

Dorota Richards

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My name is Tom Fortune, I am a county councillor with WCC and a former County Chairman. I believe it is essential that I can meet with you to discuss the above application that is with An Bord Pleannala.

The site is a protected area of natural biodiversity in the WCC County Development Plan which has been made by the members. Surely this is the document that matters .

It is essential that you do not allow or facilitate the destruction of a rich natural habitat at Kilcoole. No alternatives have been seriously considered and I would be delighted to meet with you with the director of services from WCC to discuss this as a matter of urgency. There is a quarry that can take in this material , wash it and then it can be sold on. This is a real option that is not getting the attention it requires. WHY?

Please also refer to the meeting your Mr Brian Meany had with WCC 28/09/2015.

The proposed site is protected in the WCC Co Development Plan as I said above. This site is not a quarry and never has been, it is bounded by streams which are connected to the Kilcoole stream which is connected to the Murrough wet lands SAC, SAP. The proposed site is an ancient local area of natural biodiversity. The high environmental capital of the site was identified in the EIS by the NPWS.

Traffic congestion is a big issue, also the entrance onto the road from where WCC are using as a yard does not have the required site lines and no planning permission. I have to ask what is going on, does the Bord and the EPA not care about this. I can not believe that this is the case.

This site is not part of the LAP so the information given in the EIS is not relevant and dare I say it inaccurate.

Can I finish by asking does our CDP not stand for anything, I believe it certainly does. How can WCC be facilitated to ignore what the members of WCC have put in place in the CDP which is a long and focused process. WHY?

So I am asking that you meet with me, I am speaking on behalf of the public that live in a big area and reaches as far as Wicklow Town, this is how much it impacts our area.

The proposal is destructive to the natural environment . The proposal is dangerous to the public. The proposal is contrary to the proper planning of the area as stated by WCC themselves in 1999. The proposal contravenes the CDP. The proposal is against the communities wishes. The proposal is just WRONG.

Yours Sincerely

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