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In reply to your correspondence dated 19th of July 2024 asking us for observations, I would like you to consider the following.

**Dust:**

As we outlined in previous correspondence to you, dust was a huge problem for us in the 1990's and early 2000's this has not been the case in recent years. Perhaps because of the amount of rainfall we have had and also because there hasn't been the same scale of excavation in recent years. However going forward the problem of dust has to be of serious concern, we see in the documents you have posted to us that "the continual or severe concerns about dust are most likely experienced within about 100 metres of the dust source." You know that our dwelling is within 15 metres of the proposed development boundary. And as the new excavations begin we fear the old problem will once again arise. We are asking you what type of protection are you going to provide for us?

**Proximity to road:**

The further development boundary is just inside the fence of the road between our house, H1 and house H2. Along most of that stretch of road the proposed extraction boundary is only metres inside the road fence. Is this acceptable, is this safe? What depth of excavation is going to be allowed? Will it be excavated at a 45 degree angle? We worry that it could undermine the road.

**Overhead power lines:**

We note that the overhead powerlines are going to be moved, we are not told to where. As an adjoining landowner we are not told where the powerlines will be relocated too.

**Clashavoon Stream**

A lot of reference and consideration is being given to the impact which the development will have on the Clashavoon Stream. However no reference is being given to the impact the proposed development will have on Wells in the area. How do you estimate the impact it will have on our well? And what happens if it dries it out?

**Weed Control:**

We were very disappointed with the lack of reference to weed control in the documents we received. As everyone knows wragwort is presenting huge problems on farms at the moment, from a point of view of animal health. Wragwort takes root on barren ground. As referred to in previous correspondence to you, wragwort has become a huge problem on our farm, control of it is costing €100/acre in herbicides plus the cost of spraying the ground, and is also killing clover which is a huge loss in a nitrogen source in these times of deregulation. If new excavations are undertaken, control of wragwort must be a priority. What conditions are being proposed in relation to this?

We feel as the occupants of the dwelling house nearest the proposed development at 15 metres, we feel very vulnerable and our concerns need to be recognised and addressed.  
Thanking you in anticipation,  
Julia McSweeney & David Coakley.

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