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South Dublin County Council,
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RE: Proposed Development under part 8 of the planning & development regulations 2001/2003 – voluntary housing project between South Dublin County Council and Cluid Housing Association to accommodate members of the travelling community at Tay Lane, Rathcoole.

Dear Sir/Madam

My wife and I have reservations about council's intention to develop the site on Tay Lane.

The manner in which this proposed plan was presented to us as residents living on Tay Lane conflicts with SDCC own consultation policy. As we understand it Tay Lane Action Group were not consulted either, and none of the residence were part of the planning/design process despite been promised that we would be by Michael Fagan. As we understand it, there are no plans to facilitate connection to a new sewage system for the settled residence, again discriminating against the settled community.

The Tay Lane Action Group was shown a plan, which as we understand it was fait accompli.

We believe that SDCC are seriously discriminating against a small group of settled residence in favor of the traveller community. We would seriously question the associated cost to develop this site. We would question SDCC's use of the traveler accommodation act to rehouse an entire extended family who are at this point in time housed in a social housing facility in Clondalkin.

We believe that this development will devalue our property, and as such will hold the SDCC liable for any loss in valuation.

Tay Lane as you know lies between Newcastle and Rathcoole, each of which have allocated lands for traveller accommodation, and we would again question the one mile rule for such developments?

We strenuously object to this proposal, and suggest that you seek an alternative site, that will blend into a new housing scheme in lands recently rezoned.

Yours Sincerely

Michael and Anne Dervan

