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From: Neil Taggart [REDACTED]
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To: Planning
Subject: Objection to LA01/2023/0815/F

Dear Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

I was dismayed to be advised that the two incongruous, close boarded gates and fences on the Dunluce Road were being considered as acceptable

These are in a rural area, outside the 30mph limit and are totally out of keeping with such an open area, especially as also in an AONB and onto a protected route. would similar be acceptable at any other access along the coast road, I suspect not ?

While the 2 closest to the town, and within are somewhat less incongruous,(8.61) as they could be associated visually with built development located on the edge of the settlement and adjacent dwellings and caravan parks, the two in the countryside are most certainly not

Would these be setting a precedent for any other landowner to erect such inappropriate gates adjacent to a protected routes in an AONB ? I would disagree with (8.13 iii) that there is no adverse impact on visual amenity or the character of the local landscape, these gates / fencing are totally out of character in a rural area

I would also contend that these are contrary to paragraph 6.187 of the SPPS and Policy NH 6 of PPS 2 that requires development proposals in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty to be sensitive to the distinctive special character of the area and the quality of their landscape, again contrary to the report being presented to the committee (Will images of these gates / fences be presented to the committee ?)

These, I understand, are for access to agricultural ground, the golf club
If this is correct, this would seem be
contrary to policy, as it will result in the loss of agricultural land and contrary the report being presented to the committee (8.13) If permission has been granted for this change of use, please advise the application reference

I would also suggest that they do not have the required sight lines and set back from the road to be compliant / acceptable, considering the intensification of use and the solid nature of the adjacent fences blocking the sight lines, whereas the previous, agricultural post & wire fences gave visibility through them

I do not have any issue with the remainder of the application, though it does seem, as a major application to have been processed with undue haste as it was only validated on the 04.08.2023, with the target date: 01.03.2024. I note from recent press coverage that some minor applications are taking in excess of a year, are the golf club being given preferential treatment ?

It would seem that these gates / fences have been tagged onto this application in the hope that they will be overlooked and slip through without the required scrutiny

I would respectfully request that this application is withdrawn from the agenda until these matters can be given due consideration ?

Yours sincerely
Neil