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Apartments cannot be built on this site where the bodies of 859 children who died at this location have not yet been found. The State's intervention in Tuam risks becoming a gesture of conscience if Ireland will not finally reckon with its past and investigate ALL institutional burials.

The mother and baby home in the town I grew up in was never investigated. All that is left to mark that it ever existed is a plaque on a field of unmarked graves marked in memory of "special babies." There is no chance for proper, dignified memorialisation for the women and children who died in the Fermoy institution. Do not steal the same opportunity for those who died in Bessborough, by paving over the site with apartments.