CORRESPONDENCE

MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE

10TH NOVEMBER, 2026

- Email received on 23rd October, 2026 from Brian Hickey, Chief Technician, Propoerty Services in reply to request from Councillor Teskey for an update on the derelict site in East Square, Askeaton.

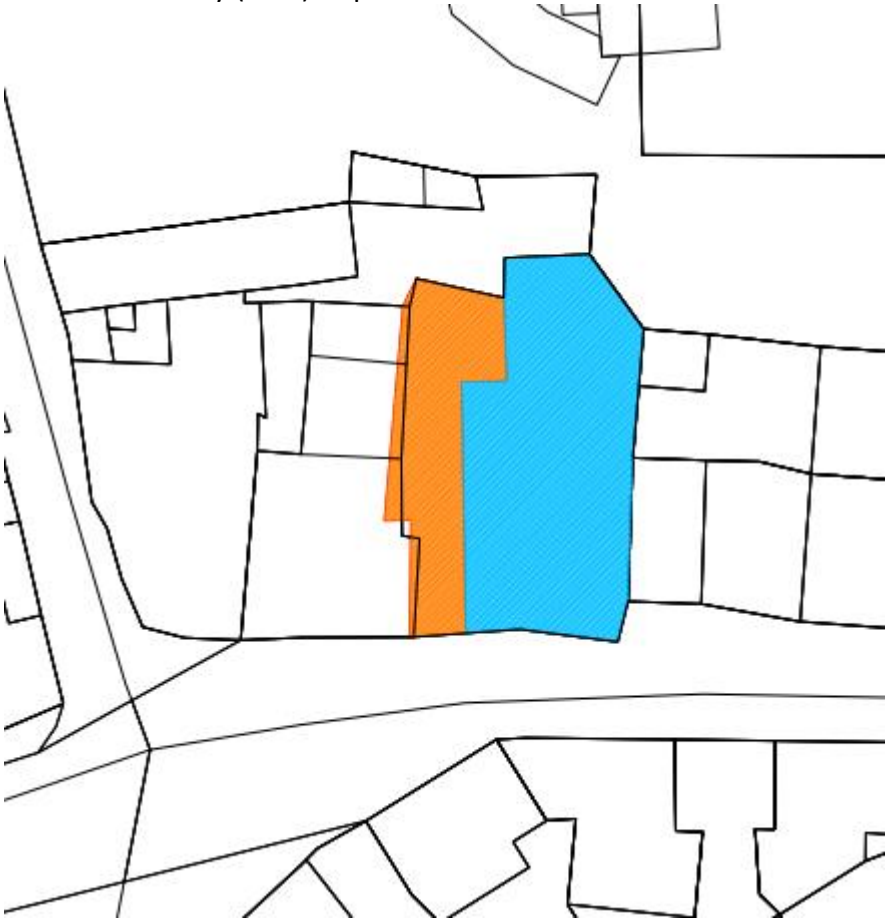
From: Hickey, Brian
Sent: Friday 23 October 2026 13:32
To: Butler, Karen
Cc: Lenihan, Letitia; Ross, Roisin; Knox,Tina; Leahy, Jayne; Lenihan, Sean
Subject: RE: CPO East Square Askeaton

Good afternoon Karen,

Apologies for the delay in coming back to you on this.
Just to clarify, there is no CPO proposed for this area of lands as they are not Derelict.
Property Services are endeavouring to purchase the properties.

Below is a summary of the position thus far:

- In mid 2024 LCCC reached agreement with Mr Tommy Kelly (orange) and Mr Thomas Kennedy (blue) to purchase the below area of land in Askeaton:



- Valuations were received and title documents were requested from both parties.
- On review of the title, legal advice was received that it was unlikely that LCCC would be able to register Mr Kellys portion.
- LCCC senior management made a decision to progress in any event.
- In January 2025 the portion of land that Mr Kelly agreed to sell to LCCC was registered in error by a third party.

- When contacted Mr Kelly confirmed that it was an error and reiterated his commitment to dispose of the lands to LCCC.
- It must be noted that it was critical that both plots be purchased at the same time so that the lands would be viable for carparking provision.
- Mr Kelly committed to getting the issue rectified by Tailte Éireann.
- On the 28th August 2026 Mr Kelly advised that the matter had been finally regularised and that he and his siblings were the registered owners of the lands and were eager to continue with the disposal.
- Updated Valuations were requested at the start of October 2026 and negotiations for the acquisition of both land parcels will now recommence with Mr Kelly and Mr Kennedy.

The delay in progressing this item is regrettable but outside of LCCC's control.

I hope this helps clarify the position and I am available to discuss at any stage.

Kind regards,

Brian