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24th September 2017

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RE: Dublin Mountains Project An Bord Pleanála Application (Ref: JA0040)

We object to the proposed Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre development at Coillte's Hell Fire and Massy's Wood forest properties on the following grounds;

1. The outline operational plan included in Section 5.4.2.1 in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report does not provide adequate detail of the management of the visitors to the site. In fact it dismisses the possibility of any "disturbance, litter, trespass damage, or upset to animals or neighbours by visitors to the facility" without providing any quantifiable justification for this statement. As a local resident and farm owner we have first-hand experience of how the current visitors to the area behave and how trespassing and attacks on animals is currently handled by Coillte. Please see attached correspondence from Coillte regarding recent attacks on our animals and by default our livelihood.
2. The outline Operation Management Plan lists a management steering group formed of the South Dublin County Council (SCCC), Coillte, and the Dublin Mountain Partnership (DMP) that will manage the site. The list of responsibilities listed provides no clear method or responsible party to oversee the visitors to the site. And from our previous experience with Coillte and DMP they have no method of enforcing the site rules/regulations. Please see attached correspondence from DMP confirming this. We were disappointed to see no details of how they propose to manage +300,000 visitors to the area.
3. During public consultations Coillte's used examples of other forest park facilities such as Dun a Ri on the Cabra Estate and Avondale Forest Park they manage as models for this development. However, these facilities are located in remote areas with no regular shuttles from populated areas. We feel these are not a suitable management model and their outline operational plan provides no details of Park Rangers or similar like councils and OPW implement in urban recreational parks.

Given the sensitivity of the site and radical the nature of the proposed development, we feel this proposal needs to be openly discussed and evaluated at a public oral hearing, as there will never be a second chance to remedy mistakes.

Regards,

Éam. Ryan
Richard Ryan



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5 messages

Elizabeth Ryan <gilsenanryan@gmail.com>
To: daithi.deforge@coillte.ie

3 February 2017 at 10:02

Dear Mr DeForge, the attached submission come from years of suffering for our sheep and anxiety for the Shepard. Please do something to reduce both
Regards Elizabeth Ryan

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Daithi deForge <Daithi.Deforge@coillte.ie>
To: Elizabeth Ryan <gilsenanryan@gmail.com>

16 February 2017 at 15:38

Elizabeth,

My apologies that I had not picked up on your email until now. I have asked our manager there to let me know what we can do and I will revert to you shortly on it.

Thanks,

Daithi de Forge
Recreation Manager

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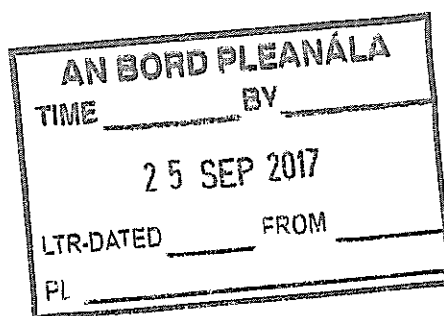
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From: Elizabeth Ryan [mailto:gilsenanryan@gmail.com]

Sent: 03 February 2017 10:03

To: Daithi deForge
Subject: lack of enforcement of 'dogs on lead'

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Daithi deForge <Daithi.Deforge@coillte.ie>
To: Elizabeth Ryan <gilsenanryan@gmail.com>

16 February 2017 at 16:27

Elizabeth,

I asked our forest manager and the Dublin Mtns Partnership manager what work we were currently undertaking to assist adjoining landowners with the difficult issue of dog owners not taking responsibility for control of their dogs. See the reply below. We hope this goes some way to helping with the difficult issue of dogs worrying and attacking sheep.

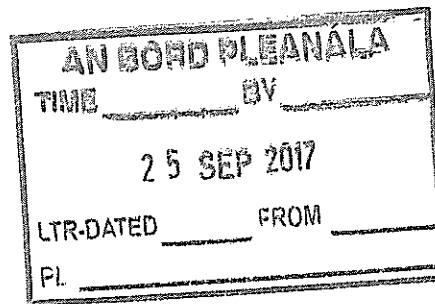
We will have the new signs referred to below in place as soon as possible.

Regards,

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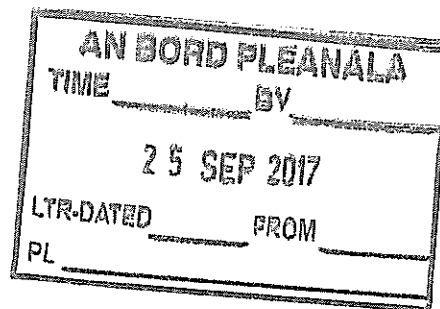
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From: Jesper Petersen
Sent: 16 February 2017 16:17
To: Daithi deForge
Subject: RE: lack of enforcement of 'dogs on lead'

Coillte and the Dublin Mountains Partnership are currently working on a new sign to replace the ones that we have in Kilmashogue, Tiknock & Tibbradden, these signs will have a similar wording to the attached sign, but will have a dog on lead message instead, and will be larger than the ones currently there.

Unfortunately it is extremely difficult to enforce the dogs on lead policy, but we proactively try and get the message out there e.g. the DMP do not allow dogs on most guided walks, we also spread the message on our web site and facebook page during lambing season.

Jesper



Jesper Petersen

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Elizabeth Ryan <gilsenanryan@gmail.com>
To: Daithi deForge <Daithi.Deforge@coillte.ie>

17 February 2017 at 14:46

Dear Mr DeForge Thanks for you email.However you have not addressed the issue of the enforcement of 'Dogs on Lead' rule
Regards Elizabeth Ryan
[Quoted text hidden]

Daithi deForge <Daithi.Deforge@coillte.ie>
To: Elizabeth Ryan <gilsenanryan@gmail.com>

17 February 2017 at 16:14

Elizabeth,

As a public landowner, we advocate for responsible behaviour by those members of the public who use our lands. In the case of dog walkers, where there may be any threat to adjacent landowners stock, we ask for dogs to be kept on lead. This is guidance for dog walkers, but it is not a rule or a legal position and cannot be enforced.

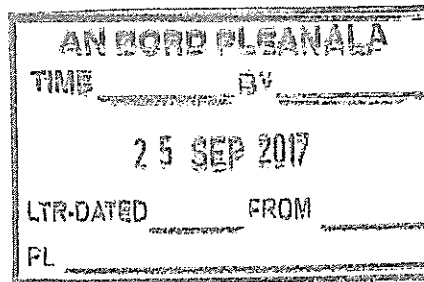
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