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Dublin Mountain Visitors Centre.

An Bord Pleanála case reference JA0040.

Dear Sir, or Madam,

With reference to An Bord Pleanála case reference JA0040, I wish to lodge this submission to An Bord Pleanála and I have payed the fee of €50.00 euro. The applicants behind this proposal are South Dublin County Council and Coillte! The proposal is for a 75 seater cafe, a shop, changing facilities, a walkers lounge, exhibition space, an education centre, and a 50 seater auditorium. Design and Planning application by Paul Keogh architects.



The Hellfire Club in the Dublin Mountains.

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The submission by this practice, and ~~invited my family and~~ extended family, and friends, who have ~~all been to this~~ building on the top of Mountpelletor Hill overlooking the Dublin bay and the City of Dublin. Dublin people and others have climbed the hill up to Hellfire club over the past 100 years, and it is well known as the scary building on the top of the Hill where people have come to meet, have picnics, walk around the hill and the forest tracks. On any day of the week you will find people walking, or sitting enjoying the view, half way up, or on the top sitting on the grass at Hellfire club and taking in the views and maybe a bit of heat from the sun.

The only items of infrastructure that is missing at the minute from Hellfire Club is the provision of a proper car park, with a man in a hut, to keep a eye on everything, and some basic toilets. That is it, no more!?

2-0

The area of Hellfire Club hill, and the equally famous Massys Estate, both areas of natural beauty, and the flora and fauna is all there with old ash and oak woods and new forests on Mountpelletor Hill. This makes for a very interesting family day out for everyone, young and old. So why change it!?

I would ask An Bord Pleanála to send the inspector from the Board in charge of this case to pay a visit on a weekend and walk up to Hellfire Club, and back down into Massys Estate, before making any decision on case no JA0040. page 2.

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This proposal for the Dublin Mountain Visitor Centre, being proposed and led by South Dublin County Council, and being backed up by Coillte. Below are the key points of this submission to An Bord Pleanála.

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- The Proposed Visitor Centre and site works, along with roads, paths, drainage, and a tree canopy walk is all in total not necessary in this area of Natural beauty, with flora, fauna, paths, all in place at present. The proposal will destroy this area!

3.1

Visitor Centre 1  
total disaster!

- This proposal by SDCC, who must have nothing else to spend public money on like housing, etc. I wish to draw the attention of the Board to a very similar development not more than 4 miles east of Mountpelletier hill in Glencree. This is Wicklow Co Co area but the same type of visitor centre is a present built in Glencree, in the centre of the Glen on the River banks. This centre must have cost millions to build, and is built about 15 years ago and not one visitor has been into the building!

3.2

Visitor Centre 2.  
total disaster!

- The visitor centre at Puer gater in Loggalla outside Roundwood in Co Wicklow, was also another visitor centre got planning permission from Wicklow Co Co maybe 30 years ago, tower crane on site building work started and then stopped. This building may have its foundations laid but not a visitor ever when into it because it was not finished, and never will be finished!

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- 4.0 • The two examples of waste on SDCC fancy idea of a visitors centre, the people proposing this and deriving it within the council may not even know about the two visitor centres mentioned above. I would request An Bord Pleanála to refuse permission to this proposed development, and save an area of natural beauty for future generations of Dublin people, and visitors from all corners of the world. Save the natural flora, and fauna, and Hellfire club!

- 4.1 • The proposed cost of 15 Million, as we know from the most expensive hospital project in the world! the costs will increase to maybe 30 million or more. This project as proposed by S.D.C.C. is a total waste of public money when, they should be spending the money on housing projects in their area of administration.

An Bord Pleanála we cannot afford this cost so please prevent another visitor centre disaster and Refuse South Dublin County Council on their fancy proposal of a Dublin Mountain Visitor Centre.

- 4.2 • This area of Mount Pelicer Hill, and Maney's Estate should be left as is on this date, with simple car park, simple toilets, and a man in a hat, keeping watch on the car park and toilets, and this would allow the public to visit and not be restricted.

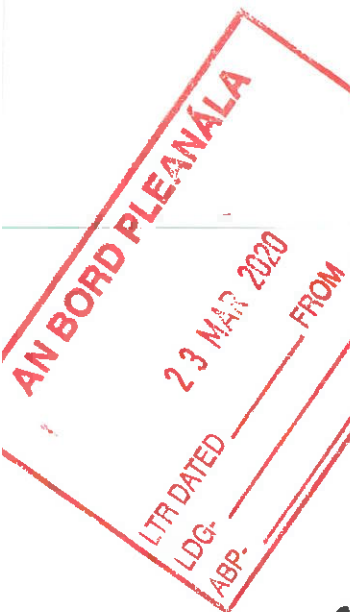
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- Hellfire Club, and Massy Estate should not be a visitors restricted area, as it would become if when built was taken over by the O.P.W. or the Luttrell Club! or some other grouping who are employed to run and administer the proposed centre.

I for one do not want some official in a visor jacket with O.P.W. on the back stopping me and my family from going into Massy Estate, or up onto my favourite place Hellfire club. This area again does not need this fancy proposal by S.D.C.C., I would ask the Bord to refuse planning permission and save the wonder of the woodlands, the stream, and the hill with the haunted house, that the devil was supposed to appear in during a game of cards in this gentleman's club, known as Hellfire club.

5.1

- Leave it free, for people young and old, to wander on the tracks in Massy's estate, and wander up to hill on the path through the trees, and when you are at the top you enter onto this greened area, with the Hellfire club building and to sit there on a sunny day, or a cold day and enjoy the view of Dublin City where the views are so pretty.



- 6.0. In conclusion of this submission to An Bord Pleanála its the opinion of this practice, my family, my friends and other people who like to visit this area of natural beauty that, has provided many a good day out for families, and people to wander the tracks and enjoy the flora and fauna. We would ask the Bord to refuse planning permission to South Dublin County Council, and Comite on this fancy proposal that is not necessary in this area of natural beauty.



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Yours Sincerely

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Robert M Foley & Associates.