

The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough St
Dublin 1
Date: 22nd September 2017

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Strategic Development Initiative	

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/Madam,

I would like to object to the above development.

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I am extremely concerned about the plans that South Dublin County Council have put forward for the Hellfire & Massys Wood's Sites.

This is a Neolithic landscape of huge national importance which has still yet to be properly researched. As recently as October 2016 Mountpelier Hill was excavated By Neil Jackman of Abarta Heritage where a suspected Neolithic tomb was found. This was an exciting find but much further research needs to be done in this part of the Dublin Mountains. Massys Woods is also home to a Neolithic Tomb.

I would like to know if The National Monuments' Service has been consulted in the proposed plans put forward by SDCC? The NMS is part of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. It's role is to preserve, protect & promote Ireland' unique archaeological heritage. NMS advises the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht on legislative policy issues relating to archaeological heritage.

I am deeply worried that the proposed plans for an Interpretative Centre which will be approximately the size of a shopping Centre & the plans for a Cafe & 'Treetop Bridge' will just plough through & ruin this Historical Site. There is nothing in the proposed plans which mentions these Historical Sites, how they are protected & how they will NOT be affected by the proposed build.

Instead of the proposed build, a much better idea would be to Preserve this Historical Site & perhaps to provide Guided Walking Tours where locals, tourists, families, school children, students etc can learn about this exciting area that is steeped in History. This way it can also be PRESERVED & managed well. It is possible that a shuttle bus service could run from the city centre or from Tallaght/Rathfarnham in order to bring people to see the Natural beauty on Mountpelier Hill & also learn about our History. This would be a great help in easing traffic on these country roads also.

This would be a much better idea than the extortionate plans put forward by the SDCC. There are much better ways that we can keep the Integrity, Historical & Natural Beauty of the Hellfire Club, Mountpelier Hill & Massy's Woods.

I would like an Oral Hearing,

Yours Faithfully,

Lucy Gillen

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