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Subject: URGENT PLANNING CONSIDERATION AFFECTING ROE VALLEY COUNTRY PARK
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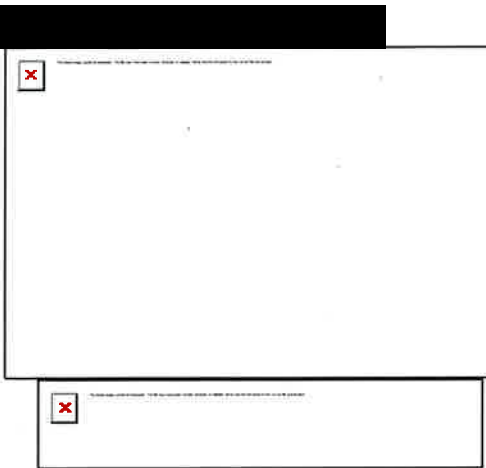
Dear Councillors,

Please find attached an urgent correspondence from the Friends of the Roe Valley group, who have serious concerns about the intention of CCG Planning department proposing approval to the borough council in relation to a major housing development to lands East of the Roe Valley Country Park and Laurel Lane.

We have tabled our constructive objections in writing to planning service but to no avail. We in this latest correspondence are trying to put forward a reasonable proposal that would still allow this land to be developed but in a way than minimises impact on the natural beauty and tranquillity of the Country park for the people of Limavady – Sustainable Development!!!

The Planning Meeting to discuss this development is scheduled for Wednesday 27th October 2021 @ 10:30am, We would urge you to read the attached letter and proposed alternatives put forward by Friends of the Roe Valley group and we hope to hear back from your in relation to this correspondence.

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**FAO Councillors Mr Aaron Callan, Ms Brenda Chivers, Mr James McCorkell, Ashleen Shening,
Alan Robinson.**

Re : Planning Ref LA0/2016/1267/RM

The Roe Valley Country Park has provided and continues to provide the mental, and physical respite, for the population of Limavady for generations. The residents of Limavady are blessed with having the natural beauty of the Roe Valley on their door step. This natural amenity is enjoyed by not only the local community, but Province wide and beyond.

It is therefore with a genuine concern that we ask you, the Limavady Councillors, to consider our fears as to the permanent impact that the above application for 144 dwellings, will have on the immediate environs of the Roe Valley Country Park.

We would wish to make it clear from the outset that we in no way wish to prevent the developer from building houses in this location. We also note the lengths that the developer has gone to provide the information requested over the protracted planning process. However we would ask that you as the public representatives, lobby the Causeway Coast and Glens Planning Committee, to direct the Planners to encourage the developers to amend the present layout , so as to safeguard character and environs of the Laurel Lane (this is the traditional name given to the access road to the carpark at the Country Park directly off the Roe Mill Road) so that the Developer, Planning Department, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council all contribute to a development that will be a lasting positive Legacy for the Limavady Community.

The peace, tranquillity, and the open space, around the Laurel Lane that the Country Park critically provides, will be irrevocably destroyed, by a development extending within metres of the existing hedgerows of the Laurel Lane.

We have attached the current proposed layout, to be presented to the CC&Gs Planning Meeting on Wednesday 27th October 2021, and now seeking Approval. This layout shows housing encroaching in close proximity to the Laurel Lane, which in our opinion will permanently change the innate Rural Character of the lane to one of Urbanisation.

However, in order to mitigate this dramatic change, we attach, a proposed alternative amendment what we would consider the minimal change to the layout, without disrupting the Development Concept and by reducing the number of units by circa. 20

We would ask that the Developer give consideration to the provision of a substantial natural buffer (to be densely planted), between the Laurel Lane and the proposed development This would have the effect of helping to protect the enjoyment of walking on the Laurel Lane by greatly reducing, noise, light and traffic pollution.

If the Development is approved as now proposed, it can be guaranteed that the hedge row along the laurel lane will be destroyed, by the temptation of making pedestrian openings from the proposed development as a "short cut" to the country park and what now is an idyllic walk, destroyed for ever.

Reasonable Individuals who do have the good of their community at heart and wish to protect the ever-shrinking areas of natural beauty, are reluctant to offer opinions, as their general belief is, they are not listened to. This should not be construed as a lack of interest, on their part, and allowing life-changing environmental decisions to slip under the Radar. There is a lot of disquiet relating to this proposal, and we would like you, our Councillors to present on our behalf our strong but constructive views.

We all have a duty of care to preserve what is beautiful and unique in our community so that we pass on this legacy to future generations, and we are of the opinion that you our representatives have that duty to put the case as stated.

Thankyou for taking the time to consider the above and we would encourage you that over the next few days to walk the Laurel Lane from Roe Mill Road to the Car Park to experience the present and visualise the future, as proposed

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TO ROEMILL ROAD

TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH DRAWING B&Z PL/AC/01A

NOTE: FOR TREE INFORMATION SEE DRAWING PL/PO/01B AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS DRAWINGS

NOTE: TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH ROAD ENGINEER'S DRAWINGS (CAREY CONSULTING)

TO COUNTRY PARK CAR PARK

PLANNING APPLICATION REF LAO/2016/1267/RM .

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LAYOUT TO BE APPROVED AT MEETING



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TO COUNTRY PARK CAR PARK .

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