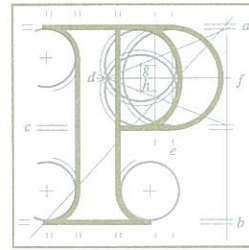


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Your Ref: 1639/LTR/001



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Paul Keogh  
Paul Keogh Architects,  
Cathedral Court,  
New Street,  
Dublin 8.

30th August 2017

**Re:**

Proposed Dublin Mountain Visitors Centre and all associated works  
in the:  
Townlands of Mountpelier, Killakee and Jamestown in South Dublin.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed for your information are two copies of a submission received from Patrick Molloy and Others by the Board in relation to the above mentioned proposed development.

Please ensure that one copy of these submissions is kept available for inspection by the public.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

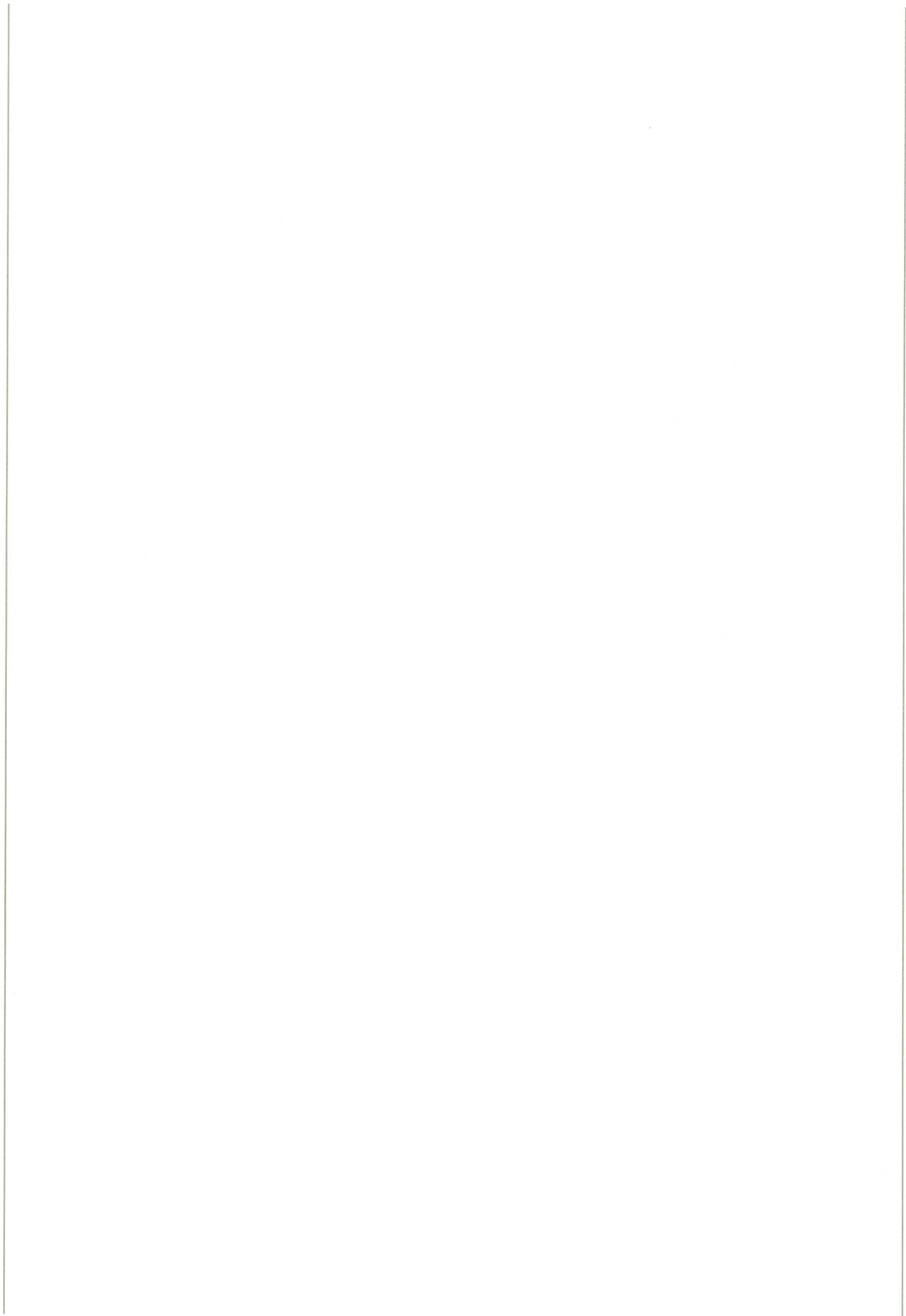
Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Kieran Somers  
Executive Officer  
Direct Line:01-8737107

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

Killakee Road,  
Killakee,  
Rathfarnham,  
Dublin 16.

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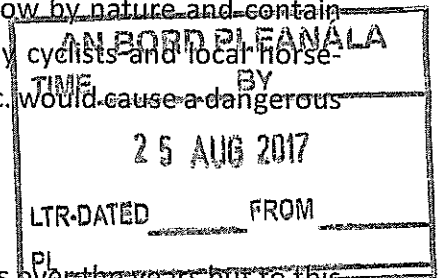
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Dear Sir/Madam,

We the undersigned wish to lodge an extremely strong objection to the proposed development of the Hell Fire Club, reference JA 0040 and 1639/2TR/001. Specifically we object to the proposed car park which is to be built behind our house. The reasons are as follows;

1. The car park is to be sited too close to our house, it will affect our reasonable enjoyment of our property to which we are entitled. The present car park has been the subject of anti-social behaviour since it was opened. When Coillte placed a lockable barrier at the entrance, myself and other opened and closed it on a voluntary basis. I had to stop this due to treats and abuse from members of the public. We also had to call for Garda assistance on numerous occasions relating to stolen and burnt out cars, racing etc. I wrote to Coillte many times regarding this. I also feel that the car park being that close to my property will be of threat to our home.
2. Our well which is downhill from the proposed car and bus park will be negatively affected with runoff, soakage etc. from cars and buses. Mr. D Deforge of Coillte, said the council would be calling to see the location of our well but no one ever contacted us. Our well is not the only one affected by this project. There are five other wells and a spring adjacent to the proposed car and bus park. Coillte did have a car park in Massey's Wood but they closed this a number of years ago. This carpark would allow a large number of cars to park and is a not on the doorstep of surrounding properties.
3. Noise Element – this will affect our reasonable enjoyment of our garden and negatively affect the wildlife that inhabits the area.

4. The value of our property will be negatively affected by the development.
  
5. We have been contacted on only one occasion by Mr. Deforge, when I pointed out the above to him, he agreed that it would make more sense to move the car park nearer the interpretive centre for better access for the elderly, wheelchairs, buggies etc. and away from the affected houses. Mr. Deforge said he would put this to the planners involved, he has since been uncontactable on the matter.
  
6. A terraced carpark such as this could seem, a danger to the public and would also be a major disruption to the area. The road network to the area cannot facilitate the proposed 1.5 metre footpath. At present we find buses, coaches etc. too wide and travel beyond the middle line on the road. Stocking lane, Killakee road and surrounding roads are rural/country roads which are narrow by nature and contain sharp, blind bends. At present these roads are enjoyed by cyclists and local horse-riders. Introducing large vehicles such as coaches, trucks etc. would cause a dangerous hazard to not only cars but cyclists and horse riders too.



We are fully aware that changes to local amenities progress over the years but to this scale we feel is not needed. Equestrian and walking trails, picnic tables etc. are welcomed but many educational centres we have seen at other forest parks have been left closed and unused, an eye sore to the natural surroundings. The Hell Fire Club is a national park, full of wildlife inhabitants and enjoyed by the public immensely as it stands for many years. The Irish pride themselves on supporting local businesses. We feel the introduction of a coffee shop will take business away from a local establishment, Timbertrove café that is enjoyed by many.

Yours Sincerely,

*Patrick Molloy, Colette Molloy, Michelle Molloy, Sinead Molloy, David Molloy*

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