



Biodiversity Working Group
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Re: TA06D.313281 "Barrington Tower", Brennanstown Road, Dublin 18.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Dublin Friends of the Earth (DFoE) is an active group of volunteers who work together to champion urgent environmental causes that have a positive and practical effect in helping our environment in Dublin, Ireland and globally. We are the volunteering arm of Friends of the Earth Ireland and focus on general climate action issues as well as pursuing environmentally related projects as the need arises. consultation.

Our biodiversity working group appreciates how precious Glendruid Valley is, especially the woodlands and we wish to make observations on this case on biodiversity and climate change grounds.

1. We are very concerned about the size and density of the proposed development. The negative impact of the lighting (in homes, on paths), noise and disturbance would be too much given the close proximity of the surrounding, sensitive woodlands. The scale proposed is more suited to other parts of the site e.g. the main area of the SDZ, which we feel could be better used so as not to jeopardise the woodlands as much.
2. Proposed development would require the felling of precious, mature trees around Barrington's Tower. We are opposed to this.
3. For the scale proposed - 534 apartments) there are no footpaths and or cycleways planned on Brennanstown Road, so this assumes that infrastructure for cars is to be given priority. We do not agree with this. Context for the site has not been considered in terms of active travel, reducing emissions (climate change) and the proximity/accessibility to local bus stops and Luas station.

4. We are in a biodiversity and climate crisis. Woodlands like those at Glendruid need to be protected and be prioritised over any other use. This is a unique part of Dublin and it, including the habitats within, should not be interfered with.
5. We are concerned about the proximity of the proposed development to the 5,000 year old dolmen which is a national monument and also Barrington's Tower, which is also protected.
6. A montage with aerial views showing the proposed development in the contexts of the whole site has not been made available.
7. It is essential that there is a clear focus on protecting flora and fauna in the woodland and that should be the priority

Yours sincerely,

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