

DEVELOPMENT REF: 311924-21 – Delany’s GAA Club, Old Whitechurch Road, Cork

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My husband Gerard and I wish to make an observation on an appeal to the planning application for proposed housing in Delaneys Hurling and Football club on the Old Whitechurch Rd.

The following are the points we wish to make:

- 1 This development is not suitable and far too big for this area for the following reasons
 - The existing Rd is not suitable for the increase in traffic which would occur from such a development
 - There are four more housing developments proposed for this area with one development already causing disruption when a portion of Old Whitechurch Rd was completely closed to local traffic for two weeks, even though we live a few hundred yards from this development, we had to travel a few extra miles everytime we wished to access Blackpool. This was only for services.
 - We do not have an adequate bus service to reduce the number of cars travelling this road.
 - If we socialise in the city, we often find it difficult to get a taxi home as taxi drivers refuse to travel this road due to Ramps. What hope have we got when it will be dug up?
 - It is our opinion that no 3 storey or higher buildings should be included in this development. Prior to rezoning this area was in the county and highrise buildings will ruin the beautiful views of the countryside. In the past, those building houses had to comply with planning laws which prevented us from having a two storey house.

Environmental issues:

Of great concern to us and other locals is the impact this will have on the wildlife in the area. The wildlife have been allowed to live freely for the best part of 60 or 70 yrs with their habitat being undisturbed. There have been **Hedgehogs and Bats** seen in the area and both are protected species. **Hawks** have also been seen to make this area their home. Animals, such as foxes are finding their homes taken and now have to come to residential area for food as their natural habitat is gone

Pairc Ui Chaoimh Debt

We believe that using the Debt for Pairc Ui Chaoimh as a reason to fast tract this planning is inappropriate. Does this mean in the future that planning can be fast tracked for other reasons. Pairc Ui Chaoimh has the means to finance itself and should not used as an excuse for planning.

Forwarded for your attention, and consideration,

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