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To whom it may concern,

My wife and I wish to object to the proposed development at the Hellfire and Massy's Woods. It is over scaled and inappropriate for the area.

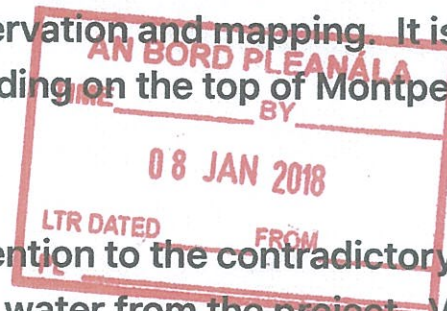
This is an area of fragile natural systems which will be damaged or at least changed permanently by the works in construction and operation, and the massively increased footfall and vehicular traffic. We are concerned at the plans for tour busses, shuttle busses, street lighting up into the Dublin hills, electronic signage in an area which should be valued for its unique rural recreation opportunities for quietness and wildlife.

We object to the lack of consultation and information provided by SDCC and in particular to conditions of construction management. Oil spills are to be expected, leakage of cement products which are extremely toxic, noise, and the light pollution necessitated by security issues for plant, materials and machinery. It is stated there will be no light generated at night. Will the engaged contractors agree to that? It is noted that in the Further Information document, too many questions of this nature are merely answered with 'will be arranged with the contractor'. I.e. No plans for this.

We would seek to draw the Board's attention to the already dangerous traffic conditions particularly in regard to cyclists. It would appear the

Board is happy with the applicant's plan to accommodate cyclists travelling in both directions in the same narrow cycle path, with the downhill vehicles moving at great speed, counter intuitively on the 'other' side of the road. Add to this, pedestrians on a footpath, cars and busses from both directions and horses from the several local livery stables intending to use the equestrian trails in the forest. If this system is put into action we believe there would shortly be a very serious accident, ultimately at great cost to the Council.

Some aspects of the archaeological aspects are completely unaddressed. We wish to object to the impinging of the drainage works on the ancient Military Road in Massy's Wood. We note there are no maps detailing these works, in spite of the fact that the details have changed, including the insertion of a petrochemical interceptor. Why no maps, charts or drawings in the Further Information. The ancient military road is ignored as an entity, needing and deserving recognition, preservation and mapping. It is in fact more interesting historically than the building on the top of Montpelier hill. But, no "wow factor"



The Glendoo brook. We wish to draw attention to the contradictory statements re the disposal of the surface water from the project. Various, ultimately into an open drain. 6.5 <sup>page 7</sup> Ultimately into a natural stream. 8.2 p 15 <sup>n</sup> Ultimately into the Glendoo brook. T. Land planning & Design.

We wish to object to the unprofessional and misleading terminology. It is "the building nestling attractively" into the hillside. Buildings, car parks, lighting etc being described as "beneficial". We would hope that this <sup>is</sup> seen to display a certain level of superficiality and lack of respect for the landscape, history and the environment.

Speaking to our neighbours trying to earn a living from farming we hear of loose dogs chasing poultry and cattle and actual mortality occurring. We have seen bags of litter they have collected from their properties. More visitors, ramblers and promoted leisure entitlements will exacerbate their difficulties. Information on access and fencing is notably lacking in content.

The business plans are extraordinarily sketchy. We would ask the Board to examine the applicant's financial submission especially rigorously. The worst scenario for all concerned would be for the project to be embarked on, the visitor centre <sup>built</sup> ~~to be~~ trees and plants destroyed for the car parks, wildlife decimated and then for the development to fail. We believe that there are numerous reasons for worry. The procuring of a management company to run the majority of operations, which will itself need to show a profit, will be extremely difficult. At which stage of the development will this company be tendered for? After it is built? Unfortunately, management by SDCC itself, which is put forward as a possibility, is also a cause for trepidation. On the strength of this aspect alone we would ask that the development be turned down by An Bord Pleanála.

Yours faithfully

Michael Tierney

