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Subject: FW: Proposed Rezoning of Landlocked Field at Prehen for Housing

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Sent: 01 February 2022 14:58
To: Proinsias McCaughey
Cc: John Kelpi
Subject: Proposed Rezoning of Landlocked Field at Prehen for Housing

Dear Sir.

I am emailing to object to the Area Plan from the City of Derry Golf Club the owners of what is known as The Deer Park field adjacent to Prehen House, requesting it to be zoned for housing. There are number of issues that I would like to object to as follows:

1. Any development in the Deer Park field area would seriously impact on the setting and aspect of the A1 listed building Prehen House.
2. There is a mature Giant Redwood tree known as the Wellingtonia Tree growing in this field. This tree was planted to mark the Battle of Waterloo and is the only one of its kind to be identified, and authenticated, despite the stories that 4 were planted in this area. So therefore it not only has environmental significance but also historic importance, and should therefore be fully protected.
3. It is also my understanding that there is a Tree Protection Order on all trees surrounding Prehen House, some of which are over 60 years old.
4. Trees of this stature are of vital importance in this time of both a Biodiversity Crisis and a Climate Change Crisis, and therefore should never come under

threat form either mindless or careless planning decisions or indeed lack of proper awareness from others of the huge environmental benefits that they provide. Every tree matters. I've heard that for every single tree of this stature felled we would need approximately 1,000 newly planted trees in order to absorb the same CO2.

May I also remind you of the Council's own adaptation of the 'Rights of Nature', as well as the Green Infrastructure Plan. I also wish to remind you of the Aarhus Agreement in relation to keeping stakeholders informed and consulted.

Many thanks,
Stephen Beggs