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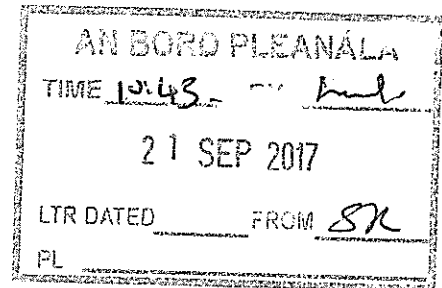
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The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough St,
Dublin 1

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Application Reference: JA.0040

Dear Sir/madam,



I wish to make comments in respect of SDCC Application JA.0040.

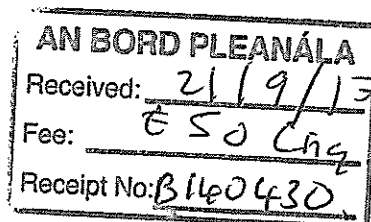
Firstly I wish to support the many resident associations, community groups, local farmers & individuals who all made varied and comprehensive objections on a variety of aspects of this application.

I would like to request an oral hearing as I believe it would enable both sides to make their case clearly to the board but would particularly enable local residents to actually have their view heard in light of the fact that this process has not gone through the Council's normal planning procedures.

As a public representative for the area I primarily wish to focus my objection on the area of traffic and traffic management.

The development documents propose that 300,000 visitors each year will visit this site. This is at a minimum an increase of 100,000 over the current visitor levels.

There is no proposal to increase road capacity through additional roads or expansion of existing roads to deal with increased volume. Proposed traffic management schemes and enhanced pedestrian/ cycle facilities will actually compound problems faced by both car and other vehicle uses on these roads.



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There is no other conclusion available other than it is inevitable that widespread traffic congestion will be part of this development, not only at the development but spending out substantially to other roads in to the local community.

It seems to be an expected view of the road engineers that this is a cost which has to be born due to the costs and scale of the project. This I believe is totally unacceptable.

In particular I see the proposal for a contraflow system as an unworkable engineering solution designed to try and deal with a traffic capacity issue which would be in normal circumstances dealt with by an increased capacity and expansion of existing roads which cannot be carried out at this location. This false solution will inevitably lead to not only enhanced congestion but to a reduction in road safety for all road users.

Substantial local housing developments are proposed which will also have additional impact on traffic congestion and road safety. This increased volume does not seem to be taken in to account in the Council's proposals to deal with traffic.

The Council had, until this application, a good record in restricting undesirable development in this area due to the substandard rural road network which exists. The current application completely ignores the Council's own previous view of what could be sustained on these roads in terms of traffic volume.

I believe that there should be a sustainable and structured re-development of the Hellfire Club/ Massy's Wood Estate by South Dublin County Council which would facilitate community access and access for visitors but would maintain the key criteria of ensuring that this remains an access point for the Dublin Mountains and not an intrusive viewing platform for the city.

Regards,

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