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From: Bord
Sent: Monday 23 March 2020 11:14
To: SIDS
Cc: Kieran Doherty
Subject: FW: Frank's draft submission re Merlin & Marsh Fritillary

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Sent: Saturday 21 March 2020 17:50
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3. On the subject of Sika Deer

There is a huge population of Sika deer in Massy's woods and the Hellfire Club

The deer cross the road between Massy's and Hellfire at a location marked X on attached map. Drawing no: 1639/PA/904/A attached.

I cannot see anywhere in the Further Information document that this crossing point has been documented or considered. In the proposed plan this area will be fenced cutting off a natural corridor for the deer to gain access to their habitats in Massy's Wood and Hellfire Club.

In the same area approximately 100 metres from the proposed centre there are two deer rutting pools, which the deer use at breeding time October/November. See map-drawing 1639/PA/904/A attached

The developers plan to put a walkers footpath straight through one of these rutting pools destroying it. Again I cannot see anywhere in the EIA that this has been noted, documented or accessed. This area has a high density of replanted (by Coillte) under licence of oak, silver birch and larch, which provides great cover habitat for the deer and other species.

All or most of these trees it would seem will be removed to facilitate the Visitors Centre, footpaths and the footbridge crossing into Massy's, another example of creative destruction by Coillte and the Council.

There is also a spring well in the same location see attached map /plan no: 1639/PA/904?A

Will this well also be destroyed?

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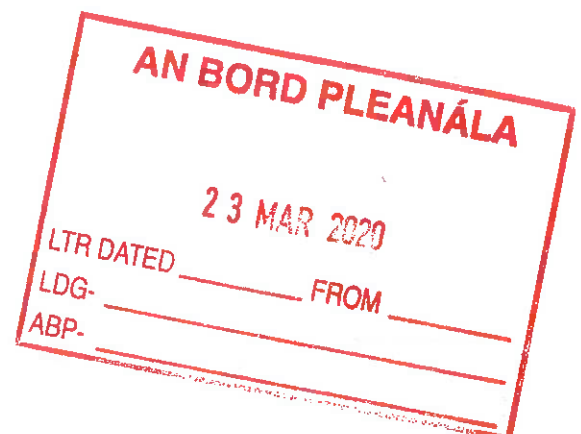
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land not suitable for planting DN4827F

Conor Daly <conor@theforestrycompany.ie>

Wed 26/02/2020 10:37

To: dofiledo@hotmail.com <dofiledo@hotmail.com>

Frank

In can confirm that I walked you land on 14th September 2019 contained in Folio DN4827F owned by FRANK DOYLE (KILAKEE, RATHFARNHAM, COUNTY DUBLIN) land at Woodtown containing 18.22Ha

When assessing the land for your Native woodland forestry application I found that devil's bit scabious and Marsh fritillary butterfly were present. As there are annex 1 habitats and species we would not be successful in getting permission to plant the land with Native woodland forestry.

Regards

Conor Daly,
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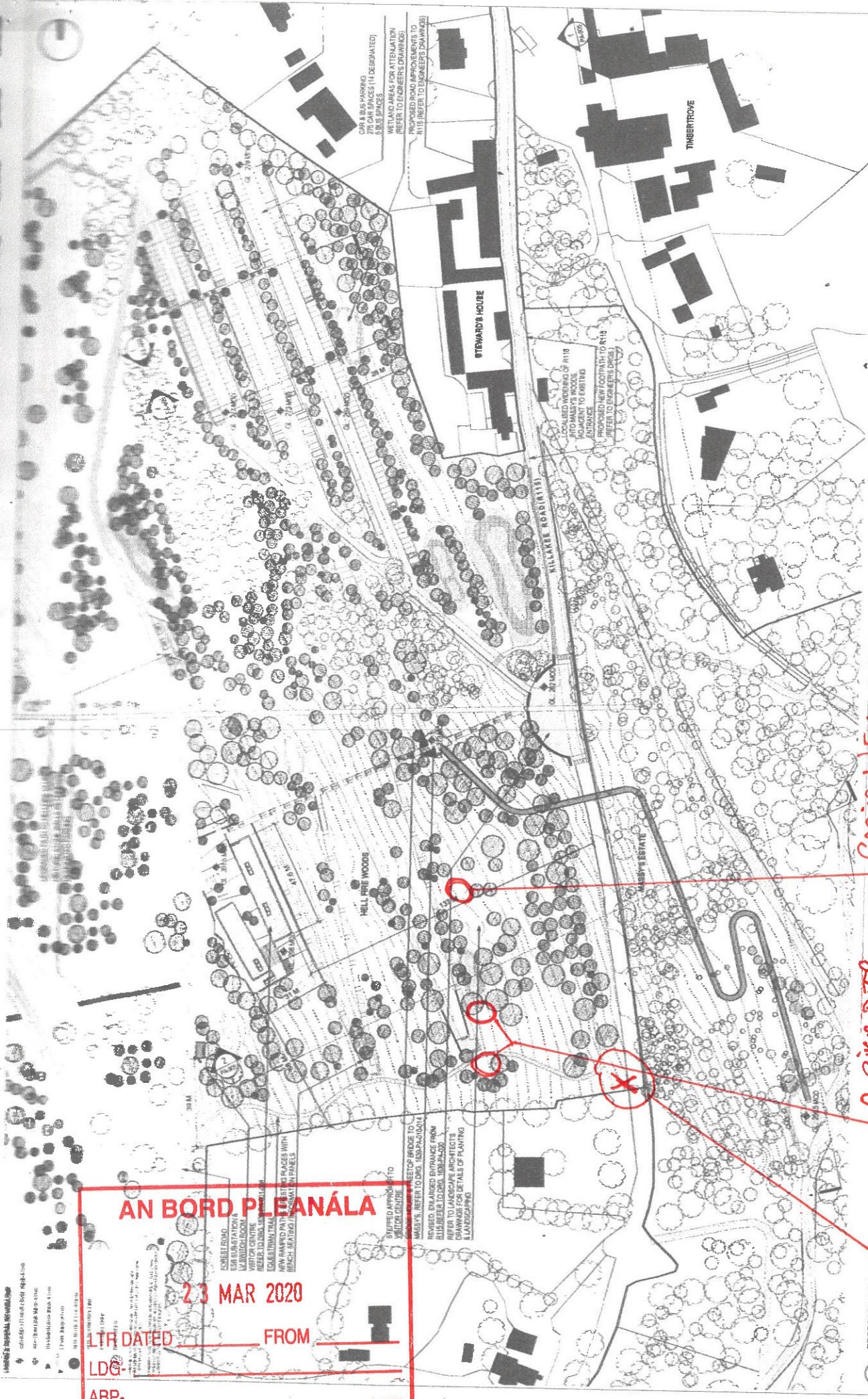
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**2 SINKHOLE
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