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FW: Late Submission to the Area Plan

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To whom it may concern,

It's come to my attention that there's been a late submission 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 and close to my own property at \_\_\_\_\_ requesting it be zoned for housing. There are a number of issues that I'd like to object to in relation to the submission as follows.

1. A last submission is unfair as it doesn't give time or opportunity for others to voice their views or objections and should therefore not be accepted.
2. I understood that \_\_\_\_\_ who sold the land to the Golf Club has a strict written covenant that this land would be used for "passive recreational purposes" only. This late submission therefore changes the designation of this land, which I object to. It's my belief that myself and other neighbours whose properties are near the Deer Park Field and who would be impacted by any change in the designation of this land should be contacted in the interests of fairness & transparency before any consideration is made.
3. I totally object to the zoning of this land for housing given that it is effectively landlocked by the Golf Club, Prehen House and the Prehen House estate. Has thought therefore been given as to how any proposed housing development would be accessed? I would like to know this.
4. Any development in The Deer Park Field area would seriously impact on the setting and aspect of the A1 listed building Prehen House.
5. There's a mature giant redwood tree known as 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.
6. It's my understanding there's a tree protection order on all trees surrounding Prehen House which is a Grade A1 listed house. The lands surrounding this house including a portion of the Deer Park field is therefore a Pink Wash area.
7. The trees between Prehen House and Sunningdal Drive act as a desirable buffer zone between the listed building and the housing estate.
8. Trees of this stature are of vital importance in this time of both a biodiversity and a climate crisis and should never come under threat.

Yours sincerely,  
Bronagh Hutton