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To whom it may concern:

John and Carol Coughlan wish to submit an observation with reference to;

Case Number: 324153

Our observation is:

Given the recent, even living history, of women, children, infants, families, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, grandparents, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, who have been so deeply saddened, hurt and traumatised by 'Bessborough, we object on a point of conscience.

We believe it is morally unacceptable to build on this land.

We believe that it is a matter of justice that this land is kept as a memorial to all who died there, over 900 babies reportedly died there according to the Commission of Investigation;

Where are the bodies?

We believe that we must acknowledge and keep alive the memory of injustices perpetrated on the most vulnerable in society; lest we forget.

There is still so much hidden regarding the burying of these children and if this is a graveyard then it is an indictment on us as a society that we do not protest to honour these lives – these forgotten souls.

We believe that the level of investigation that is happening in Tuam, 'The Tuam Mother and Baby Home', should set a precedence for the same level of investigation to be afforded at Bessborough.

Yours faithfully

John and Carol Coughlan