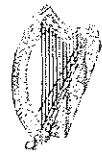




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10 September, 2008

Mr. Joe Horan,
County Manager,
South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24.

Dear Manager,

I refer to the creation of a new Area of Special Amenity in the Liffey Valley.

As I have previously stated, the objectives in your Council's current Development Plan for the protection of the Liffey Valley and the extension of the area currently designated to be of special amenity, are also a priority for me.

I have been considering the best approach to achieving our mutual objectives in this regard, including the use of powers available to me under Section 202 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to direct South Dublin County Council to make an order declaring further lands in the Liffey Valley to be an area of special amenity. The matter was discussed most recently between officials from my Department and officials from the Council on 13 August.

I am now writing to ask you to arrange for an evaluation to be carried out of the lands between Palmerstown and Lucan Bridge, between the existing area of Special Amenity and the N4/Old Lucan Road/Old Hill Road, in order to assess the suitability of some or all of these lands being designated a new area of special amenity, having regard to the provisions of section 202 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. I would ask that the evaluation be progressed as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely,

John Gormley T.D.

Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

