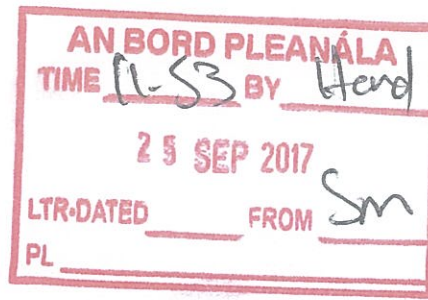
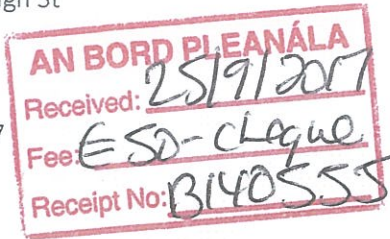


The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough St
Dublin 1

Date: 20/9/17

RE:



Development	Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre-Strategic Development Initiative
Location	Hellfire Club/Montpelier Hill/Massy's Wood
Applicant	South Dublin County Council
Reference Number	JA0040

Dear Sir,

I would like to object to the above development.

My Name is: Niamh Hogan

My Address is: 7 Whitecliff, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

My family and I live in Rathfarnham and are weekly users of our local Dublin Mountains in particular Cruagh Wood, Massey's Estate, Kilmashogue, Three Rock and the Hell Fire Club. We hike and mountain bike here every weekend. These are hugely important areas in our lives.

The proposed improved access, safety for cyclists, improved car parking, improved trails are all worthy additions and proposals.

I strongly feel that the visitor centre is not a necessary addition to this site. A well designed information stand, kiosk and out door sheltered seating would suffice. The visitors to the Dublin Mountains are visiting this area to get out doors and experience nature not to sit in a café. I have attached below images of successful information stands and kiosks in European sites that would be a fraction of the cost of a visitor centre and more importantly have a fraction of the impact on the ecology and cultural heritage of our limited Dublin Mountains.

Example Pic 1; Small WC block in forest



Example Pic2; Coffee Kiosk



Example Pic 3 ; Information stand



Example Pic4; Educational space



Development Plan Zoning : Cafe/restaurants are only to be considered in the context of existing premises. This is not the case here. There are a number of sites on the surrounding areas with a good if not a spectacular view. E.g. Ticknock/Orlagh/Glenree are all existing buildings/developments with acknowledged and prominent views.

I submit that this development is contrary to sustainable development, principles of proper planning. I also contend it is contrary to the SDCC's Development Plan, including its objectives and policies. I believe that it is a development which is both contrary to the current land-use /zoning of the area and which is also unsustainable/detrimental to the overall ecology/environment of the area.

Enclosed please find a payment of EUR 50 in respect of the Objection Fee.

Yours faithfully,

Niamh Hogan

Simon Fitzpatrick

Lochlann Fitzpatrick

Leah Fitzpatrick

