



Dunkettle House, above, which will be restored to its former glory as part of the €400m development of the site and right: Michael O'Flynn, managing director of O'Flynn Construction who are carrying out the project.

€400m housing plan in Dunkettle gets go-ahead

A €400 million housing and retail development on the outskirts of Cork city has been given the green light by the county council.

The O'Flynn Construction project planned for Ballinglanna and Dunkettle includes 1,200 homes, which will be developed over a 10-year period.

There is no start date yet for the project, but a spokesman for O'Flynn Construction said it hoped to get the project "up and running as soon as possible."

The plans also include two crèches, a medical centre, a multi-purpose com-

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munity hall, a games area, and a neighbourhood retail centre.

Land will be reserved for the future construction of a 16-classroom primary school and day care centre for older people.

The scheme is planned for a 95-hectare site which incorporates Dunkettle House.

The house will be restored and preserved as part of the ambitious plans. It will be used for office space in the new development but a management plan will be put in place to protect the

long-term future of the house and lands.

Similar plans were previously rejected by An Bord Pleanála but revised plans for the site were submitted to Cork County Council by O'Flynn Construction last year.

The plans were rejected because of inadequate infrastructure in the area.

But the go-ahead comes as a decision is awaited from An Bord Pleanála for a new railway station with park and ride facilities in Dunkettle.

The county council is also planning to upgrade roads in the area in a €6 million package.