Alan and Eleanor Cox, Ballinderry House, Carbury, Co. Kildare.

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The Secretary, An Bord Pleanala, 64 Marlborough St. Dublin 1. Al Received 16/3/04
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Re: - Planning Authority: Kildare County Council

Planning Authority Register Reference No. 02/1475
Planning Authority Decision: To Refuse Permission

Appellants: Goode Concrete Ltd. Appellants: Goode Concrete Ltd. Appeal Reference No. PL09.205039

Dear Sir,

We refer to the above appeal. This concerns Goode Concrete Ltd.'s application to Kildare County Council to develop a gravel pit at Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare.

Information on this appeal has been prepared by Declan Brassil & Co. Ltd.. We wish to make some observations on the contents of this appeal.

Ballinderry House is a protected building and therefore no development is allowed to damage its' curtilage or its' heritage value. The environmental impact statement mentions that the development will impose strongly on the views to the south i.e. Ballinderry House. In Declan Brassil & Co. Ltd's appeal to An Bord Pleanala, Section 6.5, it mentions there

"would be impacts of minor significance on nearby residential properties once the mitigation measures and the new road alignment are in place. Drawing 1424/001A, showing the proposed phasing, demonstrates that by working the site northwards from the south western corner and then keeping the extraction face from moving from west to east, the working face will be kept in the lee of the existing land form, screened from properties close to the northern and eastern site boundaries. The eastern end of the existing landform remains as a permanent screen."

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We note that there is no reference to the impact this development will have on properties to the south of it which is where Ballinderry House is situated. We also draw strong attention to The Heritage Council's report compiled by Paddy Mathews, Planning Officer, stressing the negative impact that this proposed development will have on the heritage and amenity values of Ballinderry House, its' curtilage and its' setting.

We engage in bloodstock breeding and the rearing of young stock on Ballinderry farm. We are not listed in the Irish Field Directory because we choose not to be. We would point out that the Irish Field Directory is not a definitive list of people involved in equine activities in Ireland. The Directory is compiled by a private company who rely on people forwarding details of their equine business. It is incorrect of agents for Goode Concrete Ltd. to suggest that people who are not listed in the Irish Field Directory are not involved in equine activity.

We note that Goode Concrete Ltd. claims that they have compiled their information on our farming business by driving around the roads and asking local people. Many mornings between 6am and 6.30am, Goode Concrete Ltd. lorries are parked on the Edenderry to Broadford road directly in front of Ballinderry House, at its' main entrance. We have seen this many times and our neighbours have also confirmed this. The interesting thing about this is that we always have bloodstock in our front field and they are literally feet from these lorries. Apparently the drivers of these lorries do not see these horses. This appears to us rather peculiar and the only explanation we can come up with is that they are shorted their is the case, it is rather worrying that they are driving very large lorries along narrow country roads.

We regard Goode Concrete Ltd.'s methods of extracting information for their report as seriously flawed. Nobody from Goode Concrete Ltd. or their agents has ever contacted us in any form, at any time.

We strongly agreed with Kildare County Council's decision to reject Goode Concrete Ltd.'s application and we wish that An Bord Pleanala will concur with that decision.

Enclosed please find our cheque made payable to An Bord Pleanala for €50.00.

Yours faithfully

Alan and Eleanas Cox.

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