

Ref: COC/22156 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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## Planning Department

Clare County Council Áras Contae an Chláir New Road Ennis Co. Clare V95 DXP2

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