Fitzgerald's' Thatched House (located in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District functional area)

**Name of Owner:** The Campbell Family  
**Type of Structure:** Thatched House  
**County R.P.S. Reg. No.:** 442 (Previously D1 S(D))  
**Location of Structure:** Gortnascarry, Cappamore, Limerick

**History:** This dwelling, [known in Limerick City and County Council records as 'Fitzgerald's' and listed as such in the County Development Plan 1999 and in subsequent Development Plans], was identified as being of heritage value during the field work carried out as part of the 'Jack Cronin Collection of Cottages' under the Architectural Conservation Initiative of 1994-1999.



**Fig. A1:** Location Map for the 'Fitzgerald's' Thatched House: The site of the building is indicated by the red arrow.



**Fig. A2:** Record photograph of the 'Fitzgerald's' Thatched House, dating from mid-1990's.



**Fig. A3:** Current condition of 'Fitzgerald's' Thatched House at Gortnascarry, Cappamore.

**Assessment:**

Alterations were undertaken in the 1990s which involved placing an artificial slate roof on a new roofing structure over the original thatched roof. The loss of the historic fabric detailed above means that any effort to rebuild the thatched house would tend to produce an inauthentic building.

**Statement of Significance:**

The Thatched House, Record of Protected Structures Reg. No.: 442, has lost much of its significance due to the loss of its traditional roofing when the thatched roof was interfered with in the late 1990s. Consequently, the protection of this structure is no longer warranted, per. S.54(a)(ii) of the Planning and Development, 2000 (as amended).

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the structure detailed above be considered for deletion from the Record of Protected Structures maintained by Limerick City and County Council.**

**SIGNED:**



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Tom Cassidy  
Conservation Officer

