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Part 8 - Proposed Housing Scheme at Porters Lane, Youghal, Co. Cork
Applicant: Cork County Council
Description of Development: Part 8 Housing Scheme at Porters Lane, Youghal

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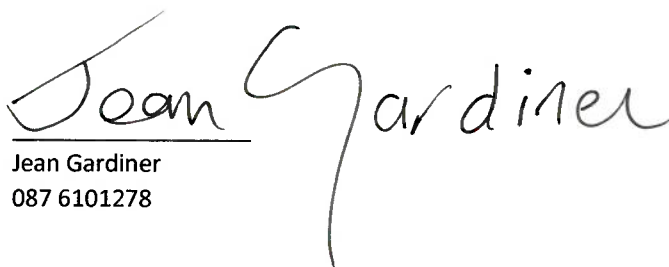
I refer to the above planning application (see enclosed) and wish to make the following submission / objection in relation to the proposed development. I note that no EIA has been carried out on the site in spite of that fact that this site is home to a large number of birds, insects and molluscan class Gastropoda's (snails).

In particular this site is home to a large population of Pygmy Shrew (*Sorex minutus*) which is Ireland's smallest native mammal. The pygmy shrew is a protected species in Ireland under the Wildlife Acts. Specifically, it is protected under the Wildlife Act (1976) and the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000. This means it is an offense to capture or kill a pygmy shrew without a license.

The pygmy shrew in Ireland is facing significant threats including loss of habitat and the loss of the pygmy shrew represents a loss of biodiversity and could impact the resilience of the Irish ecosystem.

On the basis of the above, and the significant effects on the environment, I wish to apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether this development would be likely to have such significant effects on the environment.

Mise le Meas,


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