



Greystones - Delgany & Kilcoole Draft LPF Amendment Stage Submission - Report

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Submission

I should like to submit my strong objection to the Alteration for use of some of the farmland located on Bellevue, Delgany Co Wicklow.

As a background to my intimate knowledge of this farmland I would state that my father bought this farm c. 1947/8. He was a very forward thinking man who transformed these lands into a forward profitable working FARM - not a quick profit enterprise. He, his local workforce, and other family members all worked so hard to make the lands a working, successful enterprise always looking ahead to maintain best practise!

1. I feel SO strongly that this amendment would firstly break up the entirety of the farm - thus making it a less appealing project to continue its natural usage, and the eventual 'parcel' selling off of this valuable farmland.
2. The village of Delgany - once looked on as a jewel of Co Wicklow has been overbuilt with houses (and continues to be exploited) leaving acres of land now covered with new homes for families (no objection here!)

but nowhere for these families to enjoy peace, open spaces and the wildlife that abundantly exists in and around these particular fields and woodlands.

3. The village has the most dangerous road system for family transport I have seen anywhere around these counties - all of which will be even more dangerous if planning is given for access to these fields as a sports/training ground. The roads will not support the increased volume of traffic- Delgany is already one big traffic jam at lots of times of the day.

4. The access to these fields has already been 'tampered' with - ancient trees having been sawn through and just discarded - has permission been given for this damage? The same access point is planned to open up an area of ancient bog land including streams where quite a number of local houses draw their water supply from - it is causing these ratepayers a lot of anguish as they hear the proposed buyers intend to use poisonous substances on the grasses and ground in the future, not to speak of the extreme machine work which will be required to level these naturally sloping grounds.

5. For years these fields have been the trail for deer and other wild animals as they move through from the Glen of The Downs - do we seriously need to lose all our wildlife for a noisy, floodlit, and forever changed environment? Once it's done- ITS DONE.

PLEASE- I ask you to seriously consider the change planned to one of the last remaining open spaces in the Delgany area. It is a haven for walkers and horse riders alike, who respect seasonal changes during the farming year with the most beautiful views to the Irish Sea - PLEASE consider this one remaining GREEN SPACE left to us and our fellow residents in Delgany - human and wildlife!

I look forward to your comments and hope you will consider these observations very seriously - a hopeful local resident of 77 years !

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