Dear Sir/Madame,

I, Rosemary O Rourke, wish to object to the plans to demolish Gerathys shop, a business nearly 70 years old a beautiful, viable and well maintained building, in favour of a glass house/destination centre. I have been brought up in Carrick-On-Shannon and I currently live and work here. I have raised two children here. I have watched Leitrim County Council let big property builders build outside Leitrim/Roscommon on bog and marsh land, such as Tesco, Aldi and Lidl. I have watched shops leave town in favour of these big developments such as Paul Byrons, Gerald Anthony’s and Toy Master. I have watched shops come and go. There are so many empty buildings in town, starting up Summerhill. Joe Lowes Corner, Percy Whelans pub, all the shops in the courtyard, Coxes (ie the book shop), the aisle of brides and that is just half of Main Street. However, instead of filling these empty buildings, you want to knock three viable shops. The proposed Glass House building looks hideous and has no character . The way you have treated Mrs. Gerathy is disgusting and the way in which you have submitted plans for this proposal, during lockdown, without the Gerathy’s knowledge or consent is very unprofessional. I suggest you start filling or demolishing empty buildings in town before planning to demolish a building that is still in use. The Gerathy family has stayed in Carrick-on-Shannon and has been loyal to the town. They have kept their business open through the good times and the bad times.

Regards,

Rosemary O’Rourke,