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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the use of the quarry Boreenmana road as a dumping ground for builders' waste. I recently reviewed your plans at the City Hall and disagree with some of your assumptions. First of all the park is used by more people than just the occasional dog owner. I and my family use the quarry five out of seven days most weeks. While doing so, we often see other dog owners, children and young adults there. At this time of year it is full of wild flowers, butterflies and other insects and provides a welcome change from the shorn grass and neat paths outside Beaumont school. The quarry provides a place to scramble up cliff sides as well as an area where the dogs can roam freely. It is an area where children can have forts and climb trees. Both my mother, myself and my brothers and sisters have fond memories of playing there as children.

There are many nicely ordered green sterile areas where people with buggies may walk in Blackrock and Ballintemple. There is however a shortage of areas where we can see the seasons change by the type of flowers and fruits visible and can listen to insects humming in the long grass.

The proposed changes seem to me to be of more benefit to builders than the local residents. Clearing out the quarry will do nothing to remove the anti social element who drink on the green before the school but will only deprive locals of one of the more peaceful spaces in the area.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Joanne O'Riordan

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