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Ref.: Application by Fingal County Council for proposed landfill at Nevitte

To whom it may concern

Wish to make a submission regarding the impact of the proposed Landfill on the archaeology at the Nevitte in North County Dublin, which has been discovered. Any development of this valuable ecological site, listed by the department of Culture and Heritage, will be completely ruined.

The site is located within the parameter of the proposed landfill.

Closure of the road leading to Nevitte is proposed.

The visual impact of the landfill will be within view of any development of the archaeological site.

Traffic coming to and from the landfill will cause chaos.

The smell will not allow for any development of amenities for visitors such as a café, at the archaeological site. Visitors will be effected by smell.

The location of a landfill will have severe health risks to any employee's at the archaeological site.

This area has the potential to harness considerable economic income as a tourist attraction. Something the region is in desperate need of. Its historical significance can be twinned with that of Nevet in Locronan, Brittany France. Nevet or nemeton is a sacred ancient Celtic wood, or clearing, around which early Christian churches and dwellings would have been built. Thousands come annually to visit the same site in Locronan how can we possibly allow ours to be wiped off the map. The only existing Nevet/nemeton in Ireland!

The opportunity to develop and conserve the sacred Nevitte is here.

Yours sincerely,

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