



# Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin Wicklow County Council

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Minister Charlie McConalogue T.D.  
Department of Agriculture, Food & The Marine  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

Dear Minister McConalogue,

At the ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February the Elected Members passed the following motion and requested that it be forwarded to your offices for consideration:

*"That the Members of Wicklow County Council object strenuously to the Coillte decision to partner with a UK based Investment Fund, Gresham House, in the purchase by this Fund of thousands of hectares of Irish forestry lands depriving the Irish people of the profits accruing and at the same time driving up the price of agricultural land which could be bought by Irish farmers. Furthermore, this Council calls on the Government to halt this arrangement immediately and ensure that the future ownership of Irish Forestry assets remains in the hands of the Irish People and that where local farmers who need more land to improve their viability would be able to buy back from this giant Coillte fund"*

Yours sincerely,

**HELEN PURCELL**  
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