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Letter of Objection

GAA Lands , Kilbarry , Old Whitechurch Road, Cork . Ref 313994 & 311924

To Whom may concern ,

I wish to register an objection to the proposed construction of 319 houses & 116 apartments  
On the above site.

My family home is located on the Old White church Road , where my elderly mother & brother  
currently live .

- I object to The quantity of houses being proposed on the plans , However I completely object to all of the proposed apartments. From the plans the height of these will dominate the skyline & will **visually pollute** the area . 1 & 2 bedroom apartments will not help families in a housing crisis .
- This Area is the only Green belt we have in the corks northside of the city , families locally & from surrounding suburbs come to walk safely with children & dogs . Its accessible from Dublin hill , Kilcully and Old WhiteChurch Road . Not far from the proposed development the river Bride runs through Murphy Rock Valley . Here we have generations of wildlife , foxes, birds ,rabbits , otters and **protected species** batts & hedgehogs as well as fauna , the loss of these creatures will be detrimental to the environment & can never be recovered or replaced. I object proposed development on the grounds of the impact it will have on our environment
- The entrance on the old whitechurch to the proposed site is on a severe bend at the top of a hill , Currently the road is too busy for the volume of traffic as it is. The local residents had to get ramps constructed on the road due to reduced traffic speed, since the ramps were put in place the residents living on this road can walk with the reassurance in mind they are safe on the footpaths when out walking. if the proposed development proceeds, the constructions traffic will **cause havoc** with the Noise & air pollution as well as the residence quality of life being upheaved by heavy duty machinery , trucks , vans using the road for site access and parking on the footpaths (this was an issue on a previously on a separate construction site on this road) I object on the grounds of Air, noise pollution which will be created during construction & the safety of pedestrians living in the area being at high risk of injury from excess construction traffic. I also object to the proposed site entrance on the Old Whitechurch Road.

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- The back of My family home on the old white church road runs along with the boundary to where the proposed creche & car park is .The proposed location of the creche isnt suitable or practical , it would be more suited to be located nearer to Delaneys Gaa Fields . Also the proposed fencing that will be running at the back of 5 houses is not suffice at 1.8meter height or even durability .I would suggest "Palisade Fencing " at least 3meters high for security of the existing properties. I object to the proposed fencing on the plans for being too weak & not high enough
- Its a known fact the Gaa fields where used for illegal dumping from 1999 from clearing out "the pole field" for construction which is now Blackpool shopping centre & retail park , as you will find from an Irish Examiner article 16th July 2004 EU Environment Commissioner Margot Walstrom ordered for the site to be cleared out which never was carried out by the county council . Its also local knowledge asbestos was buried on the Gaa lands in the early 2000s . The removal of asbestos is a risk to health & safety of residents & workers .

\*Copys from article Enclosed

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter of objection

Regards

Emer McDermott

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 .

Emer McDermott

Whistler Heights  
Kildinan  
Glenville  
Co Cork

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## EU shares residents' concern over illegal dump

RESIDENTS who fought an illegal dump in an amenity area all the way to the European Commission said they felt vindicated yesterday following a scathing EU attack on a city's environmental record.



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Members of the Mallow Road Residents' Association went on to demand that Murphy's Rock in Blackpool be fully restored and declared an area of special conservation.

Murphy's Rock in the Glenamought Valley has six distinct types of habitat and is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna.

Spoil material, including earth, boulders and gravel, was dumped near the site in 1999, on land owned by the GAA, as work on the EU co-funded Blackpool bypass project was underway.

Denis Harley, a member of the residents' association, said on one day alone in 1999, he counted up to 72 trucks driving into Delaney's GAA club site, overlooking Murphy's Rock, to dump material.

"350,000 tonnes of material was dumped there," he said on site yesterday.

Labour TD Kathleen Lynch said Murphy's Rock would have been totally destroyed if residents hadn't taken a stand five years ago.

She said despite repeated complaints Cork City Council refused to see it as a problem.

"We were forced to stand in front of massive dump trucks to bring the operation to a halt," she said.

Joan McAllister, who was born and lives in a house next to the site, described the situation as a "scandal."

Last Monday evening, the EU's Environment Commissioner, Margot Walstrom, issued a damning report on Ireland's environmental record, highlighting nine breaches of EU environment law.

Among them was the Murphy's Rock incident.

Ms Walstrom said this dumping was particularly worrying given the fact that the city council is also responsible for waste management.

Residents welcomed her decision and were scathing in their criticism of Cork City Council, Cork County Council and Cork County Board.

They said they will be keeping a watching brief on what is done on site over the coming weeks.

While the city council oversaw the building of the Blackpool bypass project, the responsibility for restoring the site now rests with the county council.

It is understood a contractor, McSwiney Construction, has been appointed to handle the clean-up.

Dozens of trial pits will be dug and the samples will be sent to England for analysis.

Some of the embankments will be regraded but clarification will be needed before embankments on the south of the site can be dealt with.

Green Party city councillor Chris O'Leary has sought a meeting of the council to discuss the issue.

"If I don't get a satisfactory response, I will be calling for details on who was responsible for this and I will be calling for resignations," he said.

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# City's Rock clean-up

earth and gravel, was dumped on part of Murphy's Rock, land for which the county council is responsible, close to Delaney's GAA pitches.

The wet lands area was once referred to as the 'Riveria of Cork' by Neil Tobin. Residents, including Labour TD Kathleen Lynch, protested over the dumping at the time.

It is now up to the county council to clean the site.

Cork county council said last night: "Works are ongoing to remedy the situation."

A statement from the city council said: "We have no further comment at this stage other than to say we are happy the county council is dealing with the matter." Pressure mounted on the city council last night to hold a special meeting to discuss the issue. Cork-based Green Party TD Dan Boyle

said the local authority must respond to the EU criticism.

"This action by the European Commission is more than embarrassing: it is shameful," he said.

"Regardless of how Cork city council and Cork county council are now blaming each other, both local authorities must be aware that this dumping was wrong and has resulted in unacceptable environ-

mental damage."

He also accused both local authorities of "corner-cutting" to cover over the continuing shortcomings in waste management policy in the region by dumping illegally elsewhere.

Cork city Green Cllr Chris O'Leary said he would approach the city's Lord Mayor to ensure a special council meeting was held on the issue.



## Local news

Irish Examiner

# EU orders Mur

by Eoin English

CORK's city and county councils were under pressure yesterday following a damning EU report which highlighted a serious breach of environmental law in the city during a major road project.

Cork city council is singled out for severe criticism by the European Commissioner for the Environment, Margot Walstrom, for al-

lowing illegal dumping of spoil material at Murphy's Rock in Blackpool.

It happened during the EU co-financed Blackpool bypass project in 1999.

Ms Walstrom said the city council oversaw the construction of the bypass but the debris was illegally dumped at Murphy's Rock, even though the council is also responsible for waste management. The spoil material, mostly



"Cork city is illegally dumping at Murphy's Rock, though the council is also responsible for waste management." European Commissioner for the Environment Margot Walstrom

