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Senator Eileen Flynn

Leinster House

Dublin 2

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Your ref: JCKITC-i-2024-26

**Re: Cork City Council application for Stage Two funding for the redevelopment of the
Spring Lane/Ellis Yard site**

Dear Senator Flynn/Cathaoirleach,

I refer to your correspondence dated 26 January 2024, regarding Cork City Council's application for Stage 2 funding for the redevelopment of Spring Lane and Ellis Yard.

In the first instance, I would like to acknowledge the excellent work of the Joint Committee on Key Issues affecting the Traveller Community and its focus on improving outcomes and opportunities for the Traveller Community.

Looking after the most vulnerable in our society remains a top priority for my Department and this Government. In line with our commitment to addressing the pressing needs of the residents of Spring Lane, I am pleased to inform you that following an examination of the Stage 2 application for the redevelopment my Department recently granted Stage 2 approval to Cork City Council for a budget provision of €17.9m.



My Department remains committed to supporting Cork City Council to ensure the successful redevelopment of Spring Lane and Ellis Yard to provide residents with quality homes.

I would like to thank you for raising this important matter and to reiterate the commitment of my Department to addressing the accommodation needs of Travellers in Spring Lane and across the country.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran O'Donnell, TD,
Minister of State for Local Government & Planning