

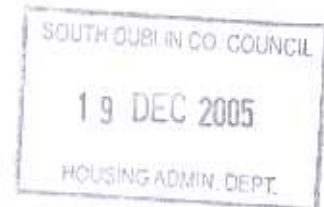
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Traveller
Accommodation Unit

Red Lodge
Rathcoole
Co Dublin

Mr J Horan
Dublin County Council Manager

14/12/05



Dear Mr Horan

I would like to thank you for visiting our home and family business with Mr P Murphy and Ms T Ridge on 6/12/05 following our invitation. I sure following this visit you have been made fully aware of all the dangers. During this visit the following points were made to you on how the planned travellers housing development would effect our horse racing and breeding business and also the travellers themselves.

You were shown how near the sand gallop, which is used to train the race horses, is to the boundary hedge. It was pointed out how no wall would keep children out of this area. Children could sit on the wall and cheering and throwing things at the horses would be possible.

The training gallop is made of sand and the temptation to children for playing in this area is greatly increased as a result. Children digging and leaving items on the gallop would cause great and grave danger to both horse and rider when galloping.

It was stated to all that some animals are out in the adjoining fields all day as part of their training and are very easily frightened. Noise and unfamiliarity can easily upset their routine.

Horses out of training are also housed out doors, e.g. mares, foals and young horses. The danger of people walking in the fields, noise, sudden happenings can cause danger to these animals where they could gallop into people or maybe kick a child. Mares with new born foals can be very protective of their young and may kick or bit if anyone, especially children, if they come near their offspring.

I informed you that Mr Fagan had said "he would never have bought the site had he known of the horse business beside it". Ms T Ridge verified this. I informed you of how we had offered to buy the site when we had our meeting with Mr Doherty in the County Council offices and I then repeated this offer.

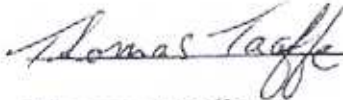
Our insurance problem was brought to your attention and how our lively-hood is been threatened.

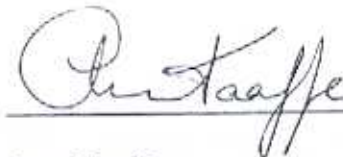
Your comment following all of these items was "would a buffer zone help". Our reply remains as was on the day " it is an impossible site taking all the problems into account".

You have previously been furnished with photograph evidence and letters from Moyglare Stud showing the troubles caused by travelling people and their dogs where no recompense could be obtained. The dangers to horses, mares, foals, riders, and the travelling people as a consequence of these animals being chased by dogs is enormous.

I hope this letter aids you to recall all the dangers to humans and horses of the proposed development.

Yours Sincerely


Thomas Taaffe


Ann Taaffe