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TD for Cork South-Central



An Comisuin Pleanla
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Re: Case Ref: LH28.324153, Cork City Council Case Red: 25/44442, Bessborough, Ballinure, Blackrock, Cork.

A Chara,

I would like to make a submission in relation to this appeal.

As Housing Spokesperson for my party, I fully understand the need for increasing our housing output. However, I believe Bessborough should be an exception. The site in question represents a very dark chapter in our history and I believe it should remain undeveloped for obvious reasons. The number of babies and children who died at Bessborough with no known graves is believed to stand at 859.

This is a shamefully high number and I believe the site should be protected from development. Therefore, I would ask that, in considering the appeal, you decide to refuse permission.

Thank you for your consideration of mu submission.

Yours sincerely,

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