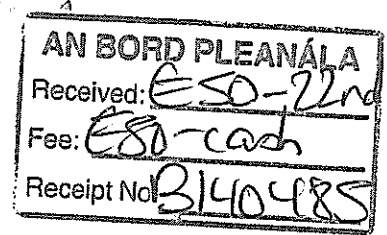
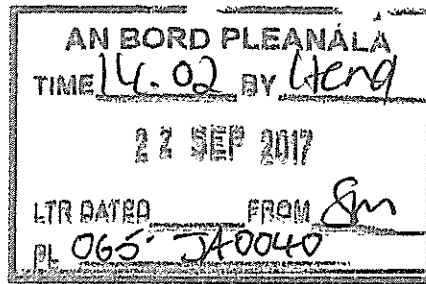


The Secretary
 An Bord Pleanála
 64 Marlborough St
 Dublin 1
 Date: 17th September 2017
 RE:



Agent	Luke Daly
Address of Agent	529 Howth Rd, Raheny, Dublin 5
Email	lukedaly9@gmail.com
Development	Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre-Strategic Development Initiative
Location Hellfire	Club/Montpelier Hill/Massey's Wood
Planning Authority	South Dublin County Council
Reference Number	JA0040

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to object to the above development.

There are numerous reasons that I believe that the plans for the 'information centre', Treetop Bridge and Cafe should be put to a stop.

I think that the infrastructure around the area is not suitable and will never be suitable for the amount of extra visitors that are expected to descend upon Massey's wood/Hellfire Club. SDCC has consistently limited development in this area for this very reason and yet now it seems to have gone back on something it once stood for.

Currently 100,000 people a year trek through Massey's wood and up to the Hellfire Club to experience the beauties of the forest and in my opinion the best view of Dublin city. These new plans have estimated that this number will reach 300,000 a year. This would cause serious congestion on these narrow country roads, and would be detrimental to the wildlife and ecology of the area.

These plans are going to change the entire landscape of the area and destroy the natural habitat that so many animals enjoy, not to mention severely damage the flora and fauna that exists in these forests. I find it strange that nothing is mentioned about this in the impact statement, that nothing is mentioned about the wildlife that will be disturbed, disrupted and forced to move from the area. I believe that this is a massive oversight, I also find it extremely worrying that SDCC have no Biodiversity Plan in place and have no dedicated Biodiversity Officer.

Dublin is a unique city, as it backs onto a beautiful mountain range that acts like a natural border . A point where the city ends and nature begins. If we keep encroaching into these natural habitats and trying monetise from them then we lose their unique properties. Urbanisation has already destroyed so many beautiful parts of this country and this city, I feel that it is of the utmost important to keep some of these sacred treasures intact and untouched, if we concrete over history and nature it is gone forever.

It is for these reasons that I would like to request an oral hearing.

Enclosed please find a payment of EUR 50 in respect of the Objection Fee. Please address all correspondence to our Agent.

Yours Faithfully

Luke Daly

AN BORD PLEANÁLA	
TIME _____	BY _____
27 SEP 2017	
LTR DATED _____	FROM _____
PL _____	