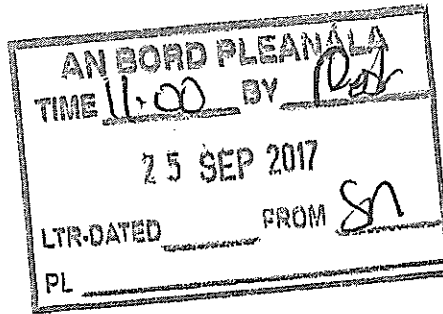
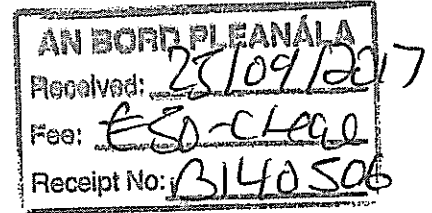


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In making this observation I would like to make it clear that I welcome the proposed development, it is long overdue and will bring people to this historic and fascinating part of the Dublin Mountains.

I have a few suggestions to make which I feel would provide a richer and more interesting experience for visitors to the area. The essence of this observation is a suggestion that Killakee House be incorporated into the development. At present the proposed development takes little account of Killakee House.

Killakee House dates from 1765 and has links to the Hellfire Club. It is a protected structure with its own fascinating history, there is the famous ghost and links to Countess Markievicz. If it were incorporated into the development in some way it would make the visitor experience more enriching and would give a greater insight into the overall history and cultural background of the area.

The restaurant proposed for the interpretive centre could with some advantage be located in Killakee House and its outbuildings. It would be possible then to operate this restaurant more economically, it could stay open longer into the evening, the current proposed location for reasons of visibility and security could not really operate beyond sunset. If the proposal proceeds as designed then an opportunity to create a vibrant cultural and economically sustainable experience incorporating the historic Killakee House will be lost.

I have considerable experience in the hospitality business and know the area well, I feel there is a great opportunity to create something special using the existing Killakee House. The House could accommodate the interpretive centre or more probably the restaurant facility attached to the interpretive centre. This could be a viable restaurant opening well beyond the opening hours of the centre (or a restaurant located on the hillside) to create an economically sustainable development.

These suggestions would, I feel, make the development more interesting and enriching for visitors, would be safer and more secure and would be commercially more viable. Thank you for considering this observation and should you require it I would be happy to provide more information and detail on the various aspects of this observation.

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Shay Murphy