

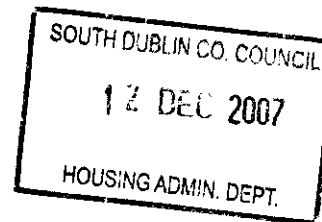
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Ms. Joan Kelly,
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10/12/2007

Re: Hellfire Club car park.

Dear Ms. Kelly,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Hellfire Club car park.

Forest car parks are the most widely distributed built facility provided for recreation in our forests. However, the provision of car-parking has led to a number of serious management problems including illegal rallying, scrambling, and social behaviour (drink parties, drug use, raves, joy riding), littering, fly-tipping, particularly in those forests close to large urban areas like the Hellfire Club.

Coillte's stated policy is that we welcome responsible users but unfortunately irresponsible users are impacting on the majority of those who visit our forests.

Currently a strategy for the Dublin Mountains involving Coillte, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown county councils, National Parks & Wildlife Service and recreational user representatives is at an advanced stage with the objective of significantly improving the recreation management of this area. This project proposes initiatives such as using a ranger service, improving car park facilities and upgrading of walking trails.

It should be noted that the car park at Cruagh which is close-by is opened and available for car parking.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim O'Keefe".

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