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311924 CORK GAA LANDS OLD WHITE CHURCH ROAD, KILBARRY, CORK CITY

1/ I OBJECT to the Proposed Entrance on the Old White Church Road as we already agreed to 600 Houses across the road and the entrance is only a few hundred meters down the road, the proposed entrance is on the brow of the hill on a sharp bend, the small entrance that is there was never an official entrance, Delaney's GAA opened that in the 1970's to get nationals to the club, it is also an already busy road as the noise + traffic volume tests were carried out at the quietest time of the morning + night, plus there is an open water well on the bend that has served the community for generations.

2/ I OBJECT to the building of apartment + the number of houses as we already agreed to 600 homes just across the road + more in the Sunbeam Wolsey site on Redforge Road which is very near by and it is going to be a case of no amenities for young people as they all won't be interested in joining a GAA club.



- 3/ AS THE BACK AND SIDE OF OUR PROPERTY IS ADJOINING THE Cork GAA LANDS WE REQUEST A HIGH SECURITY PALISADE FENCE AT LEAST 3 METERS HIGH FOR OUR SECURITY. ~~AND~~ OUR DITCH + HEDGE ISN'T DAMAGED.
- 4/ WE ARE USING OUR OWN WELL WATER SINCE 1970 AND I HOPE OUR SUPPLY ISN'T INTERRUPTED OR CONTAMINATED.

5/ I HOPE ALL ASPECTS OF THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED, AS THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF WILD LIFE LIVING HERE, SOME OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTURBED FROM THEIR HOMES DURING THE WORK FOR THE 600 HOMES ACROSS THE ROAD, IT WAS VERY DISTRESSING TO SEE LITTLE ANIMALS TOTALLY LOST AND BEING KILLED ON THE ROAD WHILE MACHINERY RIPPED APART THEIR HOMES, THERE ARE PROTECTED ANIMALS AMONG THESE LIKE STOATS, HARES, BADGERS, PYGMY SHREWS, + THERE ARE BATS IN THE DIRECT HOUSES ON THE CISTE NA BANBAN SITE (HURBY FACTORY) AND HAVE BEEN REGULARLY SEEN IN MURPHY'S ROCK, PLUS OTHER WILD LIFE LIKE FOXES, RABBITS AND BEAUTIFUL BIRDS INCLUDING OWLS + HEDGE HOGS.



6/ OVER 20 YEARS AGO WHEN THERE WAS A LOT OF CONSTRUCTION WORK BEING DONE IN CORK CITY ALL THE LAND AROUND DELANEY'S GAA CLUB HAD TONNES OF MATERIAL DUMPED ON IT, IT IS NOT ONLY CONCRETE AND EARTH FROM WHERE THE BYPASS IS LOCATED IN BLACKPOOL, THERE WAS TONNES OF TOXIC MATERIALS FROM THE ESB POLE FIELD IN BLACKPOOL WHERE THE BLACKPOOL SHOPPING CENTRE NOW STANDS. THIS MATERIAL INCLUDES ABESTOS AND OTHER HIGHLY TOXIC MATERIAL WHICH IS BURIED UNDER ALL THE CONCRETE AND EARTH, I HAVE SEEN FROM PICTURES PROVIDED IN THE PLANNING THAT TESTS ON THE EARTH HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY DIGGING A FEW HOLES, BUT THIS NEEDS TO BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND REMOVED WITH PROPER PROTECTION FOR THE RESIDENTS FROM DANGEROUS DUST BEING CARRIED IN THE WIND, THERE WAS ALSO LOTS OF MATERIALS DUMPED THERE FROM JOBS BEING DONE AROUND THE CITY WHEN THE WORD WENT OUT. IT IS AN ABSOLUTE DISGRACE THAT THE CORK COUNTY BOARD AND DELANEY ROVERS A LOCAL GAA CLUB LEFT THIS HAPPEN, IT JUST GOES TO SHOW WHAT THEY THOUGHT OF THE RESIDENTS. THANK GOD SOME OF US ARE STILL HERE TO REMEMBER THIS.



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AND HAVE THEIR CHILDREN PLAYING  
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I ATTACH COPIES FROM A REPORT  
IN THE IRISH EXAMINER FROM 2004  
WHEN THE RESIDENTS HAD ENOUGH.

From

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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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# EU orders Murph

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 bypass road project.

Cork city council was 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 council illegally dumped debris at Murphy's Rock even though the council is also responsible for waste management."

European Commissioner for the Environment  
Margot Walstrom

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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.