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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to request that An Coimisiún Pleanála reconsider allowing any building on the site of Bessborough Mother and Baby Home. As a site of remembrance and trauma, a trauma which is still very much alive for many people, Bessborough should be a monument to the mothers and babies who suffered cruel fates there. It is imperative that the site be preserved for posterity as a reminder of this recent history. Once built over, the memory of this site and its incarcerated will dissipate. Memorialization of the Mother and Baby system through its sites and buildings acts as the best surety against any recurrence of this maltreatment of human beings, and prevents any possible forgetting of the victims.

A site of this sensitivity should not host a for-profit venture.

Please do not build on Bessborough.

Many thanks for your consideration.

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